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v1. Serenity Prayer

v2. Readings

- Twelve Traditions
 - Updated Thirty Seconds of Silence POLICY
 - Voting Policy (Volunteer for vote counter)
 - Timer Policy (Volunteer for announcing the Time every 15 minutes)
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v3. Attendee Introductions

- From Registrar (in chat)
 - Please sign in for your meetings at: [<https://forms.gle/gggWH83oaKAmw6cv7> If you represent more than one meeting, please fill out the form for each meeting.
 - If you are present in person, please sign in with the registrar in the front of the room.
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v4. Take Count of Voting Members

- Voting members are either intergroup reps (representing a meeting) or committee representatives. People representing multiple meetings or committees count as only one vote.
 - There were [10] voting members on Zoom and [22] in the room, for a total of [31] voting members.
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5. Officer & Committee Reports

vSecretary – (Jayk) – secretary@slaalosangeles.org

- 5th month of Jayk being Secretary. He is trying to make this the “most fun year of intergroup ever”
- If you have any suggestions on how to make service more fun, please let him know.
- Please sign in. Do not leave or leave chat without signing it.
- Send Jayk an email with any thoughts, suggestions, or motions. Email above.

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√Record Keeper – (Danny)

- Minutes from last month were approved.

See last month's minutes in Google Drive Intergroup folder:

√Treasurer (Anonymous)

- Our total income for March is \$6,872.31
 - Total expenses YTD is \$6,749.73
 - Total cash in bank is \$21,602.25
 - We received \$482.75 for FWS - it was PAID in April
 - H&I new total \$1,870.21
 - LA Retreats, after paying Serra Retreat Center and all refunds, has balance of \$3,051
 - Prudent reserve \$15,000
 - Intergroup cash balances is \$1,198.29
 - Note: we are several thousand dollars lower in donations compared to this time last year.

 - Full Report: <https://bit.ly/3xfZ8yq>
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√Bottom Line Editor – (Eoin Thomas)

- For next month, please email bottomline@slaalosangles.org if you would like to submit something for the Bottom Line. Please submit your experience with step 5
 - You can pick up 10 Bottom Lines person.
 - There are also virtual Bottom Lines on our website
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√ Meeting Registrar – (Michael)

- If you have any changes to meetings, please email registrar@slaalosangeles.org
 - Please sign up in person, sign in online in the chat
 - 31 In person meetings, plus intergroup for 32
 - A lot of newcomer inquiry emails
 - A lot of newcomers think they need to pre-register to come to meetings
 - Added 2 meetings to the spreadsheet last month
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Virtual Meeting Registrar – (Kelsey)

- If you have any changes, please email virtualmeetings@slaalosangeles.org or fill out the form online.
 - We had 3 new meetings added. 6 meetings were updated.
 - Whoever oversees the online form, please get in contact with Kelsey
 - There is nowhere on the current form to cancel a meeting.
 - One question: Has there been any attempt to verify that all of the meetings are still active?
 - Kelsey is going to send an email to all meetings to confirm if they are still running or not.
 - Jayk asked that Kelsey include a note to mention that meetings update passwords
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√ Phone Line – (Sarah S.)

- 11 people that called in.
 - Everyone was called back and left messages.
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√ Literature – (Claire)

- Sold just shy of 300 dollars of literature last month
- Sales are still slow pre-pandemic and quarantine
- Please order literature online (pre-order literature form) you can click everything you want, and then you can pick it up at the next in-person intergroup
- You do not need to be a representative to pick up literature
- Venmo, Paypal, and Cash are accepted
- If you prepay, please take a screenshot of your receipt
- Questions regarding free material that is on the SLAA FWS website
 - Anyone can find the free literature on that website
- Question: Has FWS indicated that anymore literature will be available electronically?
 - On SLAA FWS, there are a lot of digital pieces of literature. Slaafws.org

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√ Journal Rep – Mona

Journal Flyer:

- Journal is the SLAA magazine. Shares and stories shared via literature. Written by fellows.
- Flyer was posted in chat and also in person here at intergroup.
- You can now get PDF journals (and past journals) for free on slaafws.org
- Some older copies have been brought here in person for pick up
- What is anorexia withdrawal in your experience/ What tools of have you used. Have until May 15th to respond to that.
- Submit at slaafws.org/thejournal
- Full Report: <https://bit.ly/3JrNVgP>

√ Webmaster – (Dave G.)

- Reiterated finding SLAA Journals of the past online
- Just under 7900 visits to our website
- Average time on was double than it was last month
- 74% were new visitors
- Most found site through Google Search
- 55 Countries visited our website
- ASL announcement will be posted online
- Still trying to figure out how to add out a map to the meeting locations.

√ Workshops & Retreats – (Sean)

- Workshop Poster: <https://bit.ly/3DXw14i>
 - Stepping Into Recovery, Focus on Step 1,2 and 3
 - It will be the last Zoom workshop
 - Space has been reserved for the next two workshops
 - Saturday May 21st, from 1:00 to 4:00pm on Zoom
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VH&I Committee – (Rachel W)

- Please reference the report
 - Exploring new ways of communicating among members
 - Rachel will be attending a meeting regarding prison outreach
 - Share center has requested a panel for April 30th on Zoom.
 - Zoom Meeting: SLAA H&I Committee
 - Every month on the 2nd Sunday after Intergroup
 - Zoom Meeting:
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87972190670?pwd=aVgyUHpGZGFOSEdKN091aWQrRkJKQZz09>
 - Meeting ID: 879 7219 0670
 - Passcode: Service
 - Full Report: <https://bit.ly/35XUBFG>
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v Speaker List Keeper – (Alex)

- 2 People reached out to be added the list
 - 2 Speaker Seekers
 - Please send an email to speakerslist@slaalosangeles.org if you want to be added or want the list
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Literature Copier – (Open)

Audio Library Committee – (Kye)

- Audio Library Link: <HTTPS://TINYURL.COM/AUDIOLASLAA> (instructions on how to submit)
 - Website: <https://www.slaalosangeles.org/audio>. Currently 15 leads available for anyone to listen to. Basic text on audio online as well.
 - Please contact the Audio Committee if you would like to get your share up on the website.
 - To contact audio library committee, email audio@slaalosangeles.org
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v ABM Delegates – (Jayk, Rachel, Gil and Robin, Claire (alternate), Sarah (alternate)

- ABM is coming up in August. Meeting of entirety of SLAA
- Some interesting things we are voting on
 - Plain English 12 Steps literature being voted on
 - New editions on basic text also being voted on
- Also SLAA is just finishing a 12 x 12 x 12 “Framework for Living” that will also be voting on

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- Delegates will be holding a townhall on Zoom, Time TBD, to get the LA fellowship's thoughts on these items.
 - Tell members in your groups to keep their eyes peeled for updates to this meeting time.
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FWS Conference Committees:

Literature Committee Conduit – Alex H

- Was not able to attend the meeting this month
- However, there were several documents that were accepting feedback, but now are not accepting feedback.
 - Hopefully means they will be voted on soon

Sponsorship Committee Conduit- Clark

- Working on “Strengthening Sobriety Through Sponsorship” Looking for feedback
- Posted links to the chat on Zoom.
 - Please feel free to share

Steps, Traditions, & Concepts Conduit- Noah

- Missed last meeting, however, notes were obtained
- Reviewed concepts for framework of living and are reviewing more literature next week.
- Dave G. will be sharing another document in April.
- 4th Sunday of Month, at 2pm PCT, are the meetings. Please talk to Jayk or Noah if you would like the meeting info.

Translation Committee Conduit- Joe

- One of our members was sick with Covid, but meeting was postponed.
- Last month highlights, Spanish sub-committee will now be starting stories.
- SLAA basic text has been translated to Spanish.
- Decision was made on publication and copyright.

Diversity Committee Conduit – Erin

- No report this month

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SLAA Los Angeles, Inc. Board of Trustees – (Mona, chair)

- No new update
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SLAA FWS Board of Trustees (If Rep Present... Christina M or other)

- No Report/Update
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6. Old Business

- **Create an ASL Access Fund**
 - **Starts with 0 balance as there is no existing fund**
 - **Controlled and administered by intergroup. Most likely run by the treasurer**
 - **Anyone in SLAA can contribute to the fund. Money going into the fund would be used for meetings requesting an interpreter for meetings.**
- Question 1: It seems a little backwards to vote something through for one meeting, and then to develop a fund the month after. (Question stopped because it did not pertain to the questions section.)
- Question 2: Fellow not sure they follow the motion. Would we pass basket at intergroup or at meetings?
 - Answer: Intergroup would start fund, and anyone or any meeting can request the money for an ASL interpreter.
 - Answer Pt. 2: The idea would be that meetings would make an announcement for donating to the fund separate from the general meeting funding OR meetings can decide to use some of their overall donations to put towards this fund. Intergroup represents would mention this to the meeting. Believes it would take 2 to 6 months for funding.
- Question 3: On previous donation forms, there are checkmarks that you can denote where some of your money can go to. Does the motion maker believe this is plausible/what they had in mind?
 - Answer: (From Jayk) Yes this is what would most likely happen at Intergroup. If H&I has own meeting and budget, then ASL committee can have one too.
- Question 4: I am unclear on how funds will be managed. Meetings will decide how to collect funds. Does all that money go back into intergroup or does any stay with meeting.
 - Answer: Meetings would donate specific ASL money to intergroup, and then the money will be dealt with from there.
- Question 5: If our meeting has a basket for ASL already. Does that basket money go to the ASL fund, or for the Silverlake meeting?

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- Answer: That stays in Silverlake. The way those funds were to be delegated were already voted on.
- Question 6: Is the intent of the motion to collect money to specifically provide funds towards providing ASL services?
 - Answer: Yes. Funds donated to the ASL Fund would be used for the ASL fund only.
- Question 7: Is there a process for applying to the funds yet? Is there a process laid out?
 - Answer: There is not one yet. (Point made by Jayk that there should be a framework in place before we vote this through) (Another point made by motion maker that the decisions for dispersal would be by treasurer and CFO)
- Question 8: Intergroup can specify funds to ASL in person, but is there going to be an option online as well?
 - Answer: For Venmo and PayPal donations, please just write in “For ASL Fund”
- Question 9: Is there a precedent for this?
 - Answer: It has been done in other fellowships before. In Portland AA, there is a fund just like this one.
- Question 10: Once we give the money from the ASL Fund to the meeting, is there any sort of accountability on what they do with it/oversight with what they do with it?
 - Answer: Trusted Servants/Fellows would be the answer. There is no oversight other than this.
- Question 11: If there are two meetings requesting the money, but we only have enough for one, what happens?
 - Answer: Order of Operations. First come first serve. (Motion maker looking for feedback) Most likely the CFO and treasurer would make the final decision on this.
- Question 12: Because it sounds like there is another fellowship with a similar model, can we just reach out to them and ask how they do it?
 - Answer: Possibly, but that would require withdrawing the motion and doing more research. (Motion maker thinks it is still good to be voted on today)
- Question 13: There doesn't seem to be a connection between precedent and what is being proposed?
 - Answer: Clarified on color cans and different donations.

Pros/Cons

Pros:

- 1) Highly supportive, not like the comparison that someone made to Spanish speakers earlier. 2)
- 2) “I don't know what it is like to not hear” There are people that cannot hear, and by saying yes to this, we are providing those services to those who need this in their recovery.
- 3) This is simply a motion, and it is a great idea. It provides great access.

Cons:

- 1) The idea of their being a checkbox along H&I and Fellowship-wide Services, they are not three of the same things. How can we serve and reach the most people in need, and is ASL in more need

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than, let's say, translation to Spanish Speakers? The precedent of choosing one meeting in Los Angeles to support, it seems like we are going into reverse order.

- 2) To section off a piece and only support ASL, the question becomes, why just that? There are other ways to look at this.

Vote: 20 People for and 13 Against

The Motion Passes

- **7. New Business**

8. Announcements for the Good of the Order

- The Santa Monica Beach meeting is starting the first Friday of May.
 - Jayk thanks everyone for showing up today.
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9. Adjournment

- Meeting was ended at 5:05 PM PST. Close meeting w/ "WE" version of the Serenity Prayer.
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