

Meeting Notes - Jun 14th, 2020

A. S.L.A.A. Los Angeles Intergroup - P.O. Box 945, Venice, CA 90294-0945

Dave called the meeting to order: 12:15pm

1. Serenity Prayer (“We” Version)
2. Readings
 - a. 12 Traditions (Lynda)
 - b. Updated 30 seconds of silence policy (John)
 1. Serenity committee volunteers: Glen, Michael, Bart
 - c. Reading of voting policy (Manuel)
 - d. Reading of timer policy (Glen F) (Timer volunteer: Jeremy)
 - e. Person to count votes – (Kanisha)
3. Attendee Introductions
4. Take count of voting members (Kanisha) - 31
5. Officer & Committee Reports
 - a. Secretary (Dave)
 1. Welcome new positions. Greeting.
 - b. Record Keeper (Jayk Filling in for Max)
 1. Jayk read the minutes from last month from off the website.
 2. Voted Yes or No to approve the minutes – Voted Yes 31-1.
 - c. Bottom Line Editor (Nick)
 1. Announcement
 - d. Meeting Registrar (Jayk).
 1. Made announcement about signing in etc.
 - e. Phone Line Announcement (I missed if we did this).
 1. We bought a mobile phone service so we could accept Venmo payments. The new phone line works well; there was only one message from someone who asked about in person meetings. There are no messages on the old number, so we can cancel that service.
 - f. Literature (Dave G & Diane filling in)
 1. Dave gave a general announcement.
 2. Diane – FWS told us to remove the Newcomer packet from the website; In order to use it, we have to remove anything over 300 words quoted from copyrighted text. A lot of discussion about this. Opinions shared by group. Opinion shared by David W BTS. Controversial.
 3. Glen F shares that this is going to come up at ABM, and perhaps they will consider making pamphlets available online. Feels pamphlets should be free.
 4. Christina from FWS Board points out they need to sell the literature to be self-supporting.
 - 5.
 - g. Treasurer

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1. Julie is absent. Diane is filling in. Diane pulls up an excel sheet to give an announcement. Diane shows \$2491.06 taken in through Venmo and PayPal. \$1419-ish net take-in.

h. Mail Clerk (Steve)

1. Three months no mail in old PO Box in Venice. Should we close Box?

2. Journal Rep (Glen F) - The Journal is now accepting short shares and articles for the next issue, #186 "Tools for No Contact: Have you ever gotten through the pain of a no contact rule to come to some new revelation about yourself, clarity, peace, or mindfulness?" Please share any tools that make no contact easier. The due date for submissions is July 15th.

3. Next workshop - Tool of No-Contact is the theme for next one. Also exciting, the next edition of the journal is now available in audio book format. Also looking for a good e-journal option.

i. Webmaster for SLAA website – (Diane)

1. Visitors 7500 views. 3,677 unique visitors. Visits down. Down 3%. She got a general inquiry from Iran. Under sanctions and stuff asking for free literature to work the steps. She referred him to the website for recordings and downloads.

2. (K1) (Glen) - Our last workshop had 300 participants!! Our workshops throughout 2020 will be Zoom workshops. Donated \$3100.81 to FWS. Not going to have an IRC this year.

1. Question from David M - Can you post a link?

j. (K2) Hospitals and Institutions Committee (David M filling in for Glenn) -

1. Tarzana Treatment bought some books and is having SLAA meetings there.

k. ABM Delegate Announcements

1. No announcements.

l. Speaker List - Kevin - Absent.

m. Nick - Copier - Nothing to copy when not meeting.

n. Lisa C - Conference Literature Committee Conduit - Absent. Glen says nothing to announce.

o. Sponsorship Committee Conduit (Chris) - Nothing to report.

p. Steps Traditions and Concepts Conduit (Jayk) - Made a general announcement. We edited some info about Tradition 12. Send questions about Traditions to the committee.

q. Translation Committee Commit - (Dana) - She didn't attend the meeting. Looking for Spanish speakers/translators

r. Diversity Committee Conduit - (Manuel) - Didn't attend, so Christina will announce.

1. Christina making announcement. Advocate for the committee. Hosted a workshop on Sunday for how to make the fellowship welcoming. Poignant during these times. Meeting takes place every first Sunday at 9am PST.

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2. Derek question - Can we do something as a fellowship to help diversity? Christina answer - Start your own meetings. Come to the meeting.

3. Lynda question - Is there info on the website regarding the diversity committee?

4. Everyone wants to find out more about diversity committee!!!

t. Board of Trustees FWS Announcement - BOT Member (Cristina) - Gift of No contact workbook is in the works. State of Grace is available for sale, needs to be uploaded to website. Working on how to get electronic lit distributed. There's going to be a one time thing during the ABM until 45 days after, if we want to get a bunch of literature.

u. Audio Library Committee Conduit - (Jayk filling in for Nel) Posted Flyer for Audio committee and made announcement for people to submit speaker recordings.

v. Security - (Derek) - No security problems currently. Also looking at how to do hybrid meetings.

w. (Rachel) - Virtual Meeting Registrar - Some people are doing auto-replies.

1. Old Business -

1. Motion to extend the meeting by 15 minutes. Vote taken. Meeting extended.

2. Bill counter motion tabled until meeting in person.

3. Motion - Rachel - change language on our websites to reflect gender inclusivity. Replace "co-ed" with "all-gender".

1. Lots of discussion here - Some say that meetings are autonomous can make this decision themselves, others say it's a good idea. One suggests we make a task-force for this. Other suggests we have Diversity Committee do this. Many chime in with their preferred use of gender pronouns / identifications.

2. PROS and CONS - PRO - Drew - Language is important. Yes. / Christopher - Very pro. Good idea. / Lots of discussion about clarification on the motion. /

3. 28 Yes - 1 No - MOTION PASSES - Amended to be - We will change "co-ed" to "all-gender" in the LA SLAA Intergroup website and all literature that LA SLAA Intergroup controls

Announcements for the good of the order. -

David W - A couple announcements including ABM is coming up July 31. FWS needs volunteers to help run the zoom meetings during the ABM. Email: 2020@slaafws.org. He also invited people to join the Conference Intergroup Communications Committee (CICC) that handles open communication between Intergroups of S.L.A.A.

3. End of Meeting - Dave adjourns at 215pm.