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Intergroup Meeting - SLAA Los Angeles, Inc.

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Dave called the meeting to order: 12:17pm

1. Serenity Prayer ("We" Version)
2. Readings
 - a. 12 Traditions (Theron)
 - b. Updated 30 seconds of silence policy (Dave)
 1. Serenity committee volunteers: n/a
 - c. Reading of voting policy (Dana)
 - d. Reading of timer policy (Diane) (Timer volunteer: Jeremy)
 - e. Person to count votes – (Kanisha)
3. Attendee Introductions
4. Take count of voting members (Kanisha) - 41
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 40-2.
 - c. Bottom Line Editor (Nick)
 1. Announcement
 - d. Meeting Registrar (Jayk).
 1. Made announcement about signing in etc.
 - e. Phone Line Announcement (Fabiana).
 1. Absent. Six calls total this month. Mostly ppl looking to get in Zoom.
 2. Diane - Fabiana contacted said she can't do it anymore.
 - f. Literature (Desiree)
 1. We have great literature, including soft cover State of Grace.
 2. You can contact Pam at the FWS online store if you find misprints in hard-cover State of Grace.
 3. Covid Distribution Committee - 6 ppl met for this. We had a great meeting. Decided to create "Distributors" to cover areas of LA County by delivering literature to it. If you want to be a Distributor, contact us at literature@slaalosangeles.org. Wondering if it's okay to help Riverside County too? (answer: no, for now.)
 4. Diane adds - Intergroup has been receiving donations from fellows, which enables us to buy literature in bulk discount, cheaper than from FWS. We currently have \$5k in literature in Desiree's possession..

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Announce in your meeting that we will be starting to distribute in L.A. County.

5. Creating this pipeline. For now **buy literature from FWS – watch website for updates**

g. Treasurer (Julie) -

1. Approx \$13,518.92 total in Treasury (I missed exact amount). We paid PayPal \$12.36 for fee to take money out.

h. Mail Clerk (Diane)

1. Received a deposit. Got some mail for the H&I. Nothing else other than junk mail.

i. Journal Rep (Glen F)-

1. Question of the Day - Reconciliation. - How do you deal with reconciliation? For Nov-Dec issue. Also we have some journals for sale, and we will get it to the literature committee.

j. Webmaster for SLAA website – (Diane)

1. Visitors 8362 visits, 4500 unique visits. 8% increase. Great info for newcomers available on the website. About page has all the main documents!

k. (K1) (Beau) - Workshops and Retreats –

Coming up! Saturday, September 19th

November Serra thing is not happening thanks.

1. (K2) Glenn - H&I - There is some stuff going on. Gonna set up a separate Zoom for H&I meetings, and will ask webmaster to put on web. New time posted by next month. He bought the Step Working guide and the state of grace.

m. ABM Delegate Announcements

1. Jayk read his report from the agenda, summarizing participating and attending committees. Carol read a report as well. To summarize - The agenda was pushed to next year's ABM. Mostly we just voted on appointing members to the BOT. Everyone who was up for election got elected. There was a speaker, and an orientation. Jayk and Carol both talked about Conference Committees they joined or had worked on.

2. People were asking where they could get the new 12X12 and the Service Forum link on the webpage, you can join there and can give fellowship wide feedback on the literature. Jayk advertised the hardcover State of Grace book.

n. Speaker List - Kevin - Absent.

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- o. Nick - Copier - No announcement.
- p. Lisa C - Conference Literature Committee Conduit - One of the projects this committee made was the Steps Questions Workbook, and that is now available on the FWS website. Yay!
- q. Sponsorship Committee Conduit (Chris) - Nothing to report.
- r. Steps Traditions and Concepts Conduit (Jayk) - Made an announcement plugging this committee and saying how fun it is and inviting people to join.
- s. Translation Committee Commit - (Dana) - She went to the ABM Translation Committee meeting.
- t. Diversity Committee Conduit - (Manuel) - Absent. Is going to have to step down and get replaced.
- u. LA Intergroup Board of Trustees – no announcement
- v. F.W.S. Board of Trustees Announcement - BOT Member (Cristina) - Asking for anyone with experience in publishing, distributing etc to reach out to her. Because the Board Publishing and Distribution Committee will be forming subcommittees to take on the task of improving our methods of publishing/editing/distribution. To sit on a Board Committee you need 6 months of sobriety and you need to submit an application/be approved by the FWS BOT but to be on (my) subcommittees you don't need those requirements if you are really interested.
- w. Audio Library Committee Conduit - (Nel) - They are posting a link in the chat so that people can contribute etc.
- x. Security - (Derek) - No security problems currently. Also looking at how to do hybrid meetings.
- y. (Rachel) - Virtual Meeting Registrar - Nothing to report.
- z. (Ezra and Derek) - Security - Please keep the password and waiting room to protect your meeting. Derek suggests we send out an email about the master list being on the Intergroup website.

1. Old Business -

- 1. Motion from Ellie - Motion to create a committee to help go back to in person meetings.

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1. People asking questions. Diane thinks it's good. Kevin wonders when meetings are re-opening and can we let everyone know when certain meetings are opening.
 2. Some people are uncomfortable about the difference between the committee 'helping' people go back to in person, vs Intergroup just discussing the idea.
 3. There's a lot of discussion around this and Ellie is a bit unsure of how to word her motion and people are getting confused.
 4. Motion restated: **"The motion is to create a committee to gather information about returning to physical meetings. The committee will service as a resource for meetings that have questions."**
 5. Move into PROS and CONS - PROS - Diane likes this. It will be ever evolving. CONS - Brian is concerned. Doesn't know if planning is safe. CON - Glenn doesn't want us to sound like we are an authority on anything, and thinks this is against our primary purpose. CON - Derek things the meetings are autonomous so we shouldn't. PRO - Kevin - beneficial to the community. PRO - Nick - nothing wrong with gathering information. **- We vote 23-19 Motion passes barely!**
 6. We'll ask Ellie - Will you be point of contact for this committee and report next month on what has happened?
2. Motion to extend the meeting - 31 to 11 - motion to extend to 2:00pm
 3. (Dana) Motion for LA Intergroup to approve translation of State of Grace into Spanish. - We need to have the Intergroup to ask us to do this so we can officially do this. - Diane asks if us approving commits us to financing? - Dana says no.
 1. Questions - Carol - Why is Intergroup doing this? Dana explains that FWS requires an Intergroup to sign off, can't just be an individual. / Lot of people confused. / Glenn S asks - There were some legal issues with some past texts, so just want to make sure nothing concerning? - Dana responds, nothing wrong, yes, all good, Translation International Committee.

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2. Lots of confusion around what the motion is, lots of talking about the basic text, even though the motion is about the State of Grace. - (Meanwhile another motion to extend 15 minutes happens and passes!) - Christopher is a PRO, Kevin is a PRO, Becca is a PRO - translating makes accessible. - **We vote - Motion carries 31-1.**

4. (Jess) - Has a motion about safety in meetings. - Someone has a restraining order against a person and that person is stalking her and going to all the meetings she goes to. There is some discussion around this. Jayk reads an answer from the Traditions committee. Glenn S is a Con because the Traditions won't let us do this. Jayk is a Con for same reason. Diane let's Jess know that the meeting needs to make that decision on the meeting level. Rachel and many others Pro, because they want Intergroup to tell hosts that hosts have the ability to remove people a meeting. — We finish with Pros and Cons but Jess is confused about the motion because there is resistance from Intergroup regarding the traditions.

1. Jessica isn't sure about the motion anymore. We all have a discussion about the traditions and how they apply to Jessica's matter. Now there is no solid motion on the floor, the topic is tabled and a motion is made to close the meeting.

4. Dave has us do the Serenity prayer and we close the meeting. Adjourned at 2:37pm.