

Jan 13th, 2019

L.A. Intergroup SLAA—P.O. Box 945, Venice, CA 90294-0945

Jenny D called the meeting to order: 12:15pm

1. Serenity Prayer ("We" Version)
2. Readings
 - a. 12 Traditions (Bart)
 - b. Updated 30 seconds of silence policy (Michael)
 1. Serenity committee volunteers: Mike, Carol, and Colin
 - c. Reading of voting policy (Michael)
 - d. Reading of timer policy (Michael) (Timer volunteer: Katie)
3. Attendee Introductions
4. Take count of voting members (Joe) - 37
5. Officer & Committee Reports
 - a. Secretary (Jenny)
 1. Welcome new positions. Greeting.
 - b. Record Keeper (Jayk)
 1. I'm new. Hello.
 2. Jayk doesn't have last meeting notes. Jenny waves the reading of the notes. Moves forward.
 - c. Bottom Line Editor (Kevin)
 1. Each meeting gets 10 bottom lines. Old versions of Bottom Lines will be on website.
 - d. Meeting Registrar (Diane).
 1. Please add your contact numbers if you are a new rep or a temp.
 - e. Literature (Desiree)
 1. Reminder to place literature order on SLAA Los Angeles website at least 24 hours prior to intergroup. Also to pick up order between 11:45am-12:15pm.
 2. New meetings can get "starter kit" by registering meeting with FWS and placing order on FWS website. \$80 value for a literature kit. Place order online, get receipt, bring to intergroup, get reimbursed by treasurer.
 3. We have Spanish language literature.
 - f. Treasurer (Dave)
 - 1) \$17K in the bank. \$30K combined in bank.
 - g. Mail Clerk (Kirsten)
 1. New to position.
 - h. Journal Rep (Kirsten)
 1. Journals available on FWS website.
 2. Question of the day - Submit to Kirsten.
 3. Always seeking writings from members to publish in journal.

4. Newsletter available from the Journal – now open to all members.
- i. Webmaster for SLAA website – Max B
 1. Thousands of users, repeat users. Many are young people. How do we reach out to them?
- j. Workshops & Retreats (Asher)
 1. All the checks for previous retreat have gone out – ie refund checks. – New Flyers in February
 2. Upcoming Workshops: July 20 – Cornerstones of Addiction- Dishonesty, Fear, Resentment; March 16(?) Powerless to Surrender, May 18 Enmeshment Withdrawal Freedom, Sept 14 Building Partnerships with Self, God, & Others
 3. Retreat – Weekend after Thanksgiving
- j. Jails and Treatment Centers Committee (Katie)
 1. Welcome new ppl. / Have a meeting in Men’s Central. Restarting Women’s meeting. Sherman Oaks Rehab Panel. Sign up sheets to pass out at your meetings. Need speakers at rehab in Sherman Oaks.
 2. Question – What does this look like? Colin and Katie explain a J&T meeting. / It’s a 10 min share per speaker etc.
 3. Thanks for donations. / We meet after this meeting.
- k. ABM Delegate Announcements
 1. Mona – They picked a date for ABM maybe 23rd July in Sacramento.
- l. Literature Copier Report – Kevin
 - 1) Not much to report
- m. Non Profit Committee Report and Discussion – Diane
 1. Incorporating reduces risk to any individuals. Donations would be tax deductible. Potentially exempt from income tax. – Took in 45/46K last year. Income growing. Easy one page form to file as a corp. Various costs. Need a board of directors / trustees. 3 ppl. Discounted insurance.
 2. Question – Does insurance cover all meetings? / No – But can cover workshops etc.
 3. Many other organizations – OA, AA etc are non-profits. We don’t have an office and employees like they do but we are nonetheless kicking butt.
 4. We are liable for past income tax and penalties, so it is urgent we handle it.
 5. Lawyer gonna write up bylaws for us to vote on.
 6. We need to pay sales tax. Sales Tax will be an uncoming issue.
 7. MOTION made – “For intergroup to take the steps to become a registered non-profit in California.”
 8. Three Pros – MONA – Pro – Thank you! Let’s do it. It’s past due. // JOE – Pro – Let’s signal our growth. // CASSIE – Pro – Professional experience – Best practice that protects us. ///

Three Cons – DAVE – Question? –501c6 might be a better fit?

Answer – Diane – Attorney said 501c3 is best. /// Since we didn't have questioning time going to questioning time.

9. DISCUSSION - Why is 501c6 better? /// Lawyer said it's best /// Another lady – Do we have enough money? Dave –We have 30K. Diane – Don't worry. /// A guy – Will meetings be part of 501c3? Diane – Only intergroup is incorporating. /// Glen – We do feel comfortable we won't be facing back taxes and back sales tax and penalties etc if we do this? Also – it costs 5200 first year? 2200 to start and 3000 each year? /// Diane – 3 attorneys, 2 CPAs, do 501c3 and don't worry about past. We gonna have a different name, also, so don't worry. But – who can know? /// Question – have any other SLAA intergroups incorporated? Diane – No. But FWS is. We're the largest. /// Michael – clarification? Diane – it's three different motions!
10. BACK to voting – 39 votes for YES let's incorporate. (out of 41 arrived now). PASSED
11. Next – Which attorney to engage? Ramseyer – cheapest and best in Diane's opinion. Charitable Allies – More expensive and in different state. Less experience with 12 step.
12. Motion made to hire Ramseyer – cuz he has experience with Al Anon.
13. Voting – should we hire Ramseyer – 39 votes YES. PASSED.
14. Let's choose three members for the Board of Trustees. – Diane lays out some of the things that they'll do. Joe – Gotta list our names publically. – Other guy – We can't do this until we have a form? – Lots of discussion – Jenny says she wants this thing decided this month.
15. Mona suggests we make this temporary 90 days for the Trustees. /// Jenny suggests that we table the Trustee choosing til next time. /// Trustees aren't defined yet so let's wait til we get that information. /// Moving on.

6. Old business.

- a. None

7. New Business.

- a. Electing remaining positions

1. Mail Clerk – Glen explains. Nominates Tim. // Tim – I have 24 hours off bottom lines. // Pros – We love him. // He doesn't meet the sobriety requirement // Motion to waive the sobriety requirement. Motion passes // Everyone votes for Tim. (Approx 39 votes each time.) TIM
2. Phone Line Monitor – 1 year term - // Max explains – You check voicemails and return calls. Of newcomers. – Glen nominates Nick. // Nick – 3.5 yrs in program. 9 years job. 8 months sober. // PROS – He's funny and good. // 36 votes for yes. NICK

3. Speaker List Keeper – 1 year term, 1 year sobriety. – We don't get one and we save it for next month.
 - b. Natalie's motion to carry Audio CD's and Kevin's motion to have Price Sheet – Got moved to next meeting.
8. Treasurer's Final Report
 - a.IG/FWS: \$837.32 IG FWS \$294.65 \$22.50 was for Jails and Treat
 - b.Literature: \$965.75
9. Announcements for good of the order – We will be more chill next month. – Mona says to read the 12 Concepts if you're interested in Trustee.
10. Motion to close meeting – passed unanimously.
11. "We" Version of Serenity Prayer. Meeting closed at 1:50 p.m.