

SLAA LOS ANGELES IG MINUTES – JANUARY 12, 2020

1) 12:15 MEETING COMES TO ORDER

- a) We version of the serenity prayer

2) READINGS:

- a) Twelve Traditions
 - i) 30 seconds of silence policy (read by Christina)
 - (1) GLENN, MICHAEL, DIANE Volunteers
- b) Voting Policy (read by Christina)
 - (1) BEAU Volunteers
 - (2) 43 Voting Members in attendance
- c) Timer Policy
 - (1) NICHOLAS Volunteers
- d) Attendee Introductions
 - i) The usual. Go around the room. Some first timers (Welcome)
 - (1) Some meeting times have changed. Several meetings need support.

3) 12:32 STILL DOING INTRODUCTIONS

- i) Jenny asks to keep reports short in the interest of time. Orients newcomers, advises them to get service manuals and how to sign in, donations, literature, etc.

4) TAKE COUNT OF VOTING MEMBERS

- a) 45 Voting members in attendance

5) OFFICER AND COMMITTEE REPORTS

- a) Chair –
 - i) welcomes new reps
- b) Record Keeper –
 - i) Max reads minutes. They are approved with 45 votes
- c) Bottom Line Editor –
 - i) Kevin makes usual announcement. Ten per meeting.
- d) Meeting Registrar –
 - i) Jayk orients new-comers on sign-in process.
- e) Phone line-
 - i) Nick reports there have been no calls since Dec. 16th. Pretty quiet.
- f) Literature –
 - i) Desiree orients newcomers suggests ordering online to expedite the process.
 - ii) New meetings can get a starter packet for free. Sign-up with FWS Office to get an ID. Discounted rate at \$36 dollars and will be reimbursed by the treasurer.
 - iii) There is also recovery audio that can be purchased on the site.
- g) Treasurer -
 - i) Dave announces finances.
 - ii) Bank balance as of 1/12/2020:
 - (1) Retreat balance was \$1388.08
 - (2) Jails and Treatments was \$468.42
 - iii) At the meeting
 - (1) IG Donations \$676.54

- (2) FWS \$366.88
 - (3) Jails \$53.48
 - (4) Literature \$704.50
 - (5) Total \$1801.40
- iv) Does not have an annual report for us today. Will have next intergroup meeting.
- h) Mail Clerk – Tim
 - i) makes typical announcement. Little mail received.
 - i) Journal - Kirsten makes announcement.
 - i) Looking for 500- 2500 word articles.
 - ii) Question of the day: Self-Care. Extreme Self-care in the program. Go to the website and enter it there.
 - iii) Journal committee is working on an app. Meeting in your pocket.
 - j) Webmaster - Diane
 - i) 11,000 page views. 6600 Sessions. 3400 Users. 5700 were current meetings pages. Welcome pages were 3400 views.
 - ii) Diane will redesign the page this year.
 - iii) Updated the email. It's no longer going through. Going through G-Suite for non-profits. Free for us. Users are g-mail accounts – those are intergroup officers.
 - iv) Please e-mail at webmaster@slaalosangeles.org also added it on the contact page. Should be easier to contact.
 - k) Workshops & Retreats – Glenn covers for Asher
 - i) Brought in \$400 dollars from the last event of the year.
 - ii) 80 people signed up for the retreat.
 - iii) All the dates for the workshops are at St. Basils Church.
 - iv) First meeting is in March. Second Saturday. Most likely “Back to Basics”.
 - v) Rest of the topics will be developed over the next year.
 - l) Jails & Treatments – Katie
 - i) New sheriff. Application process is easier. Doesn't need to be notarized and can be e-mailed.
 - ii) Central Jails on Saturday 8:30 AM - Was on the meetings list as a “Men's Meeting”. There are multiple transgender people in attendance. Is now a mixed meeting.
 - iii) Can now go on a visitor pass if you want to check it out.
 - iv) If interested, email jandt@slaalosangeles.org and Katie can put you in touch with Mark who can help with the application process.
 - v) Still have the meeting in Tarzana Second Thursday of every month at 9:00 AM.
 - m) ABM Delegates – No announcements
 - n) Speaker List Keeper – No announcements
 - o) Literature Copier – Kevin
 - i) Easy position. Print stuff. No other announcements
 - p) SLAA Los Angeles Board of Trustees – Carol
 - i) In 2018 Started researching becoming a non-profit corporation for tax purposes.
 - ii) 2019 Became a non-profit. P/o Box, Liability Insurance, etc.
 - iii) Big news is first annual meeting is February 20th. Open for election of new members. Anyone is welcome. Anyone interested in getting on the board can come. No idea

how that is going to work out. If interested, see Jenny, Diane, Carol and Glenn. There is a limit of 9 members.

q) Conference Committees

- i) Literature Committee Conduit - Lisa
 - (1) Tries to bring/draft literature for conference approval. Need feedback on 12 & 12, Sober Dating Questions for discussion. Bringing to Sacramento in July for approval.
 - (2) Starting a new newsletter. Anonymous. Sending drafts for feedback.
- ii) Sponsorship Committee Conduit – Lenore
 - (1) No announcements
- iii) Steps, Traditions and Concepts - Mona
 - (1) Pass
- iv) Translation Committee Conduit - Tim
 - (1) No announcements
- v) Diversity Committee Conduit - Julie
 - (1) Phone call earlier this morning. Highest attendance. All over the United States.
 - (2) Want to hold an event/workshop in the future to talk about diversity and cultural biases. “My story can be different than yours”... Relationships to HP, sexual preferences and cultural background can be different. Sometimes hard to hear “my” story. Solution is the same. Event is to help diminish “terminal uniqueness” so that we are united in purpose.
 - (3) Meeting is usually held first Sunday of every month. Talk to Julie or Christina for more info. Also, invite interested members to join on the call.

r) FWS Board of Trustees - Christine

- i) ABM is July 27th-July 31st.
 - ii) Difference this year is that there is an International Recovery Convention at the same time. Anyone is invited. July 31st- Aug 2nd. Same hotel. Our big convention.
 - iii) Opportunity for Panels. If anyone on a committee wants to bring their panel, there is an opportunity.
 - iv) If you don't serve on a conference committee, there are a lot of conferences committee not listed. All kinds of opportunities, including outreach, which needs support. These are nationwide committees.
 - v) There is an international translation committee, all around the world.
 - (1) International Outreach Questionnaire. Let them know that the fellowship is there for them. Would like feedback on the Questionnaire from a strong intergroup.
 - vi) Starting a technology committee at the board level for apps, websites, etc. There is an application process to be on the board. Opportunity
 - vii) Email is christinajoyempowered@gmail.com (SLAA e-mail)
- s) Audio Library Committee – Jayk filling in for Natalie**
- i) Will vote next month.
 - ii) Basically, it's a repository on the website of mp3 recordings

6) UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- i) Meeting Location Task Force Update/ Discussion.

- (1) Possible to vote today, can be pushed.
- (2) WE have paid for the current location through March and have the resources to continue.
- (3) Julie presents a map of the general Los Angeles Area that is color coded. It includes locations. Some have been crossed out because they are unsuitable.
- (4) Julie has appointments to go and negotiate prices on Monday.
 - (a) Tobart by Pico/Union has expressed willingness to negotiate.
 - (i) Not filling out forms until consulting with secretary.
 - (ii) Will be saving us between \$20-\$50 dollars per month.
- (5) Jenny asks for a written report that includes all rates and recommended locations so that we can move to a vote.
- (6) Questions:
 - (a) Lot of presence in Santa Monica/ Culver City Area
 - (b) Parking is another monster in itself
 - (c) Downey, Alhambra, Norwalk have lots with free parking, but they are distant.
 - (d) Nicholas asks if parking is an issue on Sundays.
 - (i) Not much parking available at these other locations
 - (e) Is Kaiser added to the list?
 - (i) Kaiser is not taking new meetings!
 - (f) Carol asks if Lemon Grove Recreation Center is available. It's in Hollywood.
 - (g) Is this location still on the table?
 - (h) Did you check the AT Center? Julie left her email and phone number. They will get back to her Tuesday. There is a big room there.
 - (i) Mona asks about one price. \$70 Dollars for gym with table and chairs.
 - (j) David asks about California Endowment now that we are a non-profit. It's downtown near Union Station.
 - (k) Jenny makes the recommendation to state contact information for suggestions.
 - (l) Chris made his email available laughalong@me.com
 - (m) Jenny would like to see the task committee after the meeting to discuss expectations.

b) INTERGROUP ELECTIONS 1:22 PM

- i) **Bottom Line Editor** – Jenny reads about the position from the intergroup service manual. One-year term. Six months of sobriety. Must be computer literate. REFER TO INTERGROUP SERVICE MANUAL FOR FULL DESCRIPTION
 - (1) Nicholas is nominated by Glenn
 - (2) Motion to close nominations is seconded.
 - (3) Nicholas speaks about himself. Shares that Michael is his sponsor. Has sponsees. Homegroup, etc. Also, in a relationship. Has served at the general service level in AA.
 - (4) Move to pros and cons
 - (a) Pro – qualified, he volunteered
 - (b) Pro – done service for a number of years.
 - (5) Motion to call to vote.

- (a) Nominations carries with 41 votes for, none against.
- ii) **Literature Copier –**
 - (1) Kevin did both. Says that the two commitments (Literature Copier and Bottom Line Editor) pair nicely.
- iii) **Journal Rep –**
 - (1) Jenny reads more about the position from page 8 of the INTERGROUP SERVICE MANUAL.
 - (2) Kirsten says it's a great position.
 - (3) Kirsten nominates Glenn F. He accepts.
 - (4) Motion to close
 - (5) Glenn F. speaks to his recovery. Member for 16 years. Has always been interested in this commitment. Would love to continue to be active.
 - (6) Move to pros and cons
 - (a) Pro – passionate about recovery.
 - (b) Pro – salesman for a living, would be good at it.
 - (c) Pro – solid presence in our community.
 - (7) Call to vote
 - (a) Nomination carries GLENN F WINS
- iv) **Workshops & Retreats 1:36 PM**
 - (1) Jenny reads from pg. 14 of THE INTERGROUP SERVICE MANUAL.
 - (2) Glenn nominates Nick L. He's not here.
 - (3) Beau is simultaneously nominated and volunteers. Spiritual highlight of the meeting.
 - (4) Beau basically says he is very sober with recovery in multiple programs.
 - (5) Jayk asks about sobriety requirement. There isn't one.
 - (6) Pros and Cons
 - (a) Pros – Shows up. Went to retreat.
 - (b) Pros – Takes recover seriously. Has a great sense of humor
 - (c) Pros – Does the steps.
 - (7) Call to vote
 - (a) Nomination carries Beau WINS!
- v) **Phone Line**
 - (1) Jenny reads more about the position from THE INTERGROUP SERVICE MANUAL
 - (2) Question – Is it daily? The answer is no.
 - (3) Cammie is nominated for the position.
 - (a) Needs a moment to process the position.
 - (4) Fabiana volunteers for the position.
 - (5) Cammie declines the nomination.
 - (6) Fabiana shares her recovery. One year in the program, does similar work for other programs.
 - (a) Pro – worked on conference literature committee. Takes on responsibilities. Dedicated.
 - (b) Pro – introduced others to SLAA
 - (c) Pro – she is dependable and takes positions seriously

- (7) Call to vote.
(a) Nomination carries - Fabiana WINS!

vi) **Back to Literature Copier**

- (1) Kevin describes the commitment.
(2) Nick volunteers for the position.
(3) Jenny moves to close nominations.
(4) Nick shares his recovery. Two years in program. Been sober for 26 years. Living legend.
(5) Pros and Cons
(a) Pro – he wants to do it. More people helping.
(b) Pro – Treasure at a meeting. Detail oriented.
(c) Pro – Less work on the other Nicholas.
(d) NO CONS
(6) Motion to vote.
(a) Nomination carries Nick WINS!

Jenny asks to extend the meeting 15 minutes until 2 pm to wrap up business elections. 32 votes for. 6 against.

i) **Mail Clerk** – easy position.

- (1) Steve is nominated
(2) Steve Shares recovery. Lives on Westside on West Hollywood.
(3) Pros and Cons
(a) Pro – can use keys
(b) Pro – He's willing
(4) Call to vote
(a) Nomination carries with 39 votes for. None opposed. Steve WINS!

ii) **Speaker List Officer**

- (1) Kevin is nominated.
(2) Jenny moves to shift requirement.
(a) Motion carries.
(3) Kevin shares his recovery. Speaker seeker for home meeting. 9 mos. off bottom lines, etc.
(4) Pros and Cons
(a) Pro – incredible listener, patient, optimistic.
(b) Pro – fulfilled Bottom Line editor commitment for over a year
(c) Pro – careful with details and is familiar with computers.
(5) Call to vote.
(a) Nomination carries Kevin WINS!

Jenny moves to adjourn the meeting.

- Remaining elections next February
 - Conference Committees Conduit elections next month
 - Delegates
- Motions to be discussed next month.
- Final Treasury Report
 - Total take \$1801.40

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- Announcements
 - Next meeting is second February of the month
 - Task force to hang-out after the for alignment/ expectations.
 - Reminder to new officers to e-mail your e-mail to the webmaster.
- Adjournment
 - Meeting concludes at 1:53 with the “WE” version of the Serenity Prayer. Hand holding, as always, is optional.