

October 14, 2018

L.A. Intergroup SLAA - PO Box 945, Venice, CA 90294-0945

Michael called the meeting to order: 12:15 PM

1. Serenity Prayer (“We” version)
2. Readings
 - a. 12 Traditions (Dan)
 - b. Updated 30 seconds of silence policy (Armando)
 - c. 3 person serenity Committee: (Mona, Kirstin, John)
 - d. Reading of voting policy (Armando)
 - e. Reading of timer policy (Armando) (Timer volunteer: Rachel)
3. Attendee Introductions
4. Take count of voting members (Laura) = # 45
5. Officer & Committee Report
 - a. Secretary (Michael)
 - i. Welcome new IG Reps - passed out IG Manuals, explained how to make donations: Gratitude Mo, IG, J&T, FWS; literature orders online in advance, or fill out form in back before IG meeting starts
 - b. Record Keeper (Diane H.) read minutes from last meeting. Vote to approve with # 39 votes
 - c. Bottom Line Editor (Matt) - includes flyer for retreat; meeting list; request for other content to be put on BL, every meeting can have 10 free copies, additional #10 for \$3, or come get extras
 - d. Meeting Registrar (Christina) - please add your contact numbers if you are a new rep or a temp. Clipboard is passed around for IG Reps to sign in / check info – please write legibly! – Better yet, come early so Registrar can meet you and sign you in; Is your meeting a Closed Meeting? - please send an email to the registrar@slaalosangeles.org to update Meetings List; email Registrar if you’re starting a new meeting - send IG rep to 2 mtgs. to be added to Current Mtgs.
 - e. Phone Line (Max) - report on calls for this month; 5 calls this mo.
 - f. Literature (Desiree) - Helps to place literature order on SLAA Los Angeles Website at least 24 hours prior to IG meeting to expedite process; or come before 11:45- 11:12 so as not to disrupt meeting. Tell members to buy literature from our website, as opposed to FWS, because we have discounted prices – ex. Text book from LA is \$15.50 price - more on FWA website

New Meeting Package - need to register your meeting on FWS website, (get a #) and then can get discounted new meeting literature package costs only \$36.00 (\$81 value) - Christina can assist with registering. ALSO – L.A. I.G. treasury will reimburse you the \$36.
 - g. Treasurer (Dave) - if you turn in a receipt - please put Name of group, not just day & time; \$1,347 IG receipts; \$318 FWS, J&T -\$71; literature sales \$1,060; Bank balances: \$12,296 savings; \$24,576 checking includes \$12,492 for retreat; we owe \$2K to FWS and \$2K for literature; Ave. collection/mo: : \$1800 - \$1,400 IG; \$350 FWS; November is Gratitude Month (ask your group to pass 2nd 7th Tradition for FWS)

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- h. Mail Clerk (Glenn F) - received mail; received \$423 travel reimbursement from FWS for ABM
- i. Journal Rep (Kirsten) - written by our members, for our members; issue 174 Smart phone addiction and sobriety; Journals are available on FWS Website - digital or mail/print version; looking for writers – can submit 500 - 2500 words on LA website - will go to JR or editor

New Question of the Day for publication in the Journal: “Have you found your partner online or on a dating app, or online dating, and /or have you learned to deal with dating apps soberly?”
Submit by November 15 - flyers next mo. - submit little blurb, can email on website

Subscriptions are down a bit; buy for a year, or indiv. copies

- j. Webmaster for SLAA Los Angeles IG Website (Diane) – Monthly Statistics: Page views: Current Meetings: 5,830; Welcome 1,795; New Meetings: 330; 40 Questions: 307; 6,568 total Sessions; 3,533 Users; 10,178 total Page Views.

Distributed flyers with complete list of Conference Committees and their website links for IG reps to take to groups

- k. Workshops & Retreats (Glenn I) – SLAA Retreat is basically full; can still get on waiting list - send your check, they’ll destroy (or return) the check if becomes filled up; Will set up 4 dates for next year at St. Basil’s Church. (Anyone can be looking for possible different locations; we currently pay \$450 = 4 hours; holds 100 people)
- l. J. & T. Committee (Jails & Treatment Centers) (Katie) Thanks to meetings who donate to J&T; Money goes to buying literature to people who are incarcerated/ in treatment centers; working on registering those meetings to get discounts; flyers with info, looking for Sherman Oaks panel leader; Jail meeting still running every Sat. morning (4 years Mark has been running;) Members still need to fill out application to participate- pick up at J&T meeting after IG mtg. Katie has clearance to run women’s meeting; wants to get a few others before she starts the meeting;

- m. ABM Delegate Announcements

Kirstin; Journal Committee phone mtg. _____

Carol - Conference Literature committee - 12 & 12, stories project; interested in writing?

- n. Speaker Seeker List Keeper (Chris) keeps list, email through website link: can request access to it, can sign up to be on it

Reps should announce that it exists - make more copies of sign-up sheet for people who can speak, for reps

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- o. Conference Literature Committee Conduit (Dave) Anorexia ___ available soon; looking for people with German skills - pamphlet on internet addiction from Germany to English; LA Intergroup will reimburse new meetings for \$36 packet -
- p. Literature Copier - (Erica - absent)
- q. Sponsorship Committee Conduit (Glenn) weekly sponsorship call - (info is on front of BL) 5 PM Pacific; if want to be a sponsor, can go on the call and find sponsees; people who live in remote areas can find sponsors; time allowed where people can meet after the call

Also monthly Conference Sponsorship Committee call.

- r. Translation Committee Conduit (Jake) Poland just had national SLAA meeting; Montreal, LA; Please contact them if you can help with translations.
- s. Steps, Traditions and Concepts Committee Conduit (Diane) Two questions answered will be on the website when finished. (issue re: breaking the anonymity of a speaker and then barring her from speaking; question regarding submitting non-conference approved literature). Can see answers at slaafws.org/tq-search. Also committee is working on pamphlet on the 12 Concepts.
 - a. Christina is chair Diversity Committee: Need Conduit - budget (\$1250 approved but want further evidence) for training "Diversity Competency" (for board & FWS Staff) - would like help with this: evidence to board to show why we need it... experiences in your meetings? People say they need literature, issues re: self-harm, diversity re: higher power / agnostic, etc. - will reach out to other IG's;

All SLAA members should go to FWS website and complete the on-line survey to help them get data - SLAAFWS.org - on front page

6. OLD Business

- a. Committee - nonprofit status – Agree that committee already exists, just need to fill = became New Business

7. New Business –

- A. Carol: motion to add members to the Non-Profit Status Committee to explore:
Incorporate,

Pros: some meeting locations will give us a discount, some aren't available if we are not non-profit. (our Web-hosting is currently free because FWS is non-profit); Liability insurance Eliminates risk of paying tax on \$60K; IG could get insurance for events; donations could be tax deductible; Cons: file on regular basis, costs annual

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A. Non-profit status Continued:

Might take 3 mos. to a year, costs \$2,500 fees for app & service fees, ongoing \$3,000 / year to pay bookkeeper & CPA; Benefits ; liability protection; bank accounts not currently protected; more oversight if had bookkeeper & accountant; by laws; Other 12-step groups that have it: OA, DA maybe Al-anon has this structure

Ask for volunteers: Jenny, Diane, Armando (see Carol to give contact info)

B. Create conduit for CDC (Conference Diversity Committee)

1 year term; makes announcements at IG, becomes member of CDC google group to receive emails; attend monthly 9 am PST 1st Sunday of the month;

Motion to extend meeting 5 minutes

Volunteers: Julie – 28 votes; Natalie – 8 votes; both will join committee

8. Announcements for the Good of the Order – thanked those who helped set-up; Mon 7:30 Chevy Chase Baptist Church meeting is not moving; NEXT TWO MONTHS: I.G. Service Position Elections
9. Adjournment - adjourn the meeting at 1:51 PST

Close meeting with the “We” version of the Serenity Prayer.