

Nov 10th, 2019

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

Jenny called the meeting to order: 12:15pm

1. Serenity Prayer (“We” Version)
2. Readings
  - a. 12 Traditions (John)
  - b. Updated 30 seconds of silence policy (Richmond)
    1. Serenity committee volunteers: Glen, Michael, Bart
  - c. Reading of voting policy (Richmond)
  - d. Reading of timer policy (Bart) (Timer volunteer: Max)
  - e. Person to count votes – (Glen)
3. Attendee Introductions
4. Take count of voting members (Glen) - 43
5. Officer & Committee Reports
  - a. Secretary (Jenny)
    1. Welcome new positions. Greeting.
  - b. Record Keeper (Jayk)
    1. Jayk read the highlights.
    2. Voted Yes or No to approve the minutes – Voted Yes without counting
  - c. Bottom Line Editor (Kevin)
    1. Usual announcement. Come grab em.
  - d. Meeting Registrar (Diane).
    1. Made announcement about signing in / people subbing etc.
  - e. Phone Line Announcement (Nick).
    1. We got some phone calls. Something from someone asking about Ventura County.
  - f. Literature (Desiree)
    1. Thank you! Make sure you place your orders BEFORE the intergroup meeting. Starting a new meeting? Get a start-up pack - \$80 value for \$36. You can get it for free if you register with FWS office on their site. Get group ID number. A couple packets remain to be picked up.
      2. Flyers for State of Grace Meditation Book!
  - g. Treasurer (Dave) - No laptop so no totals at the end.
    1. Just under \$5000 in the treasury right now. \$14520 in for the retreat. \$8000 deposit made there. Processed some refunds on the retreat. \$12094 as donation to FWS. Officially closed old LA Intergroup account. Now in the “non profit era” \$12.98 finished being donated from that account. END OF MEETING  
TOTALS - \$982 Intergroup, \$750 FWS, \$128 J&T, \$899 Literature - Approximate!

h. Mail Clerk (Bart covering for Tim)

1. No mail in the mailbox.

i. Journal Rep (Kirsten)-

1. Described the Journal. Working on an app. Question of the Day - Thank you AA! Take a moment to look at what AA has brought to us. Can type it into the website. 500-2500 words articles on any topic- Send 'em! Journal booklets are for sale at the Lit table. Due on the 18th of Nov. — The future question is going to be “Has the program helped you learn to take care of yourself?” Subscribe to print journal on the website.

j. Webmaster for SLAA website – Max B

1. Visitors 4870, 12438 Views. Many foreign visitors.

2. Workshops & Retreats (Asher & Glen)

3. Asher- Workshops concluded for the year. 10 people on the waitlist for the retreat.

4. Glen - No additional announcement.

k. Jails and Treatment Centers Committee (Katie) -

1. Katie has been traveling and is now back! 2 women are cleared to go into Jail meeting and re-start it. Mark has been doing the one in Men's Central. and Glen doing a panel in Sherman Oaks.

l. ABM Delegate Announcements

1. Carol makes the announcement that November is Gratitude month for FWS. FWS donations are down. Pass the basket or contribute on the web.

2. Mona - 18 month sobriety medallion just approved and ordered. We might have this by the end of the year.

m. Speaker List - Alex - Wondering if she should update the list because people are on the list from 2017.

n. Kevin - Copier - Quick announcement.

o. Shiraz - Conference Literature Committee Conduit - SLAA 12x12 is completed.

Will be ready by ABM 2020. We need more people for Anorexia committee.

Motion passed to remove the affirmations thing from the book until the next ABM. Discussed Gift of No Contact pamphlet.

p. Board of Trustees Announcement - Old checking account closed!

q. Sponsorship Committee Conduit (Lenore) -

1. We did some outreach to someone in Sweden. Focusing on Sober dating currently.

r. Steps Traditions and Concepts Conduit (Mona) -

1. Not much new to report. Responses to questions about traditions available on website.

s. Translation Committee Commit - (Donna filling in for Tim) - She is translating it into Hebrew. She is currently present on the Translation calls.

t. Diversity Committee Conduit - (Julie) - Meeting postponed. Taking the lead on Diversity pamphlet. Join the Diversity call.

u. Intergroup Service Manual Update Committee — Diane — We are mostly done updating it. A bunch of different people were asked to look at things and then update them. Original prudent reserve listed as \$1000 and we want to increase the prudent reserve to \$4000 due to the recent increase. Also added the thing about minimum literature purchase size. - More later with the motion.

v. Board of Trustees FWS Announcement - BOT Member Cristina - Apps figuring out for Journal. 1976 hardcover special edition State of Grace copies ordered. There is a lot going on with removing the affirmations in that other book.

x. Audio Library Committee Conduit - Nell. - Voted - where to keep the links (on website), where to keep the files (Google Drive), whether or not to have a warning on the website (no warning), voted to create the ALC position (Nell), created written agreement for the speakers. - Gonna have a motion coming up to vote to start moving forward with this.

1. Old Business -

1. None

2.

1. Jayk - New motion - We used to pay zero dollars a month, and \$10/month for the space before that. Our rent has been raised to \$120/month. Jayk proposes a motion that we stay in the space month to month and allocate money to pay the rent, while we establish a task force to find a more affordable meeting space. - Motion to pay the rent here on a month to month basis while establishing a Task Force to look into the need to move and look for a new space that is affordable for the group.

1. Glen always sees somebody there so it seems strange that they don't have an employee here.

2. Other members have questions about whether we need to move this etc? A couple calls to vote.

3. PROS - Mona - No reason not to. Susan - We are doing well cuz we are nonprofit. CONS - Tiffany - This is a reasonable amount to pay for what we need. - Call to vote.

4. VOTE - 44 in favor - Motion passes.

5. Let's populate the task force - Show of hands - Katia, Chris, Lisa, Julie - populate this task force!

2. Diane - Motion to increase prudent reserve of SLAA Intergroup from \$1000 to \$4000 - When we purchased new literature based on our decision to order in bulk, that was \$2500 so our expenses are larger than we think.

1. Questions - Did that include the rent? No it didn't.

2. PROS and CONS - Mona - This prudent reserve is really low, and other groups do a full year so we should do this. Jayk - multiple programs I know of have at least 6 months or less, so we should at least do this.

3. Call to vote - Motion Passes!

3. INTERGROUP ELECTIONS! Jenny kicks it off. Starting with some difficult stuff.

1. THE CHAIR / SECRETARY - One year term. One year sobriety. Chair of meeting, Intergroup issues outside of meeting, formulates and circulates agenda, creates motions and puts it on the agenda, decides questions of order. Etc. - Ask for nominations?

a. Nominate Carol - Declined. - Mona nominates Glen - Declined. - Lady nominates Mona - Declined. - Diane nominates Dave - Declined after a transition to the Treasurer job.... if Jenny will stay on while he finds that, then Dave is interested. - Katie nominates Julie - Julie says maybe, okay lets' vote on it. - Diane suggests Julie should be Treasurer.

b. Dave - Shares in program 7 years, 5 years sober. Chaired 2 FWS committees. Chair of another Intergroup. /// Julie - Sober 1.75 years, and in program 8 years.

c. PROS n CONS for DAVE - PROS Carol - on Conference Literature Committee on which he was the chair. He had a calm, respectful, logical presence. PROS - Michael - Dave is a model of sobriety and service. PROS Mona - Unique set of skills. Dave chaired Steps Trad Concepts Committee. CONS - None. //// PROS n CONS for Julie - PROS - Em - Experience on another committee. Happy to be of service. - PROS - Therese - She's started many successful initiatives. Focused on diversity. - PROS - Tiffany - Worth giving her a shot in spirit of rotation of service. - - - CONS - Diane - I want her to be the Treasurer cuz she has a background in

finance. - Cristina - CONS - Feels she should be an ABM delegate. —  
CALL TO VOTE —- 29 for Dave - 11 for Julie. - DAVE IS NEW  
SECRETARY.

2. TREASURER - 2 year term. 1 year of sobriety required. -  
Arrive early and collect, verify money. Handle all money stuff. Laptop.  
Postal stuff. Visit bank. - Question from Glen - Time investment? An hour a  
month outside of the meeting. Quarterly basis making quarterly reports.

a. Nominate Litou - Decline. Nominate Julie - Accept. Call  
to vote.

b. Julie - She did somethign on a board, and then she  
managed import/exports for outside company.

c. PROS and CONS - Glen PROS - Sounds good. PROS -  
Paul - Her commitment to program is very deep and her sense of ethics. -  
PROS - Cristina - Her recovery has increased along with service. - CONS -  
Claire - /// Vote 42 in Favor - Julie is the new Treasurer.

3. ASSISTANT TREASURER - 2 year term. 6 months of  
sobriety. Arrive early. Fills in for treasurer. Handles and counts money.  
Litou outgoing says - I only do work at the meeting.

a. Jayk - Accepts ruefully. Katia - Volunteers excitedly. —  
PROS and CONS - Who knows what they were! Jayk was outside. - Katia  
elected. - and Time's Up!

Announcements for the good of the order. -

1. Carol - November is Gratitude Month!
2. Jenny - Encourage folks to show up for elections!
3. End of Meeting - Jenny adjourns at 144pm.