

SLAA LOS ANGELES IG MINUTES – APRIL 5TH, 2020

1) 12:15 MEETING COMES TO ORDER

- a) We version of the serenity prayer

2) READINGS:

- a) Twelve Traditions - Mona
 - i) 30 seconds of silence policy - Amy
- b) Voting Policy (read by Diana)
- c) Timer Policy
- d) Attendee Introductions
 - i) The usual. Go around the room. Some first timers (Welcome)
 - (1) Some meeting times and locations have changed or will be changing. Several meetings need support. Will be updated in the new Bottom Line. If you'd like to update your meeting, please email Nick at: thebottomline@slaalosangeles.org

3) 12:35 TAKE COUNT OF VOTING MEMBERS

- a) 57 voting members in attendance. 76 total in attendance.

4) OFFICER AND COMMITTEE REPORTS

- a) Chair – Dave
- b) Record Keeper – Max**
 - i) Max reads minutes. They are approved.
- c) Bottom Line Editor – Nick**
 - i) Nick makes announcement. We do not have an updated Bottom Line. There are no events or in-person meetings. The email is: thebottomline@slaalosangeles.org
 - ii) Dave suggests uploading Zoom protocols.
 - iii) Diane invites a virtual bottom line with submissions in lieu of physical copy.
- d) Meeting Registrar – Jayk**
 - i) Jayk orients new-comers on sign-in process. Reminds people to sign in via the sign-in sheet in the chat.
- e) Phone Line- Fabiana**
 - i) Received a call from New York trying to get into the meetings now that they have passwords because of trolls. Website suggests to reach out to the webmaster.
 - ii) Fabiana suggested for the caller to reach out to individual group reps/secretaries.
- f) Literature – Desiree**
 - i) Desiree orients newcomers and suggests ordering online to expedite the process.
 - ii) www.Store.slaa.FWS.org are only shipping once per week and may take time for the literature to arrive.
 - (1) Can order digital copies of the Big Book from Amazon by going through FWS.
 - (2) Can download audio mp3 files and the journals
 - iii) Newcomer packages and some pamphlets are available online both at the store and on the slaalosangeles.org website.
- g) Treasurer – Julie**
 - i) For donations, please email Donate@slaalosangeles.org or can e-mail the treasurer at treasurer@slaalosangeles.org . Can also donate on the website via PayPal.
 - ii) Will discuss donation protocol later in the meeting.
 - iii) **Mail Clerk – Steve** - Mailbox was empty. No mail to report.

h) Journal - Glenn

- i) Describes the journal. A meeting in print. Looking to have new subscribers.
- ii) If you submit, it will probably get published...
- iii) Question of the day: How do you deal with fear in recovery? Have you had a particularly fearful situation that program tools have helped you overcome?
(1) Deadline is May 15th.
- iv) Journal committee is working on an app to have it online. Meeting in your pocket.
- v) Please bring **BACK** the submissions once they've been filled out.

i) Webmaster - Diane

- i) 12,000 page views. 6000 were current meetings pages. Welcome pages were 3300 views. Few hundred for others.
- ii) New website is up.
- iii) New page for the registrar for meeting information.
(1) Suggests new page for virtual meetings.
- iv) Suggestions or questions, Please e-mail webmaster@slaalosangeles.org

j) Workshops & Retreats – Beau

- i) Paused as of now

12:45

k) Jails & Treatments – Glenn

- i) Jails are closed.
- ii) Attempting to create virtual meetings for Tarzana treatment center.
- iii) New Sheriff. Application process is easier. Doesn't need to be notarized and can be e-mailed.
- iv) Think about creating J&T reps for each group as well as having a donation.
- v) Creating a list of people available to sponsor and will distribute to treatment centers
- vi) If interested, email jandt@slaalosangeles.org and Glenn can put you in touch with Mark R who can help with the application process.

l) ABM Delegates – Carol

- i) No announcements.

m) Speaker List Keeper – Kevin

- i) Has a list of speakers for meetings. Email: speakerslist@slaalosangeles.org

n) Literature Copier – Nick

- i) Will have more Newcomer Packets next month. You can get a copy of the Newcomer Packet as a pdf version online.

o) Conference Committees

i) Literature Committee Conduit – Lisa

- (1) Voted to send the motion that we change the meditation book back to the original 2018 approved with "Top-Line Statements" instead of "Affirmations".
- (2) Still taking registration for the ABM. They need people to register. They will be giving full refunds up until May.
- (3) Step Questions workbook has been approved by the Board Outreach Committee and will be moving final approval.
- (4) Fabiana posts "Guidelines for Outreach Calls". This is up for approval.
- (5) "Sober Dating Questions Pamphlet" also up for approval.

ii) Sponsorship Committee Conduit – Chris

(1) No announcements.

iii) Steps, Traditions and Concepts – Jayk

(1) Developing a Twelve Concepts workbook. Currently in draft form.

(2) Reviewed writing about concept 11.

(3) Discussed an issue about safety in the meetings.

(4) Discussed doing a presentation at the IRC.

(5) Answer questions regarding the steps, traditions and concepts. All answers are on the website FWS.org

iv) Translation Committee Conduit - Donna

(1) No announcement.

v) Diversity Committee Conduit –Manuel

(1) Discussed refining their “Response Questionnaire” submission to ABM.

vi) Audio Library Committee Conduit – Mel

(1) Have created a pamphlet for distribution describing the submission process.

(2) Created an audio library page on the intergroup website with links to a Google Drive account. MP3s will be pre-screened by the commitment holder for graphic descriptions, etc.

(3) Created a written agreement for speakers in the interest of liability – needs to be signed for submission.

(4) Submissions and questions, please email: audio@slaalosangeles.org

(5) Upon submission, the shares will be screened and reviewed by the conduit.

(6) Requirement is that the waiver is completed. The waiver is available at tinyurl.com/audiowaiver

(7) Have opened the possibility of self-recorded submissions as well.

p) SLAA Los Angeles Board of Trustees – Jenny

i) No announcement

q) FWS Board of Trustees – Christina

i) Is still in business. Appreciate donations.

ii) “The Gift of No Contact” has been approved.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

r) Motion to create “Virtual Meeting Registrar” commitment.

i) Background: Virtual meetings were created by SLAA Members as a way to have meetings during this crisis. A couple of folks were spearheading the organization of those meetings into a Google drive account. Intergroup intervened and suggested that there is oversight so that it can be listed on the Intergroup Website. All documents on the existing Google Drive would be transferred to the Virtual Meeting Registrar’s account and they would be responsible for upkeep. All contact information is offline to protect anonymity. Temporary 3-Month commitment.

ii) Suggests a motion for “IT Security Commitment” to protect anonymity. This person would work in conjunction with “Virtual Meeting Registrar” for web security.

iii) This would be a temporary commitment and would be reevaluated in the future however there is a chance that these virtual meetings would continue in the future.

- iv) Jayk comments that there has been an ad-hoc committee with more experience and expertise with the technology, suggests giving them official responsibility.
 - (1) There are a lot of questions about how to run a Zoom Meeting.
 - (2) Facility with Zoom and Google Drive.
- v) Diane suggests putting the information on the website for more security.
 - (1) Leanne responds that the new “Virtual Meeting Registrar” would facilitate the transfer of the information.
- vi) Joy asks about private passwords.
 - (1) Leanne responds having a backend password list that would be distributed.
- vii) Paul S. wants to address how we would create a pathway for newcomers to find meetings.
 - (1) Leanne suggests that this position may also serve as a newcomer liaison.
- viii) **PROS AND CONS**
 - (1) Pro - centralizing information would be beneficial
 - (2) Pro – temporary and a trial period. Lots of work to be done and can use help.
 - (3) Pro – need something unified now that security is an issue. Helps with access.
 - (4) Con – duplicating roles and responsibilities.
 - (5) Con – Wanted to give the task-force autonomy but this may be overkill.
 - (6) Point of information – technology committee could be involved with this as well.
- ix) MOTION PASSES
- 5) NOMINATIONS FOR VIRTUAL MEETING REGISTRAR
 - a) Rachel volunteers to do the Virtual Meeting Registrar position.
 - b) Nomination carries for Rachel.

MOTION TO EXTEND THE MEETING THIRTY MINUTES - APPROVED

6) Motion for intergroup to adopt to these procedures as their security policy for online meetings. A recommendation that can be modified and added to. Suggestions below:

- a) SLAA LA Zoom Meeting Security Procedures:
 - 1. Don't share links publicly
 - 2. Require a meeting password
Secretary or Group Rep. or Registrar can distribute the info privately to participants
 - 3. Don't publicly share the meeting – ONLY HOST should share
- Meeting Options
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| UNCHECK | enable join before host |
| CHECK | Enable waiting Room |
| UNCHECK | Record the meeting in the cloud |

7) Motion to create and elect a “Meeting Security Advisor” that would help implement security procedures. Temporary 3-Month commitment.

- a) **PROS and CONS**
 - i) Pro- personal security and anonymity is paramount. Need someone who can help protect anonymity while maintaining an open door for newcomers.
 - ii) Pro – security needs will change. Important to have a central point of contact.
 - iii) Pro – Someone who has passwords.
 - iv) Con – seems complicated

b) MOTION CARRIES

8) Elections/Nominations for “Meeting Security Advisor”.

- a) Ezra volunteers. Fulfills requirements. Works in IT. Has experience with Zoom and has a plan to create different formats that honor traditions, allow access and protect members. Is open to working with Derek.
- b) Derek volunteers. Is a security expert and has IT experience. Priority is to protect SLAA members’ anonymity.
- c) Dave suggests amendment for co-chair positions/ task-force.
- d) Amendment accepted.
- e) Move to vote for approval.
- f) NOMINATIONS CARRY for Ezra and Derek.

9) Motion for Online Donations.

- a) There is a PayPal donation on the SLAA website already in place.
www.slaalosangeles.org or on PayPal at “SLAA Intergroup Los Angeles”
- b) Email: Donate@slaalosangeles.org and Paypal is S.L.A.A. Los Angeles.org
- c) Difficulties establishing a Venmo account due to registration process.
- d) Important to specify what meeting they are coming from and what the donation split is.
- e) Julie and Diane will be working on additional ways for meetings to deliver donations.

Dave moves to adjourn the meeting.

- Motions to be discussed next month:
 - Max C: Motion to get a money/bill counter for LA Intergroup Treasurer.
 - Lisa C: Motion to pay for delegates to attend IRC on condition the volunteer for service.
 - Diana H: Needs volunteers to proofread/test the new website.
 - Manuel M: Have Palm Springs “Blue Tiger” meeting added to LA IG
 - Christina: Safety in meetings.
 - Dave G: The Conference Diversity Committee is in the process of putting together a diversity workshop training.
- Final Treasury Report
- Announcements
 - Next meeting is the first Sunday of April, not the second.
 - Reminder to new officers to e-mail your e-mail to the webmaster.
- Adjournment
 - Meeting concludes at 1:45 pm with the “WE” version of the Serenity Prayer. Hand holding, as always, is optional.