

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

January 11, 2015

Chris (secretary) Called the meeting to Order: 12:30 PM

Serenity Prayer (“We” Version)

- Readings
 - 12 Traditions
 - Policies
 - 30-Second
 - Voting
 - Timing
- Timer (Ronan) volunteered
- Attendee Introductions

Carol stated the IG meeting doesn't have a quorum and he has concerns about the voting process. Chris advised him to document this and send in the form of a motion to him (Secretary) via the website to be added to new business in February.

Officer Announcements (3 min each)

Chair Announcement

Chris — welcomed new Intergroup Reps, and encouraged us to find the IG Service Manual here, at meetings, or online. Explained what we do at this meeting—how we donate, purchase literature, vote and conduct motions, etc. **Please arrive by 12:15 to park, make donations, purchase literature and find a seat. Restrooms are accessed from the outside of the building, in the foyer next to the meeting room.**

Intergroup Record Keeper

Jennifer —Read the minutes from last month.

• **VOTING MEMBERS PRESENT: 41.** Minutes approved by a vote of 36-1. Minutes are posted on the website for Intergroup reps. to use for meeting reporting.

Bottom Line Announcement

Matt—Standard announcement made.

- Bottom Lines (BL) are mailed the last week of the month.
- BL's are also available on the website.
- **There is a new sign in sheet to simplify our process**, with a NEW Red/Yellow/Green coding. Check off any meetings you represent on the clipboard he passes around. Reps. should make sure to write their names, phone numbers and which meetings they represent. If they have changes to what's printed, they should just cross out the old info. and write in the correct info. He needs this information to be written LEGIBLY on the clipboard, so please take care! There is
- Each meeting is entitled to 10 free copies each month, but may purchase an additional 10 for \$3. Money can be placed inside the mailing envelopes he passes around. On the envelopes, Reps. should write their home address for mailing, and on the bottom left corner, their meeting name/s and how many copies they need for each meeting.
- Meeting Directory—Reps. from new meetings must attend Intergroup for two consecutive months before they are added to the Bottom Line Meeting Directory.
- **Reps are invited to come early to put their name on the Bottomline envelopes for mailing.**

NEW MEETING ANNOUNCED 7:30 Wednesdays in Malibu

- **Wednesday evening 7:30pm – 9:00pm – “Stepping Into Action”** – SOBA Recovery Center, 22669 Pacific Coast Highway 90265 (just east of Sweetwater Canyon Dr.) Meeting in SOBA Clubhouse, parking available in lot just east/south of SOBA – Closed, Speaker meeting, Step study, Sharing.

Phone Line Announcement

Jennifer

Five people called in looking for meeting times/locations. One person wondering if the Weds Newcomer had closed on 12/31 (told her it was probably due to the holidays. SHARE called to advise us that they are holding a Recovery Day Saturday January 17th from 10am - 7pm @ 6666 Green Valley Circle, Culver City. 90230. Thirty meetings and 22 different recovery topics (mostly 12-step) will be represented.

Literature Announcement

Sherry (Suzanne & Riaz)

• In addition to the typical SLAA literature, Sherry mentioned the other items for sale; **Bookmarks, Journal copies (at reduced rate), Calendars, Compliatiiions and Journal Poetry**

Mailbox Announcements

David G

Jennifer picked up the mail because Dave just got Monique's copy of the key handed over to him on Saturday (Jennifer will remain as a 'back up' and has a key). There was no SLAA related mail (advertisements only) this month.

The Journal Announcement

Linda—Standard announcement made.

- The Journal is the magazine of SLAA that gets published every other month. Lisa is in charge. SLAA meetings and individual members can subscribe. You can contribute stories, poetry, artwork, and answers to the Question of the Day. For more info: www.slaalosangeles.org/thejournal.htm
- Four copies of the Journal are usually available for \$4 each at every other IG meeting, but must be ordered in person (they are not on the order form).
- Journal Audiobooks are now also available on the FWS website (www.slaafws.org). For an extra \$2.50, you can download the book as read by another SLAA Member.
- An e-version (with color pictures) of the journal is now available! \$19 per year or \$30 for two years for subscriptions. She has subscription cards available at this meeting.
- **Journal Question: Has SLAA helped you understand the difference between secrets and privacy? Submission Deadline January 15th.**

Website Announcement

David—Standard announcement made.

- The LA Intergroup website (www.slaalosangeles.org) is a great place to find information and resources for the recovering Sex and Love Addict. Current meeting, new meetings fliers, committee and ABM info., Journal Question of the day, other service information, literature, magazines, and fliers are all available. FWS.org also has more information available.
- If you would like to have flyers posted, are experiencing technical problems, or you need to update your information on the website (meeting locations, announcements of new meetings or workshops, events, projects, etc.), please email webmaster@slaalosangeles.org. There is also now a New Meetings entry-form page on the site.
- **Statistics for November 2014: Analytics counted 1,800 hits and two persons contacted him with meeting questions.**
- **Please review your meeting information and use the contact page to update and/or submit fliers for meetings.**
- **Officers: contact the webmaster for any issues with passwords or questions, how to have your IG emails forwarded or access them directly.**
- **Reps [or anyone] can use the contact form to contact any officer.**
- See SLAAFWS.org for more information.

Workshops & Retreats Announcement

Glen and Glenn

- **The Malibu MEMBER'S ONLY retreat (the 18th annual), was a success! All people on the waiting list were able to attend. The mini-marathon meeting on Christmas Day and New Year's Day were successful as well.**
- **Next workshop will be in March - more to come.**

Treasurer Announcement

Newell

- **Collecting December 2014 donations today so the End of Year summary will be distributed Next month.**
- **\$1,931 last month - and was a record high and \$536 for FWS.**
- **Please COUNT the money before you turn it in. Complete the donation slip and turn in with cash. If the slip doesn't match the cash, you will be asked to recount and change the slip, if needed. Once confirmed, Newell returns the receipt in day order with his initials for you to take back to your meeting Treasurer.**
- **Still pursuing 'not-for-profit' status. Linda and Newell are researching together but looking for another volunteer who might have information on becoming not--for-profit.**
- **Still looking for an assistant who is willing to volunteer. An apprentice type of position, they would be 'trained' in preparation to run for office for next year.**

Conference Committee Reports

Literature Committee

Lisa

- **The Conference Literature Committee provides drafts to fellowship for comments and then review for approval at the ABM each year. You can join the conference call on monthly topics, give feedback, or even write a chapter. Completed six chapters. You can always receive electronic copies; just ask Lisa.**
- **Calls for the new 12 & 12 are the second Monday of every month at 6 PM PST. Dial-In: [\(209\) 255-1000](tel:2092551000), Access Code: 138103#. Step Nine meeting this Monday**
- **Forty Question re-write proposal handed out.**

Translation Committee

Not present, no announcement made.

Sponsorship Committee

David

- **Co-sponsoring ("Recovery Partners") and temporary sponsoring is available for those who cannot get a sponsor in their area (the "Long Distance Sponsoring" program). The committee also develops draft literature in coordination with the Literature Committee.**

Prison Outreach Committee (POC)

- **Trudie and Glen**
- **The conference POC (reports to the Board of Trustees) only matches PenPals with inmates. Looking for help to coordinate matching inmates with penpals.**
- **They are discussing expansion—to existing IGs and lone groups, and also to other types of facilities that promote recovery from addiction.**
- **There are only currently three cities with local Outreach Committees: Los Angeles, Philly, and Boston.**
- **SLAA H&I (Hospitals and Institutions) now, not longer LAPOC**
- **First panel was at Tarzana, two new panels and expanding to re-habilitation and treatment facilities. Please contact Glen, Suzanne or Trudie for more info.**
- **Panels do NOT need clearance at Re-habilitation and Treatment centers.**

- **Jail still requires application. Listed as Augustine Fellowship at the Jail. Those cleared are still cleared but need to attend the new orientation session (2.5 hours downtown). Can not communicate directly with inmates outside the meeting, must use PenPal system via email or letter.**

FWS ABM Delegates Announcement

Not present, no announcement made.

Old Business

- **Continuing with Officer Elections**
- **Record Keeper - Tia nominated, seconded, discussed and voted in with majority vote**
- **Retreats and Workshops - Michael nominated, seconded, discussed and confirmed with majority vote.**
- **ABM Tabled to research: are there two open positions - are they 1 or 2 year commitments? Note: there are four positions and staggered with two voted in each year but who remains and how many positions have one vs two years left is the question.** Record Keeper - please review past minutes and report.
- **Conference Communication Conduit:** reports back on twelve writing/literature groups - Lisa volunteered but dropped out. Tara nominated, was seconded and accepted. However, did not have a majority vote. Lisa volunteered to continue another year, was seconded and confirmed.
- **Motioned and passed to delay voting for remaining officers to next month.**
- **Motion to move to the new location (available 11:30am-3:30pm, \$10/month paid three months in advance): Motion passed 31-1**

New Business

- None at this time

For the Good of the Order

- * **Upcoming Women's Retreats \$275 each (see the Events page on the website):** 50 Women attended the last women's retreat - fliers were distributed for two new upcoming women's retreats at Serra in Malibu. They need to pay deposit to Serra to secure the location and asked to please send your deposit of \$75 to secure your spot ASAP (the balance is due by July 1):
- "Serene & Sober Dating" July 17 – 19, 2015
- 2nd Annual "Healing Hearts" - October 16-18

Meeting Adjourned: 2:01 PM

"We" Serenity Prayer to Close