

February 8, 2015

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

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

Serenity Prayer (“We” Version)

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

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. **Chris asked group to email their motions to him prior to Friday before monthly Intergroup Meeting.**

Intergroup Record Keeper

Tia —Read the minutes from last month.

- **VOTING MEMBERS PRESENT: 31.** Minutes approved by a vote of 26-0. 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 meetings 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.

Phone Line Announcement

Lisa

Lisa filled in for Jennifer. Six calls for meeting locations. Someone called looking for a sponsor. Contact Jennifer if you are available to sponsor. An email was sent to the Sponsorship Committee.

Literature Announcement

Shari (Suzanne & Riaz)

Woodland Hills order was not picked up. Glenn agreed to take to meeting as he was headed there after Intergroup. Pocket tool kit available for \$1.00, They have flyers with e-book information available and literature startup pack available for startup groups.

Mailbox Announcements

Dave G

Dave apologized to group that he was able to get the mail for this week's meeting.

The Journal Announcement

Lynda— 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.

Lynda read a bit about past journal questions and people's response

- **Journal Question: When did you begin sponsoring and when did you know you were ready? Submission Deadline March 15th.**

Website Announcement

David W— 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.

3,500 visitors to the SLAA website in January. Officer duties and opportunities for conference committees available online. Any suggestions please contact David via the website.

Workshops & Retreats Announcement

Michael K

Upcoming 2015 Workshops

- **March 21st- Back to Basics (Steps 1, 2, 3)**
- **May 16th – Barriers to Recovery**
- **July 18th – Signs of Recovery**
- **September 19th – Topic TBD**

All information is available on website under “events”. Registration for the March 21st Workshop runs from 12:30 to 1:00pm and the Workshop itself runs from 1:00pm to 5:00pm. The fee for each workshop is \$10 and will be collected at the door.

Treasurer Announcement

Newell

Received \$1,274.70 last month for IG and \$170.51 for FWS.

Newell discussed 2014 Income & Expense Summary, which summarized each meeting. Clarified that February is the beginning of our financial year.

Still looking for an assistant who is willing to volunteer; they would be 'trained' to run for office next year.

Conference Committee Reports

Literature Committee (CLC)

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:(209)255-1000), Access Code: 138103#. Step Nine meeting this Monday

Conference Literature Committee Meditation book is being created and will be part of literature tables. Asked those interested in participating for their email addresses so she can send out daily topics. If you receive email please share with your meetings.

Translation Committee (CTC)

Not present, no announcement made.

Sponsorship Committee (CSPC)

David W

- 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.

Help sponsoring to those areas where SLAA is not as present. If you want to be of service, if only temporarily, ask David or find additional information at www.slaafws.org/cspc.

Prison Outreach Committee (CPOC)

Glenn S

- 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 Glenn, 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). Cannot communicate directly with inmates outside the meeting, must use PenPal system via email or letter.

Looking for Spanish translators; half of the prison population is Spanish speaking and they are looking for male volunteers. They are still in need of volunteers for the prison. If interested, fill out application. You must resubmit application if you’ve applied in the past. The only cost incurred to you is providing a color photo; otherwise all costs are incurred by the jail.

FWS ABM Delegates Announcement

Not present, no announcement made.

Old Business

None at this time.

New Business

- **Motion: Glenn motioned that H&I become a standing committee. Motion passed at 28:0 – H& I will be a standing committee.**

- **Motion: Shari motioned we donate past journals, with the exception of past two issues to H&I free of charge. It was then amended to a one-time donation. Motion passed – 30:0**
- **Motion: – That we bid to have 2016-2017 ABM/IRC meetings in Los Angeles. Motion passed – 24:2 to form a committee for next year’s proposal. Deadline for bid proposal April 1, 2015.**
- **Motion: Do we want to look into sending delegates to the International Recovery Conference (IRC) and Intergroup will cover cost? Conference is held August 7-9 in Houston, TX. Motion passed – 29:0.**
- **Motion to extend the meeting to 1:50PM – passed 26:0**
- **Motion: That LA form a committee and decide whether we should bid for upcoming ABM/IRC in Los Angeles (Carroll argued the validity of only sending a percentage of our delegates and then hosting ABM/IRC in 2016-2017. 30 seconds called and observed). Motion passed – 24:2 to form a committee for next year’s proposal.**

For the Good of the Order

*** Crossroads meeting suffering; it was suggested that Ronan bring flyers to promote the meeting.**

Meeting Adjourned: 1:50 PM

“We” Serenity Prayer to Close