

March 8, 2015

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

Chris (secretary) Called the meeting to Order: 12:30 PM at Denny's as the city overbooked our regular meeting space and neglected to contact us.

Serenity Prayer ("We" Version)

- Readings
- 12 Traditions
- Policies
- 30-Second
- Voting
- Timing
- Timer (Ronan) 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.

Intergroup Record Keeper

Tia — Read the minutes from last month.

- **VOTING MEMBERS PRESENT: 36. Minutes approved by a vote of 30-0.** 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 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.

Phone Line Announcement

Lisa

Lisa filled in for Jennifer. Eight calls for meeting locations. Someone called from Utah and wanted to fly out. Women's retreat scheduled for July is cancelled.

Literature Announcement

Shari (Suzanne & Riaz)

Journal compilations that came in three volumes are no longer being published. They are out of volume one but if you'd like volume II & III see Shari after meeting as she can order them. Shari is in desperate need of bags, either plastic or paper, and asked the group for their help. Shari passed out flyers regarding SLAA textbook and journals are available on Kindle and e-book forms. Anyone who is starting a new meeting must register with FWS to get an ID, then a group starter kit can be ordered. It's \$85 worth of books for \$36; they also have books with a focus on anoxia for \$8.60. See Shari for more information.

Mailbox Announcements

Jennifer

Jennifer filling in for Dave. There was only one piece of mail for Focus on Spirituality meeting.

The Journal Announcement

Linda—Standard announcement made.

- The Journal is the magazine of SLAA that gets published every other month. Linda 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.**
- **The new journal question is coming out in a few weeks. Current journal question about sponsorship deadline is March 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.

Intergroup reps confirm your meeting information is correct, especially on the meeting group page, which is downloadable and listed on the bottom lines. If it's not correct, please contact Dave with corrections. In February the website had 3,028 visitors and received 40 emails. Once Dave hears from the H&I Committee as to what they want listed he will add to the website, along with new email addresses.

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

If Newell counts a different amount than what's on your slip, he will politely return it and ask you to re-count. Please make sure money is counted correctly before giving to Newell. Also, a donation was made last month that he didn't log. The person gave donation to Newell at the end of the meeting and he forgot to write it down. Please contact Newell if that was you.

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 to print out and bring to your meetings; 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#.

Each month the committee will highlight a piece of literature that they're trying to get feedback on. This month it is the Twelve and Twelve Book. They've added to chapters 2 & 6.

Translation Committee

Not present, no announcement made.

Sponsorship Committee (CSPC)

David

• The “Long Distance Sponsorship and Recovery Support” program works to provide Sponsors, Co-sponsors, Recovery Partners, and Temporary Sponsors to those who cannot get a sponsor in their area. The committee also develops draft literature in coordination with the Literature Committee. David is also working to update the Sponsorship Committee pages on the FWS website.

David is leaving the committee this month and looking for a replacement. Contact David or the CSPC if you are interested in the committee.

Prison Outreach Committee (POC)

Trudie

- SLAA H&I (Hospitals and Institutions) is now a standing committee
- 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
- 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.

Trudie is stepping away the H&I Committee, but is available to pass the baton and information over to the committee. She passed a flyer of H&I service commitments. Vacant position are as follows: Chairperson, Vice Chairperson, Facility Liaison, Intergroup Rep/Treasurer, Mail Coordinator, Meeting Secretaries and Format Committee.

FWS ABM Delegates Announcement

Not present, no announcement made.

Old Business

Motion to send four delegates to the International Recovery Convention (IRC) August 7-9 was passed 34:0. The fees are as follows: \$102 per night for up to four people, which includes all meals plus an additional \$89 convention registration. Delegates elected for two years, alternate for two years. When someone drops out, we fill the remaining term with another delegate instead of a new 2 – year term. In addition to attending, there is a possibility of our delegates speaking at convention.

LA Intergroup's proposal to bring ABM/IRC was discussed. After much debate it was decided NOT to form a committee for proposal submission as the deadline is April 1. Due to time constraints and group interest, the motion was amended to form a committee to hold the ABS the next time around. Vote to formulate a committee for the convention in three years. Motioned passed 33:0.

New Business

- **Lisa C. requested funds for an additional night of lodging & single occupancy room for ABM due to travel and Journal Editor business. Motion passed 35:0. Lisa will take a Monday flight to ABM and get a single room.**
- **Glenn paid for the room at Denny's. Motion that Intergroup reimburse Glenn for space was passed 28:1.**
- **If Intergroup falls on holiday we meet the week before. Therefore, May's meeting will be held on May 3rd instead of May 10th in observance of Mother's Day.**

Meeting Adjourned: 1:50 PM

"We" Serenity Prayer to Close