

March 13, 2016

LA Intergroup SLAA —PO Box 945 Venice, CA 90294-0945

GENE (Chair) called the meeting to order: 12:30 - We version of serenity prayer.

-12 traditions

-Policy statements

-30 seconds of silence policy

-Voting policies read

- Timing

- Introductions & Donation announcements

- 35 Voting members counted

- 1 person/1 vote and reminder to keep announcements brief

- Welcome to New Intergroup representatives; explanation of donation procedure.

Literature order pick-up procedure, offered Intergroup Service Manuals (hard copies & online).

RECORD KEEPER - Hanne read minutes from last month's meeting.

Moved to approve. Seconded. Called to vote. **Minutes were approved** (34 votes).

BOTTOM LINE ANNOUNCEMENT (Suzanne)

- Instructions on how to request and receive copies of Bottom Lines
- Reminder to verify meeting information (meeting, name, contact information) on the list, or add if a new meeting.
- Standard announcements made

PHONE LINE ANNOUNCEMENT (David W.)

- 2 messages, 1 call about the translation committee, several people calling about wanting to observe meetings. Raised the question about closed meeting versus not closed. If a closed meeting, **please update information for the website**. Email the webmaster to update this information as soon as possible.

LITERATURE ANNOUNCEMENT (Greg)

- Introduced Intergroup Service Manual, given out for free

-Discount on Poetry Journals \$3.00 (down from \$4.00)

MAIL CLERK Announcement (Lynda)

- Donation from Woodland Hills 4pm meeting
- Journal from FWS for Sunday Morning Meeting
- Bottom Lines Return to Sender
- Flyers for workshop "Beginning Again in Recovery" organized by the Retreat Committee of the San Francisco / East Bay Fellowship

JOURNAL Announcement (Erica)

Out of journals. They have been ordered but have not yet arrived.

WEBSITE Announcement (Michael K.)

- "The LA Intergroup website, slaalosangeles.org is a great place to find information and resources for the recovering sex and love addict." It contains information about meetings, events, intergroup (including Intergroup meeting minutes, the intergroup service manual, officer email contact info, etc.), as well as other service opportunities.

- Please submit your flyers and info about meetings, events, etc to Michael, so they can be posted. (Please submit them via email to webmaster@slaalosangeles.org)

-Talent Show added to the website

- Flyer added for the April 29th Retreat entitled "Beginning Again in Recovery" in San Francisco

- Intergroup reps, please verify that your meeting info is correct/complete on the website. If changes are needed, **there is a form beneath the meeting list on the Current Meetings page** where you can submit change requests.

- Last month, 4607 visitors to the website and about 20 emails, including about 10 concerning information about meetings.

- Remember that Fellowship Wide Services has a website (slaafws.org) with information and resources for the entire fellowship.

WORKSHOPS & RETREATS Announcement (Tia)

- First half-day workshop of the year in 2016 at St. Basils (March 12th) was a success with 87 participants in attendance
- Next workshop is May 21st--Relationship with Self, God, and Others
- July 16 -- Cornerstones of Addiction--Dishonesty, Resentment and Fear
- September 17 -- Signs of Recovery.
- Flyer added for the April 29th Retreat entitled "Beginning Again in Recovery" in San Francisco

Please pass out flyers for retreats at meetings.

TREASURY Announcement (Sherri)

H&I Announcement: (Oliver)

-H&I meetings will take place once a month.

-The second H&I meeting happened on 2/22; Gity was elected treasurer.

-Next H&I committee meeting Monday the 28th at 7:30pm in Burbank

-H&I is looking for speakers on a panel **this Thursday** 3/17 in Pasadena at 7pm (**Contact Oliver**)

LITERATURE COMMITTEE Announcement (Lisa, Alexis)

Committee is still making decisions about process. Need people to read and give feedback for the meditation book. It will be quotes from conference approved literature and personal experiences, up to 200 words. Each day has a topic. Topics will include social media, prostitution, prison, co-addiction, and voyeurism.

Contact List with contributions.

“The Sober Surfer”—focus on internet addiction-- needs someone to take over the project, start the writing process

SPONSORSHIP COMMITTEE Announcement (Glenn S.)

- Trying to do outreach to people looking for sponsors

HEALTHY RELATIONSHIPS COMMITTEE announcement:

Healthy Relationships pamphlet—Alexis can email it to anyone who is interested

ABM Delegates (Glenn F, Glenn S, Dave, Suzanne)

-First agenda by email, by next intergroup there will be something to report

-Think about items to donate for ABM and IRC auctions Suzanne (items to auction might include: Los Angeles specific things--movie industry paraphernalia, items that have something to do with recovery, signed books, pottery, jewelry, tickets to the magic castle,

movie set items, scripts, signed posters, signed sports memorabilia). Collect before the ABM and IRC conferences in Boston in August.

NEW BUSINESS

Incorporate LA Intergroup (Lynda, Newell) to make a non-profit. First step would be to make it a corporation. Gene and Jennifer offered to help. Almost \$100,000 a year move through Intergroup every year—this would allow IG to get insurance for events, locations, retreats. IG can't take donations and have them be tax deductible because it's not an official organization.

Motion: (Newell) Create a committee to explore the options around making LA IG a corporation or non-profit

Motion seconded. Called to vote. 31 in favor. 0 opposed. **Motion carries.**

Motion (Lisa) IG to pay \$470 per delegate to go to IRC (International Recovery Convention) in Boston in August--\$200 per night for 2 nights stay at the Boston Hyatt. Delegates would volunteer for service positions at the conference (lead meetings, share in the 20 minutes shares, set up chairs, set up events, auction items). Delegates will offer to speak at meetings about their experience at the IRC.

To save money, delegates might be sharing rooms and cutting costs to either half or a quarter.

Motion seconded. Called to vote. 27 in favor. 2 opposed. **Motion carries.**

Motion (Greg) to start the IG meeting at noon instead of 12:30 to add an extra half hour of time for business.

Friendly amendment to start the meeting at 12:15. **Amendment not accepted**

Motion seconded. Called to vote. 9 in favor. 16 opposed. **Motion fails.**

Motion to start the meeting at 12pm selling literature, meeting start at 12:15

Motion seconded. Called to vote. 16 in favor. 11 opposed. **Motion passes.**

IG meeting now starts at 12:15. Arrive and purchase literature at 12pm.

Motion to extend the meeting for five minutes. **Motion passed.**

Talent Show (Michael) handed out flyers and tickets. \$10 till may 1st, then \$15

Misc. announcement (Newell)- seasonal beach meeting in Santa Monica is back starting April 1st on Friday evenings

Meeting Closed at 1:45pm

“We” version of the Serenity Prayer was observed to close the meeting.