

Sept. 11, 2016

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

Gene called the meeting to order: 12:15 PM

Serenity Prayer (“We” Version)

- Readings
 - 12 Traditions
 - Policies
 - 30-Second
 - Voting (Litu volunteered to count)
 - Timing
 - Timer (Heather volunteered)
 - Attendee Introductions. Welcome to the new representatives
- 30-second committee – Tia,

Chair Announcement (Gene)

Standard Announcement

Welcome to new IG representatives – informed about donations, literature orders, and voting

Intergroup Record Keeper Hanne

Read the minutes from last month.

VOTING MEMBERS PRESENT: 34. Minutes approved by a vote of 34. Minutes are posted on the website for intergroup reps to use for meeting reporting.

Bottom Line Announcement (Suzanne)

Standard announcement made.

Sheet voted on last month included.

Please fill out name (First name and Last initial/your address/Mtg representing) for Bottom lines to be sent to. Every mtg receives 10. Only indicate if you want extra and not for the initial 10.

Only 30 fit in 1 envelope. If you need more than that, please fill out an additional envelope.

List of meetings also passed around. Please check off your meeting and write your name on top of meeting name

Each meeting is entitled to 10 free copies each month, but may purchase an additional 10 for \$3.

Social Committee events to be include in the Bottom Lines?

Phone Line Announcement (David W)

3 people called. 13 hang ups, all from the same 2 numbers. 1 person asking for help finding a sponsor. 1 person asking if a meeting was cancelled for labor day. 1 person asking for format to start a meeting.

Literature Announcement (Greg)

Several literature orders not picked up.

Plastic bags are needed. Please bring in plastic bags.

Please make orders prior to mtg at SLAAlosangeles.org at least 24 hours prior to IG mtg.

Intergroup service books passed out to new IG reps.
Donations to FWS are low, there are pamphlets on the 60/40 way to be passed out or discussed in meetings.

Mailbox Announcements (Lynda)

Received hard copy of journals, some bottom lines return to sender. And a lot of junk. We do get letters, especially from people who are incarcerated.

The Journal Announcement Erica (Lisa filling in)

New journal is out: Sex and Love Addiction and PTSD

Standard announcement made.

Journal calendars are now available. Calendar comes with new subscribers (first 40 people to subscribe)

Step 6 journal available for \$5

For more info:

www.slaalosangeles.org/thejournal.htm

Website Announcement (Michael K)

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 flyers 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 meeting 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 submit form with corrections.

The workshop flyer for the Sept 17th Signs of Recovery Workshop was added to the website.

20th annual spiritual renewal and recovery retreat online.

2207 visitors to the website this month. Roughly 25 emails received this month, roughly 7 consisting of general mtg requests and 15 inquiries pertaining to meetings, 6 emails regarding intergroup related information.

FWS.org is a separate website with information pertaining to FWS.

Workshops & Retreats Announcement (Tia)

Signs of Recovery Workshop, Sat, Sept 17th, 1-5 pm, St Basils Church, Los Angeles. \$10 at the door.

Spiritual Renewal and Recovery Retreat, November 25th -27th, Serra Retreat Center, Malibu: For SLAA people only, **no pets**. Not a 'how to' retreat. Mainly meetings and sharing, really about "Letting go, letting god," and community. Big highlight: Sat afternoon is free time to walk on

beach, do yoga, womens/mens mtgs, etc. There is also a 25 Minute silent meditation at Sunset. Registration is open now. **Prices will go up in November, but usually retreat is filled up by then.** Confirmed about 35 people, there is space for 75-80 people.
Flyers passed around for both events

Treasurer Announcement (Shari B)

Standard announcement made.

Your name, mtg name, time and date should be on donation form

Money orders have to be made out to Augustine Fellowship

H&I Committee (Glenn S. filling in for Oliver)

H+I will meet next month at 2pm on the same date and at the same location as Intergroup and the room will be made available until 3:30 for the next three months.

Sponsorship Committee (Glen F)

The aim is to bring sponsorship to meetings and people around the world.

The committee is working to come up with new model. The objective is for FWS not to be held responsible for liability of sponsee/sponsor relationships.

FWS ABM Delegates Announcement (Suzanne, Glenn, Dave)

Follow up reports on ABM by Suzanne, Glenn and Dave.

Highlights:

Suzanne joined translation committee. Focusing on Polish Dutch and Spanish, looking to what is available in French. Non-conference approved Spanish version on the FWS site but it's not best quality, looking into hiring a professional translator to revise it.

Many items discussed including: All SLAA FWS literature be available in e-format was voted on and passed, but not passed by 2/3 majority so not binding

IRC: everything that was presented was taped (Key note speakers/special topic presentations).

Available for purchase on website on mp3 very soon

Can see Suzanne's report on the website.

Glenn and Dave also passed out reports on the ABM conference. They will be uploaded to the website.

Looking into recording peoples' shares (in different languages) to be listened to via app, also talking about doing a journal on diversity. Looking to support other Intergroups to support hospitals and institutions. Anyone who wants to assist in any way can contact any of these ABM delegates.

Rumor that FWS is in the red is not true. Less than last year but still in good shape. Almost 70% is from literature, not donations, they'd like to get that up to 40-50%. Trying to get a targeted donation for specific causes (ie. translate pamphlet into Swahili)

Safety in meetings, most controversial issue. They have something called a minority opinion.

Voted no the first time then passed, then failed again.

Re-elected the board of trustees (now 8 people) and added two more.

All speakers were recorded, you can go to FWS website to hear any of the workshops, etc.

All items will be uploaded to the intergroup site by the Webmaster for next month.

Literature Committee: Let literature reps know to contact Alexis (email on the bottom of bottom lines). Areas that don't have a liaison and are looking for editorial support- fantasy to reality; 12 and 12. Spread the word.

General announcements:

-Newell: We are not recognized by the IRS and we technically should be. How do we become a not for profit? Is that what we want to do? We should address the issue. What kind of business entity would we become? Once we start doing the paperwork we have to keep the momentum going, so we have to be careful about when we start so we are up to date. It looks like we do need to incorporate and Newell is going to provide a timeline by next month as to when we can do that.

-Saturday afternoon 4pm meeting "Answers in the Heart" in Santa Monica, in danger of closing down, very few members, please support.

-Beach meeting in Santa Monica is now starting an hour earlier.

Old Business –
No old business

New Meeting, Gratitude and Step 1,2,&3, Saturday, 6pm, Crossroads School, Santa Monica

Motion to close the meeting early. 18 for, 2 against, Motion passes. Meeting Adjourned: 1:20PM

"We" Serenity Prayer to Close