

March 12, 2017

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

Suzanne called the meeting to order: 12:18 PM

1. Serenity Prayer (“We” Version)
2. Reading of the 12 Traditions (Dirk)
3. Reading of policy statements
 - a. Updated 30 seconds of silence policy (David)
 - b. Reading of voting policy (David)
 - c. Reading of timer policy (David) (Robert volunteered as timer)
 - d. Request of volunteers for 3 person serenity committee (Colin, Carol, Michael)
 - e. Request of volunteer for vote counter (David)—32 voting members
4. Officer and Attendee Introductions
5. Officer & Committee Reports
 - a. Suzanne welcomed new IG Reps, explained literature orders
 - b. Record Keeper
 - i. Lituo read minutes from last meeting
 - ii. Vote to approve minutes: Approved with 35 votes
 - c. Bottom Line Editor
 - i. Matt
 1. Passed around check-in sheet for IG Reps to check in for meeting
 2. Passed around Bottom Line envelopes: put name and address on envelope, write meeting time and location on bottom of envelope, add \$3 per every extra 10 Bottom Lines desired per meeting (10 provided per meeting at no charge)
 3. Running low on envelopes, if there are no envelopes left, see Matt after meeting
 4. Any changes/additions to Bottom Line must go to Matt before first Wednesday of next month. His email is thebottomline@slaalosangeles.org
 - d. Phone Line
 - i. Lynda
 - ii. A few calls, 1 from SHARE Center in Culver City. In April they have Festival of Recovery with tables from different 12 Step fellowships. Lynda left a message but hasn’t heard back.
 - iii. Another caller wanted clarity on Friday PM men’s stag Pacific Palisades meeting. It is listed on Bottom Line but not on website.
 1. Michael: This meeting does not exist.
 - e. Treasurer
 - i. Dave
 1. Next month, both Sherri and I will be out of town, so Newell will sub for next month.
 2. If anyone has IG donations, please get them to me.
 - f. Literature
 - i. Kevin
 1. We are short of Anorexia 1, 2, 3 pamphlets.

- g. Mail Clerk
 - i. Carmen
 1. Last month there were advertisements, this month nothing.
- h. Journal Rep
 - i. Carol Ann and Lisa need to connect about the position.
 - ii. Lisa
 1. If you have answers to QotD due on 3/15 on 13th Stepping, turn them in to Carol Ann and me.
 2. We have new Journal themes. Journal Production Theme just voted on them. Next month we will have flyer on next year's new themes.
- i. Webmaster for SLAA Los Angeles IG Website
 - i. David W.
 1. www.slaalosangeles.org is great place to find info and resources for sex and love addict. It has information on how to contact IG officers and there is a contact form. Flyers, workshops, retreats, info about Journal and ABM. Contains IG meeting notes. Contains order forms for literature, Conference Committee opportunities, flyers, Journal info, ABM info.
 2. No stats for this month.
 3. If anyone wants info posted on website (meeting changes, flyers, events), contact David W. through website.
 4. Please use contact page to contact officers instead of using the email address directly in order to avoid spam. You can also send attachments.
 5. There was a question about the Manhattan Beach Tuesday night meeting.
 - a. Dave: It is active but small. Jennifer H. is the contact.
 6. Please have IG Rep or contact sign into the sheet that Matt (Bottom Line editor) is passing around.
 7. Working with Assistant Webmaster to get up to speed and take over some duties, by next month he may be reporting/taking over some duties.
- j. Workshops & Retreats
 - i. Chris
 1. More flyers for new workshop "New Beginnings: Steps 1, 2, 3" on Saturday, March 25, 2017 at 1:00 p.m. at St. Basil's Catholic Church. 1:00-5:00pm, check in at 12:30pm. \$10 registration at door. Free parking. It is on Wilshire and Harvard. Contact Glenn or Karma through flyer or on website.
- k. H&I Committee
 - i. Oliver: H&I Committee meeting is at 2:00pm today after IG meeting. H&I is Hospitals and Institutions. We currently have prison meetings and are trying to get panels started.
 - ii. Carol: I keep announcing if people want to get involved in H&I but do we have any updates?

- iii. Glenn S: We have 2 facilities interested in panels but haven't gotten back to me. One is in Long Beach, they have been trading calls. If anyone knows anyone in Long Beach interested in H&I, please see me or Oliver. The other place is in Pasadena. There is a lot of fear about the term "sex and love addict" in rehab facilities. The counselors fear that once we start talking about sex, people will have more sex. Please be cautious about when you speak about it to a facility, approach them gingerly and refer to me.
- iv. David: Do you want an H&I webpage/flyer?
 - 1. Oliver said yes.
- l. Social Committee
 - i. Dirk: As far as I know, it has disbanded.
- m. Conference Committee Announcements
 - i. Literature Committee (CLC Conduit)
 - 1. Lisa
 - a. The CLC reads draft literature and gets draft literature conference-approved and helps people make that happen.
 - b. Last month, we had a conference call where we approved 4 pieces of literature for the ABM. See ABM appendix on website.
 - i. Companion to Chapter 4
 - ii. Healthy Relationships pamphlet
 - 1. It is now closed
 - iii. Step questions workbook
 - iv. Meditation book
 - 1. Reading meeting conference call every week at 5pm on Sundays—we want feedback. Anyone can make changes and I will send Google doc link. We will have weekly conference calls until we finish 365 entries.
 - c. On FWS website, see "Committee Corner."
 - d. Drafts will probably be available on third ABM agenda.
 - ii. Long Distance Sponsorship Committee
 - 1. Glenn F.
 - a. We are making forward motion on the committee.
 - b. In Los Angeles, we have 60+ meetings to choose from. In other cities and states, they have one meeting a week or have to drive to another city or country. It is hard to get a sponsor.
 - c. People would file requests to FWS which would then trickle down to LDSC.
 - d. Trying a new methodology where we are creating a new list, still running this by FWS and legal department because there are liability concerns.
 - e. If you are interested in participating in the LDSC, please see me and we can put you on this list eventually.

- iii. Healthy Relationships Committee
 - 1. Suzanne
 - a. If someone has contacted me through the contact form, have them check their spam.
 - b. On the 26th, 27th or 28th we have to submit pamphlet to ABM.
 - c. Next month, I will send around a sheet for people to put their emails down and I will send you a final draft copy.
 - d. Prior to ABM, I will ask for feedback and then we can give ABM feedback as IG. We really want the feedback.
 - e. The 4:30pm Saturday Healthy Relationships meeting has provided a lot of feedback.
 - f. Carol: Has it been submitted?
 - i. Lisa: The CLC approved it as a motion to submit it at the ABM.
 - ii. Suzanne: At ABM, we can do pros and cons about using it as official literature.
- iv. Translation Committee
 - 1. Suzanne
 - a. We now have a Google group for Spanish translation, I added 4 people.
 - b. We got a Spanish version for Chapters 4 and 5.
 - c. If anyone passed on a name for translation, have them check their spam.
- v. H&I Committee
 - 1. Glenn S.
 - a. We want to create page on FWS website that tells other areas how to create an H&I committee.
- vi. Diversity Committee
 - 1. Glenn S.
 - a. We are writing a statement of diversity for this fellowship based on the 3rd Tradition.
 - b. We are putting together a motion to create an app to share recordings to create an audio share library. If anyone is interested, see me. You can call in once a month on a conference call.
- n. ABM Delegate announcements/updates
 - i. Dave
 - 1. Copies of motions are now available on FWS website.
 - ii. Glenn F
 - 1. Once the final ABM agenda is approved, it would be good for ABM delegates to get packet of motions back to IG for feedback since Los Angeles is largest or second largest group of meetings.
 - 2. All delegates should be booking flights and arranging rooms.
 - 3. Raffle may allow delegate to win free registration, I won last year.
 - iii. Glenn S

1. There is an auction that we do in Boston in July, so if you have anything that you think would be of interest to a sex and love addict, please donate it to a delegate.
2. Suzanne: We accept anything.

6. Old Business

a. Suzanne

- i. Speaker seeker list position needs to be filled.
- ii. Jessica created and read requirements
 1. Use following list format: name, phone, email, header of 2017, "LA IG Speakers List." Jessica provided example and you can pass these around for changes.
 2. Distribution of blank list, once approved, blank copies of list will be distributed by officer to IG reps for distribution at meetings.
 3. Master list will have same format as individual meeting list and will be housed on spreadsheet held by officer.
 4. Master list will only be released by officer and upon request.
 5. Officer contact info will be on website and Bottom Line.
 6. Once master list compiled, distribution of list will be updated at least once a year.
- iii. Glenn
 1. Sobriety requirement? And also is this a voting position?
 2. Can we make an addendum—add column for "willing to speak at H&I panels?"
- iv. Someone nominated Jessica, seconded.
- v. Move to close nominations, seconded.
 1. For: 37
 2. Against: ?
 3. Nominations closed.
- vi. Call to Vote
 1. For: 41
 2. Against: ?
 3. Jessica was voted in as our new speaker seeker list keeper.
- vii. Christina
 1. What is recommended sobriety date for asking a speaker to speak?
 - a. Carmen: Each meeting is autonomous.
 2. Suzanne: The sobriety date wasn't a requirement, it was just for information. The person who calls the speaker can verify.
- viii. Paul
 1. Instead of sobriety date, can it be "time in program"?
- ix. Suzanne: Any other questions about the position, see Jessica after meeting.
- x. David: Do you want page on website and downloadable form? Email address for officer position?
 1. Jessica: (edited: Yes)
 2. David: Do you want explanation for intended use on the website?
 3. Glenn S: Can we sort this out later?

7. New Business

- a. Tia: Motion to create suggestions for filling commitment roles on a meeting level. The suggestion would provide position descriptions and the suggested time requirements for each role. Since meetings should remain autonomous, it is up to each one through majority rule, as to whether the suggestions are used. The suggestions can be printed and distributed to current secretaries via the meeting's IG rep. A link will also be available on our website as an aid for each meeting. Additionally, the link could include downloadable suggestions for IG and FWS donations, prudent reserves and a unison treasury ledger.
 - i. FRIENDLY AMENDMENT Ken: We put a reference on the SLAA LA website re: starting a new meeting to the two sources—to the FWS source and the chapter in the SLAA book.
 - 1. Tia: Accepted.
 - ii. Call to Vote, seconded
 - 1. For: 33
 - 2. Against: 0
 - 3. Motion passes.
- b. Late coming motions
 - i. Bottom Line editor to maintain meeting list. This has already passed a few months ago.
 - ii. Newell: (This motion passed) The BL newsletter will be distributed at the IG meeting instead of being mailed.
 - 1. New IG Rep: Why is it mailed?
 - a. Suzanne: Because it includes the next month and includes info from the IG meeting for this month.
 - b. Matt: It wouldn't be a month behind.
 - 2. Glenn F: How much do we spend on mailing?
 - a. Matt: \$60-110.
 - 3. Suzanne: Sometimes they will mail it for you, some post offices will give you stamps to put on the envelopes. After editing, printing, and putting it in the envelopes, you have to spend a lot of time.
 - 4. Lynda: How much time is spent stuffing envelopes?
 - a. Matt: 1-2 hours. Editing process took 5 hours this last time.
 - 5. Robert: How long does it take?
 - a. Matt: I have to mail them out by the 22nd or the 25th.
 - 6. FRIENDLY AMENDMENT Paul: If this motion carries, to say "March /April 2017" instead of "April 2017."
 - a. Newell: Accepted amendment. I would be ok with it saying March as well.
 - b. FRIENDLY AMENDMENT David: We could include a publish date.
 - 7. Newell: As far as my motion, we can talk about it at a group level but I'm also ok with the Bottom Line editor making a decision about that.
 - 8. FRIENDLY AMENDMENT Glenn S: Is it possible to consider that if someone isn't represented here, we can mail them out?

- a. Newell: If they don't come in, they don't get them now.
 - 9. Call to vote
 - a. For: 32
 - b. Against: 0
 - c. Motion passes.
- 8. Treasurer Final Report: from Dave
 - a. Haven't gotten all coins in yet, but without that (which is prob \$10):
 - b. Donations: \$2310
 - c. Literature sales: \$1806
- 9. Announcements for Good of the Order
 - a. Suzanne: Made an announcement for the convention in Poland May 12-14. They are looking for speakers (in English) for the convention.
- 10. "We" version of Serenity Prayer