

April 9, 2017

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

David (filling in for Suzanne) called the meeting to order: 12:15 PM

1. Serenity Prayer (“We” Version)
2. Reading of the 12 Traditions
3. Reading of policy statements
  - a. Updated 30 seconds of silence policy (did not have this month but David summarized) (Serenity committee volunteers: Carol, Colin, Dirk)
  - b. Reading of voting policy (David)
  - c. Reading of timer policy (David) (Timer volunteer: Robert)
4. Officer and Attendee Introductions
  - a. Newell announced new Westside meeting: Mondays at 7:30am “It’s Gonna Be A Great Week!”
  - b. Glenn S. announced Men’s Jail meetings attendance this month: 52 people total, 22 newcomers
5. Officer & Committee Reports
  - a. Request of volunteer for vote counter (Gene)—35 voting members
  - b. David welcomed new IG Reps. (Intergroup Service Manual) IGSM is available at literature table and on website. 60/40 Rule pamphlet. IG meeting minutes available online.
  - c. Record Keeper
    - i. Lituo read minutes from last meeting
    - ii. Vote to approve minutes: Approved with 31 votes (no “no” votes)
  - d. Bottom Line Editor
    - i. Matt
      1. New IG Reps come see me
      2. You get 10 BL per meeting, if you want 10 extra, give me \$3
      3. I also have check-in sheet
      4. Passed around check-in sheet for IG Reps to check in for meeting
  - e. Phone Line
    - i. Lynda
    - ii. A few calls
      1. Wednesday Malibu meeting needs support
    - iii. Trying to catch up with extra calls today
  - f. Literature
    - i. Nik
      1. Please pick up your order, we have 6 left
      2. We are out of order forms
  - g. Treasurer
    - i. Newell
      1. Thank you for donations and for trading in small bills for large bills
      2. If anyone has IG donations, please get them to me.
      3. Glenn F. is assisting this month
  - h. Mail Clerk

- i. Carmen
  - 1. We have 4 pieces of mail that I will distribute.
- i. Journal Rep
  - i. Lisa
    - 1. Journal is our bimonthly meeting in a magazine, has stories from members. Available at [www.slaafws.org](http://www.slaafws.org).
    - 2. Journal QotD: How do you recognize signs that a person is not available? How to make yourself more available to others in a healthy way? Answers due May 15.
      - a. Carol: Whole list of Journal questions for 2017 is available on website.
    - 3. The Journal newsletter sends out announcements, anyone can sign up. See Lisa.
    - 4. We have Journals for sale for \$4. This month is “Letting go of the outcome—easier said than done.”
  - j. Webmaster for SLAA Los Angeles IG Website
    - i. David W.
      - 1. [www.slaalosangeles.org](http://www.slaalosangeles.org) is great place to find info and resources for the recovering sex and love addict. It has Journal list of themes and questions, QotD, Bottom Lines, meeting list in PDF and html, service opportunities on conference committees, events, flyers, ABM info. [www.slaafws.org](http://www.slaafws.org) is our main website for the whole fellowship.
      - 2. March 2017 statistics: 4,118 visitors and 69 emails. 2 emails requesting info.
      - 3. If anyone wants info posted on website (meeting changes, new meetings, flyers, events, website questions or comments), contact David W. through website. <http://www.slaalosangeles.org/contact>
      - 4. “Starting a new meeting” page on website has been updated.
      - 5. Volunteer speaker list will have its own page with downloadable forms to take to your meeting for people to volunteer as speakers, hopefully will be done by next IG.
        - a. Will be available in hard copy at literature table next month.
      - 6. If “meeting needs support” on current meeting list, it means attendance is flagging and people are encouraged to attend and make announcements at their meetings asking more people to go.
      - 7. New officers should contact themselves via the contact form to test it, please let David know if it does/doesn’t work.
  - k. Workshops & Retreats
    - i. Chris
      - 1. “New Beginnings: Steps 1, 2, 3” on Saturday, March 25, 2017 at 1:00 p.m. at St. Basil’s Catholic Church: Our first workshop had wonderful turnout. Final count was 87 attendees.
      - 2. Flyers for new Saturday May 27, 2017 “Signs of Recovery” workshop.

1. 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.
    1. If you are interested in prison meetings, talk to Glenn S. or Mark R.
- m. Social Committee
  - i. Dirk: Social Committee is talking about doing something internet-based. No recent activity.
- n. Conference Committee Announcements
  - i. Literature Committee (CLC Conduit)
    1. Lisa
      - a. CLC tries to get literature approved at the ABM. Currently we have 3-4 items on ABM agenda.
      - b. Current projects:
        - i. Step questions workbook
        - ii. Companion to Chapter 4
        - iii. Healthy relationships pamphlet
        - iv. Revised 40 questions pamphlet, which is one of our core documents
        - v. SLAA meditation book (contains shares, affirmations, and basic text quotes)
          1. This is an item for discussion at the ABM, so whatever comments the fellowship has are shared
          2. We have conference call every week Sunday at 5pm
    2. David
      - a. Plugged CLC, need more volunteers
      - b. The way we get literature that is sold at the literature table is via the CLC
  - ii. Long Distance Sponsorship Committee
    1. Glenn F.
      - a. Sponsorship Committee also works on literature, if you are interested see me.
      - b. We are working on new model of long distance sponsorship
        - i. Want to compile list of names of people who are willing to be long distance sponsors to be posted on FWS website and also local SLAA website. Need clearance from legal department and FWS.
      - c. Still responding to people who are making requests for long distance sponsorship.
      - d. Any individual can long distance sponsor anyone else on their own, just not through the IG/FWS at this point. Long distance sponsorship is encouraged on an individual level.

- iii. Translation Committee
        - 1. David
          - a. If you want to help translate literature into other languages, contact the CTC through FWS website.
    - o. ABM Delegate announcements/updates
      - i. Glenn F
        - 1. We have ABM flyers available on chairs and it is also on the FWS website at [www.slaafws.org/ABMinfo](http://www.slaafws.org/ABMinfo)
        - 2. ABM is happening in Framingham, MA.
        - 3. Los Angeles sends 4 delegates to represent LA IG.
        - 4. Final agenda has not been released yet, but once it is, ABM delegates will bring ABM agenda to IG meeting to get input on how we want them to vote.
      - ii. Glenn S
        - 1. ABM H&I Committee
          - a. We are trying to use the model used in Los Angeles to create a format so people can start H&I in other areas
        - 2. ABM Diversity Committee
          - a. We try to see how to apply the 4<sup>th</sup> Tradition in a greater way—using diversity to support our fellowship. We are working on creating a speaker share library available for download on website or as an app. Shares will be in different languages. We are also doing writing projects that will be channeled through Literature Committee.
        - 3. If either committee sounds interesting, see Glenn S for conference call information.
        - 4. I have been sponsoring someone long distance from Ireland for the last 7-8 months who will be speaking at a meeting here soon.
      - iii. Michael
        - 1. Since last IG, I joined Diversity Committee and am providing IT technical assistance
      - iv. Glenn F.
        - 1. May is “Gratitude Month” (which FWS does twice per year). For a meeting I attend, they do a second pass for FWS donations only for Gratitude Month. FWS is our main office located in Texas and the donations help pay for ABM, activities, literature. You can bring a motion at your meeting.
6. Old Business
  - a. David
    - i. Send the secretary an email through the [slaalosangeles.org](http://slaalosangeles.org) contact page if you want a copy of the Healthy Relationships pamphlet draft, please do not post on any public websites
    - ii. There is a page about online and telephone meetings on our website (on the menu, under “meetings”). See [www.slaaonline.org](http://www.slaaonline.org) which is an IRC meeting.

- iii. Our IGSM needs an update which is the responsibility of the copier.
  - 1. Diane: I will go on the website and look at the old IG minutes.
- 7. New Business
  - a. None
- 8. Announcements for Good of the Order
  - a. Nik: Made announcement of a literature order that needs to be picked up
  - b. Robert: The phone meetings were helpful to me personally and could use the support of people from Los Angeles and are available on the FWS website
  - c. Matt: There are 8 meetings that have not collected Bottom Lines, read off the list of meetings
- 9. Treasurer Final Report: from Newell
  - a. Roughly we took in \$920.15 in IG, \$302.65 in FWS
  - b. David
    - i. Treasurer's reports are also available on the SLAA LA website
- 10. "We" version of Serenity Prayer