

July 9, 2017

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

Suzanne called the meeting to order: 12:20 PM

1. Serenity Prayer (“We” Version)
2. Reading of the 12 Traditions (Jake)
3. Reading of policy statements
 - a. Updated 30 seconds of silence policy (Elizabeth) (Serenity committee volunteers: Michael, Kirsten, Rachel)
 - b. Reading of voting policy (Elizabeth) (Vote counter: Christina) – 56 voting members
 - c. Reading of timer policy (Elizabeth) (Timer volunteer: Tia)
4. Officer and Attendee Introductions
 - a. Newell – Santa Monica Friday beach meeting time has been corrected on the Bottom Line
5. Officer & Committee Reports
 - a. We welcomed new IG Reps. Suzanne explained IGSM (Intergroup Service Manual) is available at literature table for free if you don’t already have one. IG is strictly a business meeting. Explained Annual Business Meeting. Dave announced agendas are available at the table up front.
 - 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. Each meeting is entitled to 10 free copies of the Bottom Line which contains IG updates and new meeting info and meeting list
 2. For new meetings to get on meeting list on BL and on website, the IG Rep has to attend 2 consecutive IG meetings and get FWS number for meeting
 3. Bottom Lines are available up front
 4. For extras, \$3 per 10 extra. Money goes to treasury for more Bottom Lines.
 5. Sorry for slow corrections
 6. If you run out in the middle of the month, email bottomline@slaalosangeles.org and I can give you extras
 - d. Meeting Registrar
 - i. Christina
 1. The clipboard is going around
 2. If you are a temporary IG rep, please mark it on the list
 3. I have called FWS to get info on how to get individual meetings registered with FWS
 - e. Speaker Seeker List Keeper
 - i. Jessica A.
 1. Passed out lists last month to take to meetings, please give them back to me or we can meet around Pasadena

2. I will bring more blank lists to the next IG meeting and it is also available on the website on the “volunteer speakers list” page under “service”
- f. Phone Line
 - i. Lynda
 1. 1 hang up and a few people to call back
 - g. Literature
 - i. Kevin
 1. I have free IG Service Manuals
 2. Literature person at meeting will put in order online, no later than Friday before IG but you can also put in order at the meeting but it takes more time
 3. Please pick up your orders if you have not already
 - h. Treasurer
 - i. Sherry
 1. The process is to meet with meeting treasurer to get donation to IG and some meetings also opt to donate to FWS. The IG Rep brings the donation to IG and it gets counted and you get a receipt.
 - i. Mail Clerk
 - i. Carmen
 1. Mail came for the treasurer
 - j. Journal Rep
 - i. Lisa (subbing for Carol Ann)
 1. New Journal theme: 13th Stepping
 2. Journal is bimonthly meeting in a magazine, has stories written by and for SLAA members, \$4 per issue.
 3. Each Journal has a theme and a Question of the Day
 4. This month’s Question of the Day is “How, when, why do you pray? Please share your ESH with prayers.” Due July 15. Please see me after the meeting.
 5. We just finished a focus on Sober Dating booklet from articles from the past 10 years of the Journal. This is not available as a print edition yet but are soliciting emails saying they want to see it in print. The e-Journal version is available at slaafws.org. See me with questions. It is \$5.
 - k. Webmaster for SLAA Los Angeles IG Website
 - i. David
 1. www.slaalosangeles.org is great place to find info and resources for the recovering sex and love addict. It contains a list of current and new meetings, IG meeting notes, IGSM, literature order forms, info about service opportunities on conference committes, flyers for new meetings and events, info about Journal subscriptions and QotD and info about ABM, downloadable meeting lists, BL meeting and event flyers.

2. June 2017 statistics: 3224 visitors and 69 emails. 1 email requesting info. Website was up more than 99% of the time. 1 outages totaling 1 minute.
 3. If anyone wants info posted on website (meeting changes, new meetings, flyers, events, website questions or comments), contact David W. through website. www.slaalosangles.org/contact
 4. Completed recently: H&I webpage under service tab. Created volunteer Speaker List webpage under “Service” tab
 5. Forgot to update IG meeting date today but will update for next meeting after this meeting.
 6. If you have a new meeting, you must attend 2 IG meetings in a row and sign in with the Meeting Registrar, then you will be moved from new meetings to Current Meetings list on BL and on website. Also send an email updating us with the new meeting info.
 7. IGSM is also downloadable on website.
1. Workshops & Retreats
 - i. Chris
 1. Next workshop is next Saturday July 15, 2017 “In All Areas of Our Lives” half day workshop from 1-5pm, check-in is at 12:30pm and \$10 at the door. Passed out flyers. Please tell your meetings that there is a \$10 fee as we use it to pay for rent. We will start promptly at 1pm. The workshop is 4 meetings in one day. Parking is available off of Harvard and is free. If someone tells you you can’t park there, find one of us and we will talk to them. There is contact info on the flyer and you can reach me on the website.
 - ii. Glenn
 1. Over Thanksgiving weekend there is a retreat, it is our 21st year at the Serra Retreat Center and it is very well attended. Will probably be sold out by October. The flyer will be available on the website soon (within 2 weeks). People who have been there before will have a priority in registration. Please announce at your meeting and look on the website. Registration fee has gone up slightly. Shared room approx. \$240 and single room \$300. We will likely close registration at the beginning of November. The registration will start as soon as the flyer goes out. Cannot bring pets. You must ID as a SLA.
 - m. H&I Committee
 - i. Jessica (subbing for Oliver): H&I Committee meetings after this meeting at 2pm, stay after if you want to join. We are working on getting into a couple rehabs. If you are interested in being in jail meeting/panel, you must fill out application. See one of us for the application.
 - n. Social Committee
 - i. Jeannie: I need to get a motion passed for flyer reimbursement if the Social Committee is to continue.
 - o. Conference Committee Announcements
 - i. Conference Journal Committee

- ii. Literature Committee
 - 1. Lisa
 - a. ABM is in two weeks and we are asking FWS to print 4 pieces of literature
 - b. Each delegate should have read appendix on FWS website to vote on at ABM
 - c. We also have SLAA Meditation book that we are asking the conference to discuss and we're asking the fellowship to participate in making this conference-approved, we hold a conference call every week on Sunday 5pm. The meditation book is having a meeting at the ABM that we are asking the LA IG reps to attend.
- iii. Long Distance Sponsorship Committee
 - 1. Lisa filling in for Glenn
 - a. They are renaming the committee to the "Sponsorship Committee." They have been having problems with liability. They are discussing having a conference call.
- iv. Steps, Traditions and Concepts Committee
 - 1. Dave
 - a. This committee could use more support, see me after the meeting
- v. Healthy Relationships Committee
 - 1. Suzanne
 - a. We are asking for approval for the healthy relationships pamphlet
 - b. If any meetings have read through the Healthy Relationships pamphlet and you want to support this piece of literature becoming published, please vote: 15 yes votes, 0 no votes.
 - c. The draft is available on the website, see Lisa if you want to find it
 - d. Pamphlets has items from our big book, we removed personal stories (but these might go into a booklet or part 2). Includes list of healthy vs unhealthy attributes of a relationship. Many locations don't have many meetings and literature is all they have.
 - e. Dave: The Steps, Traditions and Concepts committee has read the pamphlet and didn't find it objectionable.
 - f. David: I make a motion that we as an IG endorse the pamphlet based on having 15 yes votes and having 0 no votes and send the recommendation at ABM.
 - i. In favor: 41
 - ii. Against: 0
 - iii. Motion passed. LA IG will make an announcement at ABM that LA IG supports this document.
- vi. Translation Committee

1. Suzanne
 - a. We have 7 members in a Google group working on Spanish translation. Trying to decide if they want to revise what we have or start fresh.
- vii. Diversity Committee
 1. Michael
 - a. Our motion for a speaker app was denied because there will be a separate SLAA app. Glenn was going to submit a separate motion for a SLAA library/database.
 - b. To join the committee, send an email or join the call. Go to slaafws.org “Committee” tab and they can send an email to request to join the committee.
6. Old Business
 - a. Newell
 - i. The “task force” for researching how IG can be incorporated and/or apply for nonprofit status.
 - ii. We met with Willy Williams, an accountant and tax preparer who has experience working with DA and other 12 step programs. His breakdown:
 1. Process to incorporate: 3 mos-1 year to get formal IRS recognition
 2. Setup process: \$2500 (fees for applications, and service fees for him)
 3. Ongoing: \$3000/year to pay bookkeeper and CPA
 - iii. We are meeting with other people as well to get additional information and prepare a comparison.
 - iv. What are benefits of being a nonprofit?
 1. Newell: Liability issues, we have a bank account that is not protected and has no insurance. We have money that comes through the fellowship (\$20k for retreat). Likely will not have to pay taxes as a nonprofit but currently we are in the “grey zone.” There would be more oversight if we had a bookkeeper and an accountant. We would need to come up with a bylaw structure for IG. As for sales tax, we would probably end up having to pay tax to the state (not federal). Also have a prudent reserve. There are other fellowships (OA and DA) that have done this. Not aware that there are other Intergroups that have done this but I will contact FWS to ask. Committee members are Lynda, Newell, Carmen, and Gene.
 2. Suzanne: There are meeting locations such as Plummer Park that won’t rent to us because we’re not a nonprofit. FWS is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit. There is a lot of money coming through and no accountability.
 - v. I am available after the meeting for questions.
 7. New Business
 - a. Lanie:
 - i. Newcomers (in individual meetings) are being pressured to take service positions, many times at their very first meeting. It is ok to just be new and

take it in, having the courage to show up is enough. Motion is to have text in the Bottom Lines to this effect.

ii. No second.

b. Lanie:

i. Motion is to have formalized recommendation from IG to help guide meetings through the service position election process. A suggested protocol/guideline.

ii. Seconded.

iii. Lisa: There is a “new meeting” packet on FWS website if you sign up for a number. If the group has never bought it before, they can get it.

1. Rachel: This packet has a meeting format and suggested readings, but does not include how to run elections or get service positions filled.

iv. Call to vote

1. In favor: 3

2. Opposed: 31

3. Motion fails.

8. Treasurer Final Report:

a. Sherry

i. \$1205 for IG, \$448 for FWS

ii. \$6.75 for H&I

iii. \$1194.85 literature

9. “We” version of Serenity Prayer