

September 10, 2017

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

Suzanne called the meeting to order: 12:15 PM

1. Serenity Prayer (“We” Version)
2. Reading of the 12 Traditions (Bryant)
3. Reading of policy statements
 - a. Updated 30 seconds of silence policy (Carol) (Serenity committee volunteers: Gene, Carol, Ruthanne)
 - b. Reading of voting policy (Ruthann) (Vote counter: Gene/Christina) – 41 voting members
 - c. Reading of timer policy (Scott) (Timer volunteer: James)
4. Officer and Attendee Introductions
5. Officer & Committee Reports
 - a. Suzanne explained IG is where we vote and donate to IG/FWS. Introduce yourself and your position/meeting you represent. Keep announcements to 2 minutes max. We will time announcements to be 2 minutes. We went around and did introductions.
 - i. Newell announced that Friday Santa Monica 11th Step by the Sea meeting is starting at 6pm for the last 3 weeks, not 6:30pm
 - b. Record Keeper
 - i. Lituo read minutes from last meeting
 - ii. Vote to approve minutes: Approved with 43 votes
 - c. Bottom Line Editor
 - i. Matt
 1. Will not be here for the next Intergroup meeting, needs someone to print and bring them to next IG meeting. Diane volunteered. Also need to leave early during meeting. Christina volunteered to take remaining Bottom Lines.
 2. I still have a lot of Bottom Lines left. Do not take extra unless you give \$3 for each extra 10 copies.
 - d. Meeting Registrar
 - i. Christina
 1. Have not coordinated with Newell to register meetings with FWS yet.
 - e. Speaker Seeker List Keeper
 - i. Jessica A.
 1. If you have a speaker list filled out from your meeting, please give it back to me. Please ask people at your meeting if they would like to be on the IG speaker list. They can put their name on the list or send Jessica their info directly thru contact page on website.
 2. I will not be here next month. Please hold onto filled out lists until November IG meeting.
 - f. Phone Line
 - i. Lynda
 1. No announcements, I am listening to messages and will return call.
 - g. Literature
 - i. Kevin
 1. Everyone picked up literature this month. Please put your orders in early.

- h. Treasurer
 - i. Shari
 1. We will pass out receipts and will give final report at the end.
 2. We made a donation to FWS of \$4,323.46.
- i. Mail Clerk
 - i. Carmen
 1. We have mail.
- j. Journal Rep
 - i. Kirsten
 1. New Journal booklets have been released: 6th Step booklet, Anorexia, Sober dating. Passed out flyers for the booklets.
 2. Share Space articles are wanted for the Journal. 500-2000 words. Can submit online.
 3. New Journal is available—topic is Prayer. \$4 per issue.
 4. QotD deadline next weekend re: finding support with mental illness, question is still pending and is due 9/15/17. Next QotD is on H&I: Have you ever been incarcerated or hospitalized because of your sex and love addiction? Please share your ESH.
- 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 committees, H&I committee, volunteer speaker list info, flyers for new meetings and events, info about Journal subscriptions and QotD and info about ABM, downloadable meeting lists, BL meeting and event flyers, contact any of the IG officers through the website.
 2. If anyone wants info posted on website (meeting changes, new meetings, flyers, events, website questions or comments), contact David W. through website. www.slaalosanggles.org/contact
 3. August 2017 statistics: 9636views, 3330 visitors. 97 emails, 1 requesting program info. Website had 31 outages totaling 5 hours. Up more than 99% of the time. Last month renewed domain with GoDaddy. Updated email addresses for meeting registrar and Journal rep. If you are new to a position, please go to contact page and send yourself an email and make sure it gets forwarded to you.
 4. Current Meetings page doesn't display right on mobile devices.
 5. Anyone with issues please see me.
- l. Workshops & Retreats
 - i. Chris
 1. Next workshop is next Saturday September 16, 2017 “Relationship with Self” half day workshop from 1-5pm, check-in is at 12:30pm and \$10 at the door. Parking is \$10 in the lot. See me with questions.
 2. Passed out flyers.

- m. H&I Committee
 - i. Oliver:
 - 1. Monthly meeting is after this meeting today at 2pm in this room. H&I is Hospital and Institutions. We oversee and hold meetings at prisons and do panels in treatment centers.
- n. Social Committee
 - i. Dave
 - 1. Talked to Jeannie and the group is not active, it is not an IG committee.
- o. Conference Literature Committee Conduit
 - i. Lisa
 - 1. Meditation book reading meeting almost done for entire year. We will suspend the reading meeting in 2 weeks until May.
 - 2. Got 2 letters from Board of Trustees at FWS level saying we should not distribute draft literature unless you are sure you want to get feedback from people. Looking into doing it the AA way where they have a set group of people commenting and giving feedback on draft literature. Any draft literature is intellectual property of FWS/Board of Trustees. We discussed the ABM vote on the step questions workbook, a few members of the committee were upset with the way it was handled. Step questions workbook is up for approval at next year's ABM.
 - a. Voted to approve at the first vote, then heard the minority opinion, there was a friendly amendment and motion to table, then a motion that it wasn't the group conscience.
 - b. Redoing the "dating plan" section and open to friendly amendment to take out dating plan supplement.
 - 3. There is still at SLAA 12 & 12 Committee that has a Google doc they are working on, I can give you info if you want to participate.
- p. Steps Traditions and Concepts Committee
 - i. Dave
 - 1. Working on a document for concepts, up to concept 11.
- q. Sponsorship Committee
 - i. Glen F.
 - 1. What Sponsorship committee tries to do is make sponsorship available to people who don't have ready access. We had our first phone meeting last month on topic of sponsorship. After phone meeting we will have fellowship time for number exchange/seek sponsors. This is a once monthly call on 4th Monday of month. If interested, contact me.
- r. Retreats
 - i. Glen
 - 1. The Thanksgiving retreat is pretty much full, will be full by Wed or Thurs. After it fills up, I will start receiving checks and number them. I have a wait list. Please announce that if you still want to register, send in a check and you will be waitlisted. There are about 61 rooms filled.

6. Old Business
 - a. Newell
 - i. Nonprofit “task force”—spoke with 1 person this month who was not willing to help set SLAA up with IRS, gave us an attorney referral and looking for other CPA/bookkeeper contacts. The person who we spoke with said even if we didn’t have to file taxes we might have to file returns for previous years. It is possible that we might need to pay taxes for the time we weren’t nonprofit but going forward after we acquire nonprofit status, we won’t have to pay.
 - b. Diane
 - i. IG Service Manual update: Thanks to all who have emailed me with updated service position descriptions. I will have updated IGSM next month.
7. New Business
 - a. Christina
 - i. Motion to strike the following text from new meeting description for Sunday 10am SLAA people of color meeting: “Exploring the intersections of racism and sex and love addiction”; “Statement of safety for people of color meetings: This meeting is for people of color only”; “For anyone who does not fall into any of those categories, we ask if you are in need of a meeting, please seek one of the nearly 50+ in the LA county area. We hope you find an appropriate meeting and keep coming back to the program.”
 1. Motion is to change the wording of the meeting and if that doesn’t happen, to remove the group from the meeting list (described distinction between “groups” and “meetings” in AA)
 2. Motion was withdrawn because the meeting is closed and will be removed from the meeting list.
 - b. Newell
 - i. Motion to provide Anorexia startup packet to new anorexia focus meetings.
 1. Vote:
 - a. For: 39
 - b. Against: 0
 - c. Motion passes.
 2. See Christina, Newell, or Kevin if you need literature for new meetings.
8. Treasurer’s Final Report
 - a. IG: \$1157.05
 - b. FWS: \$329.00
 - c. H&I: \$10.00
 - d. Literature: \$1142.50
9. Motion to close meeting
 - a. For: 34
 - b. Against: 1
 - c. Motion passed.
10. “We” version of Serenity Prayer