

SLAA LOS ANGELES IG MINUTES – MARCH 8TH, 2020

1) 12:15 MEETING COMES TO ORDER

- a) We version of the serenity prayer

2) READINGS:

- a) Twelve Traditions - Katie
 - i) 30 seconds of silence policy - Steve
 - (1) Volunteers: Sirah, Katie, Sonia
- b) Voting Policy (read by Steve)
 - (1) Volunteer: Drew
- c) Timer Policy
 - (1) Volunteer: Troy
- d) Attendee Introductions
 - i) The usual. Go around the room. Some first timers (Welcome)
 - (1) Some meeting times and locations have changed or will be changing. Several meetings need support. Will be updated in the new Bottom Line. If you'd like to update your meeting, please email Nick at: thebottomline@slaalosangeles.org

3) 12:35 TAKE COUNT OF VOTING MEMBERS

- a) 47 voting members in attendance

4) OFFICER AND COMMITTEE REPORTS

- a) Chair – Dave
 - i) Next month's meeting is on the 5th, the first Sunday of April, instead of the second Sunday of April. May will most likely be
- b) Record Keeper –
 - i) Max reads minutes. They are approved.
- c) Bottom Line Editor –
 - i) Beau covers for Nick. Makes usual announcement. Workshop on March 14th. In the new Bottom Line. If meetings have changed, please get that info to Nick in the next couple of weeks. The email is: thebottomline@slaalosangeles.org
- d) Meeting Registrar –
 - i) Jayk orients new-comers on sign-in process. Reminds people to sign in. Also, if there are changes to your meeting, update the physical addresses on the sign in sheet. This will go to the Bottom Line editor.
- e) Phone line-
 - i) Fabiana is absent. No announcement.
- f) Literature – Desiree
 - i) Desiree orients newcomers and suggests ordering online to expedite the process.
 - ii) New meetings can get a starter packet for free. Sign-up with FWS Office to get an ID. Discounted rate at \$36 dollars and will be reimbursed by the treasurer.
 - iii) Recovery audio that can be purchased on the site (FWS). There are CDs, mp3s, etc.
 - iv) Free recovery audio from the 2019 SLAA Convention.

- g) Treasurer - Julie
 - i) Bank balance as of 2/3/2020: \$5495 dollars
 - (1) Retreat balance was \$1388.08
 - (2) Jails and Treatments was \$486.42
 - ii) At the meeting:
 - (1) IG Donations \$676.54
 - (2) FWS \$366.88
 - (3) Jails \$486
 - (4) Literature \$704.50
 - (5) Total \$1801.40
 - iii) Does not have an annual report for us today. Will have next intergroup meeting.

- h) Mail Clerk – Steve
 - i) Two pieces of mail were received.

- i) Journal - Glenn
 - i) Describes the journal. A meeting in print. Looking to have new subscribers.
 - ii) Hands out journal subscriptions. Subscriptions are down.
 - iii) If you submit, it will probably get published...
 - iv) Question of the day: Living alone to moving in. Have you gone from living alone to moving in with a partner? Please share about the challenges you face and how you dealt with them. The deadline for submissions is March 15th.
 - v) Journal committee is working on an app to have it online. Meeting in your pocket.
 - vi) Please bring **BACK** the submissions once they've been filled out.

- j) Webmaster - Diane
 - i) 12,000 page views. 6000 were current meetings pages. Welcome pages were 3300 views. Few hundred for others.
 - ii) Diane is redesigning the site. Needs another month.
 - iii) Volunteers to proofread the new website: Nick, Whit, Olivia. Please give Diane your email: webmaster@slaalosangeles.org
 - iv) Trying to create an interactive map with meeting times and locations
 - v) Updated the email. It's no longer going through. Going through G-Suite for non-profits. Free for us. Users are g-mail accounts – those are intergroup officers. Please e-mail at webmaster@slaalosangeles.org also added it on the contact page. Should be easier to contact.

- k) Workshops & Retreats – Beau
 - i) First Retreat, Stepping into Recovery, Saturday March 14th. All the dates for the workshops are at St. Basil's Church. **DON'T PAY FOR PARKING.**
 - ii) May Orange County Intergroup Women's Retreat has been **cancelled**.

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- l) Jails & Treatments – Glenn
 - i) Glenn has fliers
 - ii) New Sheriff. Application process is easier. Doesn't need to be notarized and can be e-mailed.
 - iii) Pamphlets will be left around the room.
 - iv) Think about creating J&T reps for each group as well as having a donation.
 - v) Two panels at Tarzana Treatment Center. Reach 50-70 People. Twice a month. 9 am, Thursday mornings in Tarzana. Need people in the fellowship who can bring them to outside meetings.
 - vi) Central Jails on Saturday 8:30 AM - Was on the meetings list as a "Men's Meeting". There are multiple transgender people in attendance. Is now a mixed meeting. Can now go on a visitor pass if you want to check it out. If interested, email jandt@slaalosangeles.org and Glenn can put you in touch with Mark R who can help with the application process.
 - vii) Still have the meeting in Tarzana Second Thursday of every month at 9:00 AM.
 - viii) One of the letters received was from jail asking for resources.
 - ix) LA Intergroup will be working in conjunction with Orange County Intergroup.

- m) ABM Delegates – Carol
 - i) No announcements.

- n) Speaker List Keeper – Kevin
 - i) Has a list of speakers for meetings. Email: speakerslist@slaalosangeles.org

- o) Literature Copier – Nick
 - i) Will have more Newcomer Packets next month. You can get a copy of the Newcomer Packet as a pdf version online.

- p) Conference Committees**
 - i) Literature Committee Conduit - Lisa
 - (1) Absent.
 - ii) Sponsorship Committee Conduit – Chris
 - (1) No announcements. Not present.
 - iii) Steps, Traditions and Concepts – Jayk
 - (1) Developing a Twelve Concepts workbook. Currently in draft form.
 - (2) Reviewed writing about concept 11.
 - (3) Discussed an issue about safety in the meetings.
 - (4) Discussed doing a presentation at the IRC.
 - (5) Answer questions regarding the steps, traditions and concepts. All answers are on the website FWS.org
 - iv) Translation Committee Conduit - Donna
 - (1) Started translating the SLAA book into Hebrew. Permission is only given to registered intergroups. In order to be able to legally do that, Donna needs

permission from Intergroup. Has a request for information form for the secretary.

- v) Diversity Committee Conduit –Manuel
 - (1) Absent.
- vi) Audio Library Committee Conduit – Mel
 - (1) Decided to have a page on the intergroup website with links to a Google Drive account. MP3s will be pre-screened by the commitment holder for graphic descriptions, etc.
 - (2) Created a written agreement for speakers in the interest of liability.

- q) SLAA Los Angeles Board of Trustees – Jenny
 - i) Meeting was on Thursday Feb 20 at 7pm, Central Grill in Glendale. 801 North Central Ave.
 - ii) Had elections – all 29 BOT members were elected back in.
 - iii) Jenny is Chair of the Board. Diane is CFO, Glenn S was nominated to join the board. Carol is Secretary.
 - iv) Discussed the 2019 Budget. Looking at the 2020 Budget.
 - v) Might participate in international Convention by presenting how to become a non-profit.
 - vi) Have one more opening for a board member. Most of the meetings are by phone.
- r) Financial report - Diane
 - (1) Diane – has compiled the financial status for last year and passes out copies of the financial report.
 - (2) Last year was unusual because we switched to operating as a non-profit and being legally set up as one. The way we are accounted for has changed. Have been carrying surplus for 10 years. Made a donation to FWS.
 - (3) In transition, we had to spend down the money to make it disappear. Because of that, our total surplus was \$26500 at beginning of 2019 and it has been spent down for tax purposes.
 - (4) Total receipts for new incorporation: \$48,683. Tax benefit as total receipts under 50k. Filed the 990 Tax Return. Filed 1099 for lawyer's fees.
 - (5) Current surplus of \$11697.
 - (6) Dave clarifies that there has been a large literature order and sales tax. Leaves us with only at about \$6000 for surplus.
 - (7) Gross amount of sales was \$12338. Paid sales tax on that. Literature sales are therefore down a little bit.
 - (8) Working on a budget with Desiree for next month.

- s) FWS Board of Trustees – Christina
 - i) No report.

5) 1:05 UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- i) Meeting Location Task Force Update - Jenny

- (1) Jenny provides an update.
 - (2) The reason for the search is that our rent at the current location has increased from \$0 to \$120 dollars per meeting.
 - (3) The parameters for finding a location: Three-hour time window, central location, ample parking.
 - (4) Reached out to every meeting in the Bottom Line. Also did proactive research based on geography and accessibility.
 - (5) Stayed in communication with BOT to ensure new meeting location was within budget.
 - (6) Has a spreadsheet of available meetings.
 - (7) Questions: Andre got a recommendation for the Women's Club of Hollywood. Have some parking. Space is about this size.
 - (8) The task recommends staying at the current location.
 - (9) Have voted to stay at current location. \$120/ per month and \$100 deposit will be reflected in the current budget.
- ii) Dana A: Motion for LA Intergroup to approve effort to translate SLAA Basic Text into Hebrew. Will have oversight.
- (a) Questions:
 - (i) Are you doing this through the translation committee? No. This is not connected to Dana's commitment as Translation Committee Conduit.
 - (ii) Who reviews it? Any other Hebrew speakers and it is then submitted to FWS. Before it gets Conference Approval, it would most likely be reviewed by a professional translator.
 - (iii) Motion to vote
 1. Pros:
 - a. We need translations. FWS is begging people to do this.
 - b. Primary purpose is to carry the message.
 - c. Dana has demonstrated initiative and commitment. This is merely an endorsement.
 - (iv) Motion carries.
- iii) Jayk: Motion for Audio Library Committee to start collecting mp3s, promoting the ALC to meetings and linking the mp3s for download on the SLAA website.
- (a) There will be a written release.
 - (b) There will be an oversight commitment that screens audio for graphic content.
 - (c) Will be hosted on a Google Drive.
 - (d) Will be free.
 - (e) Questions:
 - (i) How do you collect? Make an announcement at meeting for motion to record. Submit through the website.
 - (ii) Recording process? Up to each meeting's discretion.

- (iii) Will there be any kind of disclaimer? This is the individual member's experience and does not speak for SLAA as a whole.
 1. Max suggests putting a voice tag ahead of each share.
- (iv) At "recorded meetings", does the speaker have the right to waive being recorded? Yes, of course. There will be a release form which will need to be submitted before it is posted to the website.
- (v) Jayk clarifies that the motion is to start doing this. To create a position where we create fliers, distribute them to meetings to ask if meetings would like to start recording shares for the website and to also distribute release forms. The audio will be hosted on a Google Drive and will be linked to the website.
- (vi) Dana suggests linking up with the Inspiration Line.
- (vii) Glenn is concerned about the legal paperwork, keeping track of paperwork, etc. Suggests a verbal tag.
- (viii) Jenny is concerned about anonymity – what impact does that have on the newcomers in the room? Is there a potential impact on how people share.
- (ix) Jenny is also concerned about the "review" process. Is there only one person who is reviewing this material?
- (x) Motion to vote
 1. Pros:
 - a. Sponsees need to hear shares from people with recovery.
 - b. Always up to the individual in terms of giving consent.
 - c. Good when travelling.
 2. Cons:
 - a. Having audio available online is crucial. Should it be hosted on the intergroup website.
 - b. Needs to be fleshed out more in terms of approaching groups.
 - c. Concerns about anonymity and the review process.
- (xi) Motion carries.

Dave moves to adjourn the meeting.

- Motions to be discussed next month:
 - Max C: Motion to get a money/bill counter for LA Intergroup Treasurer.
 - Lisa C: Motion to pay for delegates to attend IRC on condition the volunteer for service.
 - Diana H: Needs volunteers to proofread/test the new website.
 - Manuel M: Have Palm Springs "Blue Tiger" meeting added to LA IG
 - Christina: Safety in meetings.
 - Dave G: The Conference Diversity Committee is in the process of putting together a diversity workshop training.
- Final Treasury Report
- Announcements
 - Next meeting is the first Sunday of April, not the second.

- Reminder to new officers to e-mail your e-mail to the webmaster.
- Adjournment
 - Meeting concludes at 1:45 pm with the “WE” version of the Serenity Prayer. Hand holding, as always, is optional.