

Meeting was called to order by Michael at 3:30pm

3-Person Serenity Committee: Eric, Glenn, and Dave volunteered.

Attendance: ? in person (of those present, 25 were voting members).

Treasurer's Report – Mona stated donations were \$2,667 and expenses were \$2,853. Jose G. asked whether donations included the recent SLAA Virtual Workshop and the response is no. That is separate and is taken into account towards the end of the year after the fourth and final workshop.

Bottom Line Report – Donald stated current edition is available as well as the Service Manual which he brought physical copies to distribute. Question about how hybrid meetings should be listed in the 'Bottom Line' was asked.

In-Person Meeting Registrar – Matt shared how he is wrapping up his role. Questions about hybrid meetings were asked.

Virtual Meeting Registrar – Manuel is stepping down. Of the 140 listed meetings, he emailed each one to see if they're still active. 13 did not respond. 5 asked to be added-back. Max asked how are virtual meetings being counted if they are hybrid? Matt to review. He reported that he had seventeen (17) communications to groups and members this past month.

Phone Line – Neal reported that he is the male co-chair and Miriam is the female – they jointly said they have nothing new to report.

Literature – David reported literature sales were \$1,323 for the last month (July) and a new order is pending. He asked that Inter-Group Reps please place orders at least 24 hours in advance.

Journal Rep – Lisa reported that this month's question of the day is "A season, reason, or a lifetime - how can you tell what kind of relationship you are in?" Please submit responses by or before Sept 15th, 2024. Members can also answer the daily question by clicking on the journal page of FWS and the icon "Answer Question of The Day".

Webmaster/ Registrar – Matt reported the new website is up and live even though there are some kinks that he needs to work out. He created an AI-based translation of the website into Spanish. There is also a link on the 'Journal Page' to the FWS Website; a portal for Inter-Group Reps and Service Positions. Question: What if you represent multiple meetings? Alex commented the website looks amazing. Dave asked something about the month of "July". David asked a question (don't recall what it was). Eric asked about information on form publicized.

Spanish Speaking Meetings Liaison – José reported the following:

1. the Spanish-translation of the SLAA Big Book is going through the “board of publication” process and dependent on updates from Rick, the Liaison with the “Conference Translation & International Outreach Committee.”
2. Monolingual and bilingual Spanish speaker volunteers are still needed to help with the translation of the SLAA Workbook to Spanish
3. Continuing to research and track the correct dates, times, and gender(s) for the virtual meetings in Spanish listed on the SLAA Los Angeles Website.

Workshops & Retreats – Jessie reported the net donations after expenses from the most recent workshop was \$506 resulting in an overall account balance of \$1,352. She also shared the fourth and final workshop of the year will be Sat. Sept 14th at St. Basil Church in Koreatown with the topic being “Higher Powered: A Closer Look at the 11th Step” with a suggested donation of \$10.

Glenn L shared flyers on the annual retreat during the Thanksgiving Weekend at Serra Retreat Center in Malibu including the fact registration is open and a list of FAQs.

H&I Liaison – Max reported the committee met last month with a new panel expected within the next month. Clare Center in Santa Monica in need of volunteers. There is still a need for people to help him with this important outreach service.

Speaker List – Gregory reported there was one request during the past month and no responses from others who the list was sent to.

AV Committee – Jayk reported that the collection of speakers is ever growing. He asked for additional speakers to provide a recording and send it to him via email: audio@slaalosangeles.org. A discussion arose via three questions from different participants about technological aspects, i.e. SLAA YouTube, MP3s, and Legal Waiver. Jayk said if there is a concern, please make a motion.

ABM Delegates:

- Jayk G. described a motion about making the ABM Hybrid or not and how the process of support for and against it swung back and forth.
- Alex reported this was their first time participating and shared three take aways:
 1. We are in danger of losing our nonprofit status as at least 30% of income need to be contributions, hence, the ‘Gratitude Month’ Flyer for September.
 2. We need more active participation.
 3. Impressed with the technical team.

- Max provided a one-page physical hard copy of four major motions, including:
 1. By-Laws Motion-Add guideline for Board of Trustees responses to communications.
 2. Require future ABC/M's To include an online option.
 3. Literature Motion – Publish the pamphlet, “Sex and Love Addiciton in the Digital Age.”
 4. Literature Motion – Publish the booklet, “Anorexia 10-11-12: Working the Program and Not the Problem.”
- Gregory shared this was his best experience yet particularly how he feels dignity and respect and encouraged others to get involved and be of service.
- Nikita shared he was unable to participate due to unexpected health reasons.
- Roberto: not present.

FWS Conference Committees:

Literature Committee Conduit – Open position. Max said stepping into a FWS Conference Committee is an opportunity especially if you want to be an ABM. Gregory passionately encouraged others to step up and how this has been a key to his recovery.

Steps, Traditions, and Concepts – Jessie offered to step into this role. Gregory motioned to nominate Jessie and Derek second. 20 votes in favor.

Translation Committee Conduit – Open Position. Alex nominated Jose G. to this committee since he is already attending their meetings. Jose said he needed to think about it. Jose nominated Alex though they politely declined.

Diversity Committee Conduit – Open Position

CPIC (Public Information) -

Old Business –

- a. Nominations – Alex motioned to table election of Assistant Treasurer and In-Person Meeting Registrar to next month; seconded by Glenn.
Matt will introduce motion next month.
Miriam said she would be willing and able to serve as Record Keeper. Motion made, seconded, and 25 voted in favor.

New/Future Business – Alex presented “Gratitude Month” starting in September and the positive effects in the past including being able to send individuals to ABM and how we were able to donate \$12K to FWS bringing them out of the red. Discussion unfolded as to how to share this with respective home groups including question from Eric as to whether to mention the status of

our 501c3 status. There were voices who think the 501c3 status should not be mentioned to the members at large. Gregory asked about how tax write offs and donations to SLAA Los Angeles and FWS work. Donations to SLAA are not tax deductible while to FWS they are (fuzzy and confusing??).

Respectfully submitted,

Jose G.