

SLAA Los Angeles Intergroup
Meeting 04/14/24

3:36pm - Start of Meeting

1. Serenity Prayer

Opened the meeting with the serenity Prayer

2. Readings

- Twelve Traditions- Read by Jose
 - Updated Thirty Seconds of Silence POLICY- Read by Max
 - Voting Policy (Someone Volunteered to be vote counter)- Gregory volunteered as vote counter
 - Timer Policy (Someone Volunteered for announcing the Time every 15 minutes)- Jayk volunteered as timer
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3. Attendee Introductions

- From Registrar (in chat)
 - Attendees are asked to sign in using QR code if present virtually or in person
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4. Take Count of Voting Members

- Voting members are either intergroup reps (representing a meeting) or committee representatives. People representing multiple meetings or committees count as only one vote.

32 votes counted altogether

5. Officer & Committee Reports

√ **Secretary – Michael** – secretary@slaalosangeles.org

May intergroup will be May 5th, change of date due to Mother's day.

√ **Record Keeper – Vic** – recordkeeper@slaalosangeles.org

I am virtual today because I am out of state visiting family. I can hear everybody in person pretty well so we shouldn't have any issues.

Thank you to Jessie again for filling in for February. I reformatted Jessie's minutes from February in a google doc, so it is uniform with the rest of the minutes for this year.

I shared both February and March's minutes with the webmaster and Michael. If you'd like minutes from January, February, March, or today's minutes and are having trouble locating them you can email recordkeeper@SLAAlosangeles.org and I will send them to you.

√**Treasurer - Mona**– treasurer@slaalosangeles.org

Michael:

Mona is not present. Her report is online on the shared google drive.

Report on google drive:

S.L.A.A. Los Angeles Intergroup
 Treasury Report
 Meeting - April 14, 2024

	March		Description
	1 month	2024 Total	
INCOME			
Donations	1,379.43	6,519.27	Intergroup, H&I, ASL, FWS
Literature Sales	906.66	2,668.40	
	<u>2,286.09</u>	<u>9,187.67</u>	
EXPENSES			
Program	4,090.60	7,555.20	FWS pass through donations, Literature, Retreat bank fees, printing, legal, rent, sales tax, website
Operating	341.09	1,828.25	
	<u>4,431.69</u>	<u>9,383.45</u>	
NET INCOME	<u>(2,145.60)</u>	<u>(195.78)</u>	
CASH BALANCE:			
Unrestricted		6,443.40	
F.W.S. Donations		90.40	
Annual Retreat		5,965.24	
Prudent Reserve		15,000.00	
TOTAL		<u><u>27,499.04</u></u>	

√ **Bottom Line Editor - Donald**– bottomline@slaalosangeles.org

There were no meeting changes.

√ **Meeting Registrar - Matt**– registrar@slaalosangeles.org

Matt says to make sure you sign in for one meeting only- Only sign in for the meeting you are representing as a vote.

Question from the room: Should we not sign in for every meeting we represent?

Answer: Sign in for multiple meetings but you are only given one vote.

Virtual Meeting Registrar - Manuel– virtualmeetings@slaa.losangeles.org

It has been a quiet month. Manuel only received one request for a meeting password.

There have been a couple of instances where people are saying they are submitting the online form to update a meeting and it is not going through. Manuel is not receiving updates for meetings via the form online but is receiving updates via email. We had this issue in February as well. Manuel is not sure what the issue is. After this meeting Manuel will try to find out why the online form is having issues.

Comment in the room: Max

There are in person meetings listed on the virtual list- Max suggests indicating on the list that the meeting is hybrid.

Send virtual meeting changes to virtualmeetings@slaa.losangeles.org

√ **Phone Line – Vacant**

Michael:

Kylee stepped down from this position. The position is now open.

Slaalosangeles.org has a telephone line. This position is perfect for someone who attends on zoom- this position does not need to be in person.

√ **Literature – David H.** – literature@slaalosangeles.org

In March we sold \$1,231.01 worth of literature. We had a big- re-order. 3,800 literature reorder
Sold around 1,200.

Question from zoom: Tim

There was the basic text coming out, a real basic version going to be released soo.
Does intergroup know about this, or will we receive copies of this?

David: “I know absolutely nothing about it.”

Question from the room: Jose

As the Spanish Language Liaison do you know anything about a Spanish translation of our
basic text?

David: “Sad to report, I don’t know anything about that either.”

Comment in the room: Jake

At the AMB they said the basic version will be released soon.

√ **Journal Rep – Lisa**– journalrep@slaalosangeles.org

Journal is free online at slaafws.org.

Last month’s question was Pets- will be online soon.

This month’s question is recovery through service- please share special stories about recovery
through service

Please take slips of questions to your meeting for people to fill out.

√ **Webmaster - Alex**– webmaster@slaalosangeles.org

“My Update is I have to meet with people to talk about stuff.”

Registrar folks and I should get together and have a discussion, Alex requests to talk to David
about getting stuff updated on website- issue with jot form stuff- trying to figure it out, we are
working on it, thanks for patience.

Question from zoom: Miriam

When will the minutes be updated on the website?

Alex: Need to put them there and have not yet

Diane offers to help with the Jot form and posts her email in the chat: cfo@slaalosangeles.org

Spanish Language – José G. – spanish@slaalosangeles.org

Between last month and today no emails.

Jose inquired about SLAA big book being translated

“I am doing an inventory on what virtual meetings in SLAA are active because there’s a lot of information on different websites”

If anyone hears of any Spanish-speaking meetings, especially if they’re not listed, please let Jose know.

Jose requests for a spanish link from the webmaster.

Workshops & Retreats - Jessie – workshopsandretreats@slaalosangeles.org

Our 2nd workshop of the year is May 18th from 1:00pm to 5:00pm. The flier will be with your bottom line pamphlets so please pick them up. The workshop is called “Inventory- Facing Shame, Fear & Resistance.” We will have speakers and breakout groups. The Workshop will be \$10 at the door. The flier was sent to the webmaster.



The Los Angeles SLAA Intergroup Presents

'INVENTORY'

Facing Shame, Fear & Resistance

Featuring Speakers & Small Group Sharing

A Half Day Workshop

When: Saturday, May 18, 2024 1:00 PM to 5:00 PM <u>12:30 – 1:00 PM</u> Registration*	Where: St. Basils Catholic Church McIntyre Hall 3611 Wilshire Blvd Los Angeles, CA 90005
Fee: \$10.00 at the door	Bring: Snacks/Water

*** to avoid interrupting the program please arrive on time – if you do arrive after 1:00 PM you are required to pay the registration fee immediately**

Many of us struggle with the Fourth and Tenth Steps because of our confusion regarding inventories and our struggle with shame and resistance. This workshop will focus on three important issues: 1) The inventory process and our barriers and fears regarding facing ourselves, 2) Character defects and how they impact our relationship with God, ourselves and others, and 3) The do and don't of the amends making process. It will feature speakers as well as small group sharing. For more information: contact your Intergroup Rep or gglind@yahoo.com or Karma1225@sbcglobal.net

Directions to McIntyre Hall

McIntyre Hall is located in the basement of St. Basils Catholic Church. Unfortunately, the stairs to McIntyre Hall are like most stairways – not handicap friendly. St. Basil's is located in the Mid-

Question in the room:Gregory

The last workshop was phenomenal. Someone stated they did not attend the last workshop because of the money aspect, what are future attendees' options if they cannot afford the workshop?

Jessie: We currently do not have a scholarship fund.

√ **H&I Committee/Public Committee Info Conduit - Max B.**- h-and-i@slaalosangeles.org

Max is grateful for those who are of service to H&I. We have a new panel; It will be a LGBT/rehousing program panel. It will be held in Pasadena. We have had a great response to that. We also have other panels going. If you would like to be a panel member please go to the website, at the H&I page, and send a message

Max needs another co-chair. Kylee stepped down from this position.

CPIC-

Fellowship wide services is seriously looking for people to be of service at the fellowship wild level for our youtube channel- need someone to manage it and put up new videos.

If you are a professional webmaster and can be of service as the fellowship wide services webmaster you can submit your resume on the website.

Question from zoom:

What help is being sought for treatment centers?

Max:

Drop your contact information on the website and it will be sent to the appropriate person for that particular panel.

√ **Speaker List Keeper - Vacant Position**– speakerslist@SLAAlosangeles.org

Michael:

This position is now open.

This position is Good for a virtual or in person attendee

Greg volunteers to fill in.

√ **Audio Library Committee - Jayk G.** – audio@slaalosangeles.org/

Our program does not have as many speaker tapes as other groups. We started an audio library. Please consider recording your own speaker MP3 and sending it in. You can help someone somewhere in the world who does not have WIFI or access to a meeting. Jayk has had people reach out asking to connect them to some of the speakers because they had never heard someone speak in that way before.

You can also ask your meeting to record speakers. “There is a colorful beautiful flier in the shared google drive” You can share that flier with your meeting on zoom or bring it in person to your meeting. You can help people around the world or listen yourself.

There were no new recordings uploaded in the last month but there were plenty uploaded the month prior.

√ **Steps Traditions and Concepts committee Conduit- Eric- Now an open position**

“Not too much to report.” Eric received a couple questions.

Questions:

- In what regards does my reputation matter in other groups? Referenced in tradition 4
- What if my group is not following the traditions?

Everyone on the committee gave input and gave the best knowledge they had on these questions.

Eric can no longer do this position and is stepping down; Suzy on zoom will reach out regarding potentially filling this position

√ **SLAA Los Angeles Board of Trustees- Dave**

No report.

√ **ABM Delegates**

√ **CPIC- Max**

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√ **Jayk- ABM Delegate**

audio@slaalosangeles.org

No report.

√ **Literature Committee Conduit- Stephanie**

Michael:

Stephanie sent an email that she would not be able to make it.
Stephanie sent an email with her report for Michael put in the google drive.

6. New Business

Budget Motion

Submitted by Lisa C and Dianne

Dianne:

In 2019 we established ourselves as a non profit- legal name SLAA Los Angeles. This gave us advantages including being exempt from paying certain taxes- still have to pay sales tax. This gave us protection such as enabling us to get liability insurance. We still have to make sure we are following state and federal laws.

I'm happy to volunteer as the CFO as I am an accountant in my personal life. The board met in February at the ABM and looked at a budget to propose to Intergroup to vote on. We voted to submit it and recommend it however it is up to Intergroup to adopt it.

The first half of the motion is to approve a budget. We have traditionally had a certain understanding of what we pay for and what we don't, so in a way we have had a budget without making it official. For example, under expenses, it was a group conscience that we always pay for ABM delegates to attend the ABM meeting because they donate a lot of time to do that and we do not want them to be out of pocket for those costs.

The budget draft prepared is based on the last 4 years of activity. Dianne explained her thought process behind particular budget items and went through the budget explaining individual line items. Dianne explains more financial chargon I do not understand.

Dianne recommends we have clear guidelines for committees such as that committees should have more than just one person, have an outlined mission, and a budget. The way this would be set up is that if this (the budget for a committee) is not spent it would go to intergroup.

Dianne: "This is a balanced budget, a projection, based on prior years, and our basic policies. The board and I believe this is a good budget and that we should adopt it."

Document Dianne shared on her screen:

Question from the room: Matt

Thank you for your service.

S.L.A.A. Los Angeles, Inc.
Statement of Income and Expenses
4 Year Actual Comparison with Budget Draft for 2024

SEE C.F.O.'s notes below

	2024 BUDGET DRAFT	ACTUAL:				
		2023	2022	2021	2020	
INCOME						
Unrestricted - S.L.A.A. Intergroup						
1.	Donations	17,550	23,718	13,307	14,983	22,090
2.	Literature Sales	15,000	2,077	9,001	7,191	4,557
Restricted:						
3.	Annual Retreat	23,000	21,662	18,258	18,051	5
4.	Fellowship-Wide Services (groups)	2,600	2,370	2,334	1,218	3,142
TOTAL INCOME		58,150	59,827	42,900	41,443	29,794
EXPENSES						
PROGRAM						
5.	ABM Delegates Reimbursed Expenses	3,000	6,260	3,209	595	555
	Annual Retreat	23,000	20,159	16,593	15,000	-
6.	L.A. Committees *					
	A.S.L. Interpreters (Access Committee)	1,500	540	1,530	-	-
	Hospitals & Institutions Committee	1,500	25	-	-	-
	FWS Donations from Groups	2,600	2,986	1,683	1,380	4,649
7.	FWS Donations from Intergroup	4,500	4,500	2,089	12,094	-
	Literature Purchases	15,000	15,032	8,261	3,710	12,379
	Printing & Duplicating	1,000	964	669	1,038	529
ADMINISTRATIVE						
	Bank Fees	150	122	102	75	169
	Insurance	2,200	2,145	2,220	2,155	2,247
	Legal, Tax Preparation, Filing Fees	750	743	198	110	400
	Office & Website Expense	500	672	417	695	221
	Office Equipment for hybrid meeting	-	1,033	-	-	-
	Phone Service, P.O. Box Rental	350	302	368	334	660
	Refreshments	-	304	237	-	-
	Rent - Meeting Space + Zoom Services	850	806	804	345	510
	Sales Tax (9.5 %)	1,250	856	683	433	1,172
TOTAL EXPENSES		58,150	57,449	39,063	37,963	23,491
INCOME OVER (UNDER) EXPENSES		-	2,378	3,837	3,480	6,303
ENDING NET ASSETS (CASH)		27,695	23,858	21,837	3,480	6,303
CASH:						
	Unrestricted	6,226	6,386	4,895	3,373	17,783
	Prudent Reserve	15,000	15,000	15,000	15,000	-

Right now we collect our contributions from the group but there is no designation if it is from a person or virtual group.

Question for Dianne as a CFO: I think it is worth showing where our donations are coming from, what are your thoughts on this?

Dianne: We used to have a separate report where the treasurer would track where the donations were coming from, this was before we had virtual meetings. I personally, as an accountant, can see a benefit in separating income from online vs in person, as a business person that would be something that is good to know. Personally, I think we're just thankful people are donating and it's up to the group. It's difficult because if people donate online, if they don't put in the notes what it is for.

Question from zoom: Manuel

I remember a few months back when H&I wanted to make a donation to Intergroup, there was some back and forth, because it was considered a restricted fund, by having the ASL and H&I as unrestricted would that eliminate the need for that type of group conscious?

Dianne: Yes, exactly. We would count for their activity in the expense line. It would be easier accounting.

I was treasurer in 2019 and I assumed it was a restricted fund but I learned later that it was never meant to be a separate restricted project the way the annual retreat is.

Question from the room- Gregory

Thank you for all the work you took to do this.

The ABM will be held virtually this year, but there is a 3k expense for this, but no expense for hybrid office equipment, also no money dedicated to refreshments.

Dianne: I did calculate the budget for ABM based on it being hybrid this year. I spoke to others regarding this and trust it is accurate. As far as equipment, we could add a line in there for that. One way to handle that, we could pass this budget, and if that is needed, we could make modifications. We can revisit the budget every 3-6 months as needed.

A motion is made to extend the meeting by 15 minutes.

This motion is seconded

Motion is approved.

Question in room- Matt

Are we tracking what our transfer fees are from Paypal and Venmo?

Dianne:

They are very nominal. Under bank fees on the budget that includes any paypal fees- venmo doesn't charge any fees. We have a statement every month just like a bank statement

Lisa:

This motion is two parts. The committees sent a budget and a budget form and that the ASL becomes a committee with a mission statement and members that is what this budget reflects. Intergroup paying the committees for projects instead of having restricted funds for these two things.

There is a motion to vote to approve the budget.

This motion is seconded.

Motion passes- the budget is approved.

7. Announcements for the Good of the Order

None

8. Adjournment

Close meeting w/ "WE" version of the Serenity Prayer.

Meeting adjourned at 5:05pm

Meeting Overview

4 newly vacant positions: Phone line, H&I Co-Chair, Speaker List Keeper, and Steps, Traditions, and Concepts Committee Conduits

Budget motion passed.