

SLAA Greater NY Intergroup - April 2019 Minutes
April 7, 2019
Secretary: Alex Q

The regular monthly business meeting for SLAA Greater NY Intergroup was held on April 7, 2019, at 3:30-5:30, at St Francis of Assisi, 135 W 31st St, NYC, Room 3.

The officer attendees present were: Chair (Sam), Secretary (Alex Q), Literature (Jenny), Treasurer (Dave), Communications. Journal Rep, Outreach Chair were absent.

Other attendees were Judy (Bylaws & Events Committee), Tom (Friday meeting rep), Kevin (Monday and Saturday Anorexia rep), Ava (workshop committee), Anthony (Monday Men's rep), Sam (Wednesday Men's rep), and Kris (Monday night UWS rep).

I. OPENING

Meeting started with trusted servants prayer, reading of 12 steps, 12 traditions, and 12 concepts.

Chair read the new PROPOSED RULES OF SAFETY. Comments:

- (Jen) Remove "or speaker"
- (Sam) Add "if someone is feeling unsafe, the leader will pause the speaker and reread the Rules of Safety"
- (Dan) Add spiritual timeout before rereading rules of safety after someone says "point of order"
- (Kris) Instead of saying "I feel unsafe" just ask to reread rules of safety
- (Judy) Remove "we feel"

II. REPORTS

A. March 2019 Minutes

They were accepted by acclamation.

B. Treasurer

Treasurer read the report:

Right now, bank account balance is 3914.14

I have checks for 128.50 that need to be deposited

I also have cash on hand from various sources of \$550

This means we have a total of 4592.64 in the bank and in cash and checks.

End of year donations to FWS in the amount of 470.36 and St. Francis of 180.00 have not yet been paid out of the total above balance

So the actual balance is really 3942.28

*The insurance has been paid already in the amount of 460 for 2019. We need the total meeting count to determine exactly how much each meeting should pay
Also, literature still owes the treasury monthly payments of \$50 for several of the past months (literature should have this amount)
Finally, there is the \$1961 "reserve" designated "currently borrowed from" in prior reports. As I understand it, this money does not exist but might be repaid into the reserve fund from intergroup funds at some date in the future, so I don't think we should count it as cash or plan to spend it.*

Comments:

- Dan and Dave will re-add the PayPal donation link to the IG website
- Jenny says we need a letterhead to send to the post office to change the owner of PO Box from Jenny to Dave. Chair will do this.

Report was accepted by acclamation.

C. Literature

- No basic texts left. Jenny is planning on an order (about 33 books). We have had really good sales: \$350 worth of inventory in March and \$470 to date in 2019.
- Jenny will no longer buy texts in bulk (\$10/book) so the price of books will rise to \$15-\$17.
- We need to stock up on "Anorexia recovery tools" and "Guide to the steps" pamphlets. We are well stocked on chips and other pamphlets.
- Total inventory fund is \$771.25, cash on hand is \$861. Literature owes treasury about \$300 out of that. Jenny will reimburse Dave.
- The next order we plan to make would be around \$427.

Report was accepted by acclamation.

D. Communications

- Between March 1st and today, we received 20 emails. Here's a sample:
- Communications Chair created a detailed Google Sheets with all of the SLAA NY meeting information. We have 28 meetings in Brooklyn and Manhattan; we need contact info for 10 of them. People should email info@slaany.org to give meeting contact info.
- Phone volunteers needed. We get about 10 phone calls a month with voice-to-text. Communications Chair answers a few and Jenny answers a few, but some fall through the cracks.

Website update requests:

- Judy asks to add a PDF version of meeting list
- Update "last updated October 2018"
- Need to remove Queens meeting from Long Island tab

Report was accepted by acclamation.

III. ANCILLARY REPORTS

A. Journal: Not presented

No more journal rep. Dave proposes giving journals to Literature Chair so she can decide what to do.

B. ABM 2018

(Sam)

- Sam is a member of various committees of FWS so (Literature committee, Steps, Traditions, Concepts committee, Copyright & Translation committee)
- Sam is drafting a revised step 8 for new 12 & 12 booklet. Steps 7, 8 are close to completion. Traditions 1-6 done, starting work on tradition 7. Also drafting a book that explains the meaning of 12 concepts.
- The question about translator who is not an addict received an answer from FWS: in all 12 step meetings, if meetings were closed, translators were always program volunteers. In open meetings, group conscience lets observers attend as long as they are clear on important concerns of honesty, anonymity, and publishing things regarding to meeting.

Report was accepted by acclamation.

C. Retreat Committee

(Judy)

- The committee met last week and decided on the time and location: June 23, 12pm to 5pm at St Margarets. Rental cost is \$240.
- The event is a workshop about bottom lines & tools
- Snacks ideas: rice cakes, peanut butter, jam, coffee
- We might charge \$10, nobody turned away
- The committee will make a flyer. The intention is to have the flyer finished by the May IG meeting. Printing flyers will cost money.
- Literature Chair to bring literature to sell.

Judy motioned to approve the \$240 cost of the rental. The motion passed unanimously (10 in favor, 0 opposed)

D. ABM 2019/2020

- ABM 2019 July 23-26 in Sacramento. Sending someone costs about \$2000 including airfare and registration fees. Early May is the deadline for early bird discount.
- Sam, Ava, and Communications Chair are interested in going.
- Qualifications for ABM delegates:

- It is suggested delegates have a minimum of 6 months of continuous sobriety prior to submitting their application
- Delegates need to serve on at least one conference committee during the conference year
- Each delegate is elected for 2 years and should not serve for more than 4 consecutive years

Dave motioned to decide to send at least one person. The motion passed unanimously (11 in favor, 0 opposed).

Report was accepted by acclamation.

E. Accessibility: not presented

F. Outreach: not presented

G. By-Laws: not presented

IV. REQUESTS FOR NEW BUSINESS

1. Elect a new Journal Rep

VI. OLD BUSINESS (Didn't get to this)

1. Retreat Committee; Event (workshop or share-a-day) around June 23
2. By-Laws
3. Group Inventory
4. Journal publications to be included in Literature – request for \$50
5. Newcomer introduction to practices and procedures in Intergroup
6. Business meeting “script” for use at Intergroup meetings.
7. Time limits for report presentations
8. Clarification of process of movement of new business to old business to motion to action
9. Pamphlets for racial minorities

VII. NEW BUSINESS (Didn't get to this)

VIII. BRING BACK TO MEETINGS

- Insurance to be paid by St Francis meetings: \$41 for small meetings, \$85 for large meetings
- We need a new Journal Rep

- Looking for volunteers for phone service

IX. CLOSED WITH THE SERENITY PRAYER