

SLAA Greater NY Intergroup - July 2019 Minutes
August 4, 2019
Secretary: Alex Q

The regular monthly business meeting for SLAA Greater NY Intergroup was held on August 4, 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 (David), Journal Rep (Kara), Communications (Dan M).

Other attendees were Ava (Events committee), Hadar (Events Committee, Monday Women's rep), Tom (Friday 4:30p rep), Peter (Friday 6:15p rep).

I. OPENING

Opened with the trusted servants prayer. Chair read the new Guidelines for Safety.

II. REPORTS

A. July 2019 Minutes

Minutes were accepted by acclamation.

B. Treasurer

Treasurer (David) reviewed the July 2019 treasury report spreadsheet.

- Current balance: \$3875.58
- July contributions: \$429.02
- PayPal online payment is working now
- We will get a Stripe account so people without PayPal accounts can donate

The following St Francis meetings have not yet paid insurance: Tuesday, Wed Fantasy, Friday 6:15p.

C. Literature

Literature rep (Jenny) reviewed the report spreadsheet.

- 9 basic texts left, pretty low on a lot of pamphlets
- Need to sell chips
- Inventory on hand: \$669.10
- Cash on hand: \$727.00
- Capital one account holds \$61.29

D. Communications

Communications Chair (Dan) gave the following report:

- We received 13 emails
- A minor emailed, is there something about minors attending meetings in the bylaws?
- Someone emailed asking to get in touch with the chair of the NYC POC meetings
- PayPal donate button issue is fixed
- Meetings missing contact info: Wed 12p, Wed night men's
- Conference Committee page is up
- Dan thinks we should have a sponsorship list, he created a Google sheet

All reports were accepted by acclamation.

III. ANCILLARY REPORTS

A. Journal

Journal rep (Kara):

- Next question of the day due Sept 15: Please take this opportunity to express gratitude for what the founders of AA & Alanon have gifted to the planet as adapted by SLAA.
- Kara has been announcing journal at her home group, asks that more people share about the journal at meetings.

Comments:

- (Sam) what if we bought some subscriptions and sold them individually for a profit?

B. Fellowship Wide Services Committees

Ava on ABM 2019:

- Finance Committee:
 - Younger people don't carry around cash, could there be a credit card scanner at meetings?
 - Ava volunteered to work on a pamphlet called "Spirituality & 7th traditions"
 - Workers at service centers in San Antonio don't get health benefits

Chair (Sam) on ABM 2019:

- Sam will prepare report and circulate it so we can review at September meeting
- Sam attended Steps, Traditions, & Concepts session, Diversity Committee session, and Member retention committee session. People interested in volunteering for those committees should speak to Sam.
- "The gift of no contact" pamphlet passed
- Proposal to amend bylaws so no member of board of trustees can hold more than one officer position FAILED
- Vote to add 18 month bronze sobriety chip passed
- Step workbook will be produced as approved conference literature

C. Events Committee

- Kara: November 17 event topic: Steps & Sponsorship OR spirituality?
- Alex Q volunteered to reach out to St Margaret's to find out if they have availability for November 17

D. By-Laws

Not presented — By-laws committee is taking the summer off.

Chair (Sam) proposes we add an amendment to the by-laws stating we need 2/3 majority to vote on changing the by-laws.

IV. REQUESTS FOR NEW BUSINESS

1. (Kara) How do we be better?
2. (Sam) Order more journal subscriptions & sell them?
3. (Dan) Sponsorship list

VI. OLD BUSINESS

1. Paypal link for website
— Outdated, nothing to discuss
2. Phone volunteer requirements
— Outdated, nothing to discuss
3. Communication with St. Francis groups about insurance reimbursements
Already discussed in treasury report.
4. Newcomer introduction to practices & procedures in Intergroup
(David) Can we get a resource from another fellowship about this?
(Kara) LA has a 28 page document to explain to newcomers what is IG. We could ask LA for permission to adapt their document.

(Kara) Motions to create a new position: Newsletter Editor (90 days sobriety)
2 in favor, 4 opposed, 3 abstaining, motion fails

(Alex Q) Motions to add a banner to website to promote IG. David makes a friendly amendment to change the language to sign up to get more information about IG.
7 in favor, 1 opposed, motion passes

5. Consolidation of acclamation in minutes
— Outdated, nothing to discuss

6. Repayment of balance from literature to treasury
(Jenny) motions for Literature fund to not pay back to treasury for cash advance.
Motion passes unanimously

– *Meeting ran out of time* –

7. Guidelines for safety
8. Retrospective on Workshop
9. Delete list emails of people who signed up for information about June workshop

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

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VIII. BRING BACK TO MEETINGS (Didn't get to this)

IX. CLOSED WITH THE SERENITY PRAYER