

FEBRUARY 3rd Minutes (Prepared by Melissa)

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

The officer attendees present were group Chair (Sam), Outgoing Secretary (Melissa), Literature (Jennifer), Journal Rep (Dave). Treasurer, Communications & Outreach Chairs were absent.

Other attendees were Kara (Former ABM delegate), Judy (Bylaws & Events Committee), Paul (Bylaws), Hadar (Events Committee & Fri night Lit), IG reps: Leslie, Alex, Erika and Chris H.

I. OPENING: Meeting started with trusted servants prayer, reading of 12 steps, 12 traditions.

II. REPORTS:

A. January 2019 Minutes

They were accepted by acclamation over an objection, 6-2.

Judy objected, saying that they were incomplete – information from January reports was not included.

Kara stated there was a motion passed in 2018 to post minutes and reports to website, after they are read and accepted in meeting. Chair raised discussion about protocol in FWS conference call meetings: sending out previous month's minutes in advance of the call and then voting on them on the call without reading them on the call.

B. Treasury: not presented

C. Literature Report:

\$100 of sales in past month, cash on hand \$670, total inventory \$1194, 45 basic texts available. Planning to do another order of Withdrawal pamphlet & Anorexia 123. Going to confirm numbers before new order. Asked Daniel to add email address (literature@slaany.org) for literature rep on the literature tab on the website, for people to request literature. Discussed shipping or bringing inventory in small amounts rather than one big box. Report was accepted by acclamation (didn't get the # of for/against).

Leslie called a 30 sec timeout and requested being called on by the chair before speaking. After the timeout, she suggested implementing guidance for proper decorum in meeting.

Sam read rules of safety/cross talk statement used by a recovery meeting in NJ.

D. Communication: Not presented

E. Outreach: Not presented

III: ANCILLARY REPORTS

A. Journal Report:

There is a free copy of journal that can be printed out as pdf on SLAA website, and Dave passes it around in meetings so people get a sample. Requested \$50 to buy some journals to bring meetings and get reimbursed. Plans to print out journal question of the month. Can send journal entries to Thejournaloutreach@gmail.com. Report accepted by acclamation.

Kara announced Journal question for March: "Combating negativity: How do you quiet negative voices in your head and have a more positive outlook?"

B. ABM Report:

Finance Committee (Kara): which is dedicated to maintaining the financial health of SLAA. Discussed fundraising efforts. Current considerations: How much should we publicize committees? How easy should it be to join? Should there be a gatekeeper or a public email to join? Report accepted by acclamation.

Conference Literature Committee (Sam): Working on getting a conference approved 12 & 12 booklet. Are submitting an IFD (item for discussion) at ABM. Will be circulating a portion of book - first six steps and first two traditions which are in the best shape. Step 8 should be done by March. Accepted by acclamation.

Conference Steps Traditions & Concepts Committee: Discussion about mission statement and purpose statement for their committee. Working on translating literature into different languages. Current considerations: Should there be a steps or sobriety requirement to be a member or chair of the committee? Accepted by acclamation.

C. Retreat Committee: Judy agreed to host an event in June, either a Share-A-Day or a Bottom Lines Workshop, tbd. Kara, Erika, Hadar said they'd help with designing. Accepted by acclamation.

Kara mentioned that motion for a Bottom Lines workshop was voted on and accepted, and will need implementation at some point.

D. ABM 2019/2020: Chair suggested postponing application to have ABM held in NY since it will be held in Sacramento. Will wait to vote until the officer is present.

E. Accessibility: Jennifer brought accessibility pamphlet from AA. Citylights is all accessible. Discussion about making Intergroup accessible quarterly, but no motion has been passed. Email Jen if any questions or comments.

F. Website Review Committee – This committee (Ash, Joe, Sam) was formed in 2018 to address whether to edit any text or links on the website that are questionable or objectionable. There has been no activity for several months.

IV. Request for New Business:

- Chair suggested that if we have new business, write it in advance and circulate it.
- Kara requested Group Inventory.
- David requested that we make journal a part of the literature inventory rather than allocating \$50 from other budget towards journal purchases.
- Chris requested newcomer packet for Intergroup – as an intro to the Intergroup practices and procedures.
- Judy requested that minutes and reports should be distributed at least 3 days before the meeting are read at home and discussed in the meeting, rather than read in the meeting.
- Jen requested adding a business meeting script for IG.
- Leslie requested setting a timer for individual reports.
- Leslie/Sam requested adding rules of safety to the IG meeting script.
- Sam requested to clarify the process of evolving new business into a motion. And for eliminating old business that is no longer active and committees that are no longer active.
- Motion passed to have an event in June (share a day or bottom lines workshop) to be decided by the Event Committee. Tentative date June 23rd. Possible locations will be presented next month.

V. Old Business:

Eliminated Old business for #3, #4, #6 because person isn't present.

#5: Request for officers to circulate reports prior to meetings- Judy moved business to next month.

VI. New Business:

Angie created Slack app/channel for SLAA IG, and people are added by email.

Alex elected as new Secretary Officer.

The rest of new business carried to next month.

VII. Bring back to meetings: June 23rd event (Share a Day or Bottom Lines Workshop).

VIII. Closed with the Serenity Prayer