

**Greater NY SLAA Intergroup  
Minutes of 9/11/22, 5pm on Zoom  
Anne B recording**

**Opening**

- Prayer for trusted servants
- reading of 12 steps
- reading of 12 traditions
- introductions

**Attending**

Mark S. (chair)  
Anne B (secretary)  
Dan (communications/events)  
Lloyd (Monday Anorexia)  
Zeus (newcomer)  
Sam (Weds night fantasy)  
Ali (visitor from women's daily top lines)  
Ava (Sat 6pm)  
Vanessa (meeting registrar)  
Claudia (Friday Zoom 6:25 Anorexia)  
Holly A (visitor from women's daily top lines)

**Reports**

**Communications** (Dan)

Godaddy e-mails to [info@slaany.org](mailto:info@slaany.org) and other addresses were transferred to Microsoft servers, so some of our e-mails started bouncing — but that is fixed.

**Events** (Dan)

**Share-a-Day Nov 5-6, 2022**

- Save the Date **Flyer** distributed via e-mail — **please distribute**
- promotional strategy distributed by e-mail
- The event is in person at St Margarets in Manhattan (downtown)
- One room of the event will livestreamed (not recorded)
- Schedule: 12-6 both days; 45 min sessions with 15 minute breaks
- Cashless (we will not accept cash donations, but will have a Venmo or CashApp option. This is due to a past theft).
- talent show will be Saturday
- Rental cost under \$400

**Treasurer** — (Cara out of country — Mark reads)

The report was distributed by e-mail

Balance over \$15k

ABM expenses were about \$5k, but not all have hit the final account yet

**Registrar** (Vanessa)

- Updates on meeting list
  - Sunday Modern Love meeting was removed as they disbanded and
  - Lost Boys mens meetings are updating their zoom link and email contact
- In person meetings are prioritized on the top on the meeting list to encourage in person attendance

**Outreach/in-person meeting committee:**

This is an active committee to encourage in person meeting attendance. Members of the committee were not in attendance, but report arrived after the meeting.

Amy A. reports the committee has a WhatsApp group with 19 participants. Several members are looking into in-person meeting locations across the city and will report back to the next committee meeting on Friday, September 16 at 3pm, St Francis, 3<sup>rd</sup> floor. Most efforts/interest for new meetings is in Manhattan and Brooklyn. Two members are interested in starting a meeting in the Bronx (also pulling in Westchester). No interest in committee yet to start additional in-person meetings for Queens, Long Island, NJ, or Staten Island, but this could change.

**ABM Committee**

Ava and Mark reported on their experience attending the ABM.

**FWS Committee service**

Ava reported that the Anorexia 8-9 pamphlet has been approved and will be published.

**New Business**

- Cara J: Prudent reserve to set aside in-person attendance for ABM 2023 (\$5k-6k)
- Cara J: Propose discussion to fund in-person attendance for ABM 2023 for other intergroups with financial difficulties who cannot attend due to costs
  - midlife recovery meeting to use Zoom account — interested party not here
- Dan: Having outside speakers for share-a-day (such as Patrick Carnes)
- Dan: Registration/e-mail collection for share-a-day
- Dan: Discussion on budget for livestreaming Share-a-Day event

## **Old Business**

### **Making in Person Meetings More Prominent on Website**

There was an update putting the in-person meetings at the top of the hybrid meeting list, but there isn't a separate category on the website. Interested party not in attendance. TABLED

**Person To Make the Intergroup Announcements** — no one volunteers

## **New Business**

### **Outside Speakers for Share-A-Day**

Suggestions of possible outside speakers: Patrick Carnes, Wally P, Director of a sex addiction treatment facility

Comments:

- Outside speakers are an outside issue and a traditions violation
- One person attended a 12-step event with awful outside speakers. They didn't tell their stories. They just lectured.
- Concerns with anonymity of outside speakers
- Famous outside speakers could be exciting, but could put personalities before principles
- Outside speakers could all be only once a day or both on one day
- We do have great speakers in house, so we could make it work both ways

**Motion:** Have outside speakers at Share-a-day? (Seconded)

2 yes

5 no

2 abstained

Motion does not pass

### **Registration for Share-a-Day**

Should we register attenders — and collect e-mails?

Whether to use an outside service like EventBrite or TicketLeap would be left up to the committee

Comments

- In 2019 we did a test on the website with a popup where we collected 107 e-mails
- Collect e-mails with an option to receive a newsletter
- In the past, we didn't register people in advance, but we didn't have Zoom attendees

- e-mail addresses were collected on paper for contact reasons at the last Share-A-Day event but were shredded after the share-a-day event

Benefits of collecting emails and having registration:

- to send reminders
- to forecast demand
- to make sure Zoom codes only go to registrants
- Question: should list be destroyed after?

Suggestion: tell registrants to use a recovery e-mail

**Motion:** Offer registration for the November Share-a-day. E-mails will be collected and destroyed afterwards. (Seconded)

Yes: 6  
 abstain: 1  
 Motion carries

Comment: Could just collect e-mails for the Zoom event

**Budget Money for Outside Contractor for Live-Streaming** TABLED pending more information about cost

**Motion: Money To Fund Members of Other Intergroups To Go to ABM** TABLED due to absence of Treasurer

**Motion: Prudent Reserve of \$6k for ABM Travel Next Year.** (Seconded)

- we spent that much this year, so we should have a prudent reserve
- we should plan more in person events. \$6k seems like a lot of money and maybe we only want to send 2 or 3 people next year. In the past we did make enough money to cover the event — but the money was stolen
- would feel more comfortable if treasurer is present
- the big cost for in person will be AV for hybrid

TABLED

**Discussion: Issue regarding registering meetings for which we don't have information**

(Vanessa)

How do we add a meeting where we don't have much information? Example: one for New Brunswick, with an address that is in a co-op market

Comments

- The LA Intergroup asks registrants to verify that they follow the 12 traditions and 12 steps and that they're an SLAA meeting
- It's a food coöp. Food coöps usually have community rooms available for public events.
- Holly A volunteers to go check this meeting out.

### **Meeting closed 6:25 pm with serenity prayer**

#### Take back to meetings:

#### 1. Share-a-Day to be held Nov 5-6, 2022

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2. After the Annual Business Meeting in Sacramento in 2022, there is new conference approved literature which will come out soon: 1) Anorexia Steps 8 and 9, and 2) a new pamphlet entitled "The importance of outreach calls" and 3) a new brochure on ways to be of service in SLAA.

3. An active committee is working to jumpstart new in-person meetings that were cancelled due to the pandemic. Most interest is in Manhattan or Brooklyn. Their next meeting is Friday, Sept 16 at 3pm (third floor of St Francis).