

SLAA Greater NY Intergroup – June 2019 Minutes

June 2, 2019

Secretary: Chris H

The regular monthly business meeting for SLAA Greater NY Intergroup was held on June 2, 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 E), Literature (Jenny), Communications (Dan). Treasurer was absent.

Other attendees were: Judy (Events & Bylaws), Ray (Thurs night Healthy Relationships), Kara (outgoing 2017-2018 ABM delegate), Hadar (events committee Friday 6pm? meeting), Kevin (Monday 6pm & Sat 11am), Tom (Fri Addiction to one person), Chris (Monday 8pm UWS), Sam K (Wed night mens' rep). Ava (workshop rep) came late.

I. OPENING

Meeting started with Trusted Servants prayer, reading of 12 steps, 12 traditions and introductions.

Chair read the new PROPOSED GUIDELINES FOR SAFETY. Comments: Hadar likes these as they are. No negative comments were expressed.

II. REPORTS

A. May 2019 Minutes

Secretary was absent. Chair read the minutes. Judy proposed three adjustments

- Literature- request was made to shorten the accounting report, she wants it to say “ to include the current year,”
- Amend “Sam proposes he write something up to send around to meetings to let people know about opportunities to volunteer for these committees,” to include: “and also to be used at the 6/23 workshop”
- Change minutes to put that all minutes were accepted by acclamation at the end of the larger section instead of each mini section

B. Treasurer

Treasurer was absent. Kara read email sent by Treasurer.

Judy had questions:

- Contribution to FWS for 2018 of \$470.36 – is it for all 2018, or part? Sam E thinks it's for all of 2018.
- \$180 St. Francis contribution – Is that the one that should have been paid in 2018? Sam E said he's 99% sure it is. Judy wants it reflected in the report
- Have people been reaching out to St. Francis meetings about the February 2019 insurance payments that have not yet been reimbursed. Sam K said he brought a checkbook to make a payment for his group. Kevin asked another question which Kara answered
- Total to be repaid by Literature to Treasury is \$1136 less \$700? Repayment of Literature by Treasury needs to be discussed.

Sam E will talk to David about ABM funding, asap, as the registration fees are due by 6/8 or they will increase again.

There is still a question as to whether we will be sending another delegate. We need to talk to the treasurer in order to decide.

There were conflicting reports as to whether we are up and running on PayPal to accept payments.

C. Literature

Literature report was presented by Jenny. She made a \$777 stock literature purchase at the beginning of May. Sales have picked up again. 2 sales in May and 3 yesterday (for June). 2-3 more orders will be fulfilled in the next week or two.

18 Basic texts

Sold out of Anorexia pamphlet again

\$152 cash on hand

Value of inventory \$1177

Diversity pamphlet: she gave info to person who was interested of what's online.

Jenny is dropping literature off at meetings.

Judy had a question on the literature accounting. It ends with \$205.94. Difference between reports is \$53.95. Was there a similar difference last month? Jenny had some calculation issues when she cut the report in half, but didn't expect the discrepancy. She will look into it.

D. Communications

Dan presented the report.

Boring month - about 15 emails. Typical inquiries.

What is diff between SA and SLAA. He hears this question a lot and would love a canned response to that.

A \$160 personal donation was made and the donor wants to know what happened to the check.

We have a printed meeting sheet and are still building the sheet. We're still missing a number of meetings:

- Sat 6pm beginner
- Tues 6pm Withdrawal (Kevin said Chris in that meeting had reached out to someone and was waiting to hear back, Dan is checking)
- Sam K said he would be Wed evening mens contact, Dan was going to put it on the website.

Contribution page still needs to be addressed.

Kara said she contacted Hudson Valley, Long Island meeting contacts and 60-75% of emails are bouncing back. She'll give Dan a list and Dan will check.

Judy would like a list of all contacts' phone numbers to contact for the June 23 event. "Flood us with information." Meeting contact information. Some is public and some is just for Intergroup use (they don't want their info on the website).

There is not meeting in Shirley LI.

Kevin asked about the women's retreat upstate in August. There is info and a flyer on the website.

ALL REPORTS ABOVE WERE APPROVED BY ACCLAMATION

III ANCILLARY REPORTS

A. Journal – Currently there is no Journal rep (but see below)

B. FWS

Kara had nothing to report

Sam E handed out a sheet on Performing Service for the Fellowship (see sheet) and passed around a Draft of SLAA 12 & 12, steps 1-4 and Traditions 1 & 2 – 2019 IFD. The latter document still needs to be reviewed and edited. Sam E is happy to provide copies of the work. Email him.

Other committees represent opportunities for service. People should be encouraged to participate. Discuss it with your sponsor.

Ray asked if there were a list of these committees on the website. Sam E said it might be on the FWS website. Kara said there's committee corner, but that we're cagey about the committees. FWS committees:

Conference By-laws committee

Conference Hospitals and Institutions Committee

Conference Literature Committee

Conference Finance Committee

Conference Translation-international Outreach

Conference Anorexia Committee

Conference Diversity Committee

Conference Intergroup Communications

Conference Public Information Committee

Conference Healthy Relationship Committee

Conference Service Committee

Conference Steps-Traditions-Concepts Committee

Conference Member Retention Committee

Conference Charter Committee

Conference Sponsorship Committee

Conference Journal Committee

Ray asked if the 12 & 12 was to replace existing literature. Sam E said it's to replace a document that hadn't passed FWS approval yet. This would

be the first approved booklet (as conference approved literature). Kara said there's excitement to get "your version" of the steps out there. It's disorganized, and some redundancy. Sam E said the danger in reading non-CAL is that you're reading literature that's not approved. Sam E has been responsible for editing the Step 8 chapter and the CLC wants Sam E to add more on forgiveness of others and self-forgiveness, and on spirituality and HP. The chapters on Steps 1 through 4 and Traditions 1 and 2 will be presented as an IFD (item for Discussion) at the ABM this year. The process is necessary. A Step Workbook was presented at last year's ABM and it didn't pass because there was no group conscience. It may be on this year's agenda.

LA has committees listed on their website, Slaalosangeles.org. Dan read out what it says, and said we can replicate and build links like what they have so people can volunteer for FWS committee work.

Judy's suggestions.

- Performing Service for the Fellow ship should say "...this is about performing service for FWS" and this is the sharing of Slaa's IG chair..." end with "How You Can Help."
- All conference committees are at www.slaafws.org/conference
- All IG members should represent a meeting in addition to committee work

Sam K talked about a woman who was harassed by a fellow and asked what role FWS or Intergroup should play in that. Kara said we refrain from consulting. Judy said it's so individual and hard to know what to say. It's not a common occurrence, but happens from time to time. Sam E said that the Conference Steps Traditions and Concepts Committee could handle such a question, but would not issue an authoritative answer. Jenny said there may be a journal article on the topic.

C. Retreat/Events

Judy asked about the Google Sheet that has distribution for flyers. We currently have 16 meetings in Manhattan that have to be contacted. Four of these are mens meetings (all the mens meetings). 2 Brooklyn mens meetings need contact. 11 Morristown/Montclair meetings need contact. No contact for Boundbrook. There's a phone number for Steve in Boundbrook. Sam F will find out.

Judy is looking for help with flyer distribution. Hadar will look at the google sheet today. Sam K will distribute to Wed, and will give to Brooklyn (Greenpoint Talking Stick Sun Night<-not on Judy's meeting list). Dan can do all City Lights and _____.

We're coming along. Kara will send to meetings we can't get to.

Kara commented that we have 7 women and 2 men speaking. We need more male representation. Tom volunteered to speak. Judy said the two open topics are Dating Tools/Plan and Forty Recovery Tools for newcomers. The schedule is still in a state of flux. Dan will speak on Sponsorship.

There will be three sessions with 10 minutes in between.

Judy welcomes any ideas on food.

D. Bylaws – on hiatus until August

ALL REPORTS ABOVE WERE APPROVED BY ACCLAMATION

Request for new business – none

V. OLD BUSINESS

1. Elect new journal rep – Kara was elected
2. 2nd (and additional?) delegates to ABM and how to fund?
It costs \$2000 approx to send a delegate
Kara feels strongly we should be sending 2 delegates
Tom said he spoke with Dave (treasurer) who said we have approx.
\$5000.
We don't appear to have any large expenses coming up for the rest of the year.

The motion was made to send a second delegate.

Motion passed to send a 2nd delegate.

June 8 is regular price deadline. It's 4 days/3 nights. 7/23-26.

Ava and Dan have volunteered. Dan said he'd pay his own way if he goes. We agreed that Ava will be sent by the group.

3. Paypal link for the website. Dan needs permission from the group to put it on the website. Jenny moved that we put the paypal link back on the website. Sam K said people at his wife's 12 step meeting people pay through Venmo. Dan said he'd check to see if Venmo has the capability to have people pay to a 501c3 organization. Motion was passed to add PayPal back to the website.
4. Phone volunteer requirements. Ava is a new volunteer, and we don't necessarily need anyone else at this time.
5. Communication with St. Francis groups about insurance reimbursements. Judy will communicate with groups and communicate with David and Dan. \$85 for big groups and \$41 for small.

Did not get to

6. Newcomer introduction to practices and procedures in Intergroup.

VI. NEW BUSINESS

1. Announcements to Intergroup – did not get to?
2. Consolidation of acclamations in minutes
3. Repayment of balance from literature to treasury

VII. BRING BACK TO MEETINGS

- Event
- Insurance
- Pass a second basket for 2nd ABM with a suggested donation of \$2.

VIII. CLOSED WITH THE SERENITY PRAYER

