

SLAA Greater NY Intergroup - March 2019 Minutes
March 3, 2019
Secretary: Alex Q

The regular monthly business meeting for SLAA Greater NY Intergroup was held on March 3, 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). Journal Rep, Treasurer, Literature, Communications, and Outreach Chairs were absent.

Other attendees were Judy (Bylaws & Events Committee), Dave (Literature Chair substitute), Kara (2018 ABM delegate), Hadar (Events Committee), Joe T (former Treasurer), and IG reps: Ava (Saturday 6p Beginners), Chris (Monday 8p), Leslie (Sunday 3p Women's; Spiritual Timekeeper), Paul (Friday Anorexia), Daniel (Sunday 1:15p), and Erika (Friday 4:30p).

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

II. REPORTS

A. February 2019 Minutes

They were accepted by acclamation.

B. Treasurer

2018 Treasurer (Joe T) picked up the mail from the PO Box and is turning everything over to the new Treasurer (Dave).

C. Literature

Report emailed by Literature Chair (Jennifer) was read by Chair (Sam).
Report was accepted by acclamation.

D. Communications: Not presented

E. Outreach: Not presented

2018 ABM delegate (Kara) motioned to move Outreach to Ancillary Reports. The motion passed by acclamation.

III. ANCILLARY REPORTS

A. Journal: Not presented

B. ABM Report

Finance Committee (Kara): Kara is not active on this committee, has nothing to report. Kara requests \$180 of her travel expenses be reimbursed.

Conference Literature Committee (Sam): Continued work on the 12 & 12 booklet. Steps 1 to 4 and Traditions 1 and 2 are done. Steps 5 to 9 are in process. Sam is editing Step 8. These will be presented at the next ABM as IFD.

Conference Steps, Traditions, & Concepts Committee (Sam): Sam was elected by the CSTCC to be the voice of that committee at the ABM 2019. The committee is working on a companion 12 concepts booklet. Concepts 1-2 are done. Working on concept 3. A formal question was presented to the committee: if a group brings a translator or sign language interpreter who is not an addict, is that a violation of the traditions & concepts? Anyone with an opinion can submit comments. An informal question was presented to the committee: should sobriety requirements be incorporated for membership on committees or chairing committees? The committee voted No.

Report was accepted by acclamation.

C. Retreat Committee

Saint Margaret's is an available space for the tentative event date (Sunday June 23rd). There are 4 rooms available from 12-5pm, rent is \$40/hr. Judy suggests the committee start actively planning the event by the next business meeting. People who are interested in helping with planning should let her know.

Report was accepted by acclamation.

D. ABM 2019/2020

ABM 2019/2020 Chair (Ash) was not present. Chair (Sam) suggests efforts to hold ABM 2019/2020 in NYC be put on hold as ABM 2019 will be in Sacramento, and ABM 2020 will probably repeat there.

E. Accessibility: Not presented

IV. REQUESTS FOR NEW BUSINESS

- Chair (Sam) proposes we elect a new Treasurer
- Sunday 1:15p rep (Daniel) requests pamphlets for "racial minority" folks
- 2018 ABM delegate (Kara) requests we consider electing a substitute for the communications chair.
- Journal rep (Dave, absent) requests we allocate \$50 for journals

V. URGENT BUSINESS

A. Treasurer

Events & Bylaws rep (Judy) nominated Dave as new Treasurer. Dave was elected unanimously (11 in favor, 0 opposed).

B. Communications Chair

Chair (Sam) will contact the Communications Chair (Dan) about attending meetings.

VI. OLD BUSINESS

1. Retreat Committee; Event (workshop or share-a-day) around June 23

- Bylaws and Events rep (Judy) proposes a get together on March 27th at her home to start planning the event. Hadar, Erika, and Kara volunteer to join.
- New Treasurer (Dave) motioned to vote on June 23rd as the definitive date for the upcoming event. The motion passed (11 in favor, 0 opposed).

2. By-Laws

2018 ABM delegate (Kara) motioned to refer all proposed updates to the bylaws to the Bylaws Committee and that the committee present their final bylaws proposal to the group. The motion passed (10 in favor, 0 opposed).

10. Adding Rules of Safety to meeting “script”

New Treasurer (Dave) motioned to add Rules of Safety to the meeting script. Sunday 3p Women’s rep (Leslie) made a friendly amendment to read the Rules of Safety as a part of the meeting script for the next 3 months after which we would vote on whether to keep them permanently. Former Treasurer (Joe T) made a second friendly amendment to read the Rules of Safety with 2 minutes reserved for comments, which would be documented by the Secretary. The motion passed (9 in favor, 1 opposed).

3. (Judy) Officers to circulate minutes and reports at least 3 days prior to IG meetings

Judy withdrew this motion. According to the bylaws, reports need to be sent to the Chair 1 week prior to IG business meetings and Secretary minutes should be submitted to the Chair within 1 week after IG business meetings.

Old business we didn’t get to:

4. (Sam) New business items to be circulated prior to next meeting
5. Group Inventory
6. Journal publications to be included in Literature
7. Newcomer introduction to practices and procedures in Intergroup
8. Business meeting “script” for use at Intergroup meetings.
9. Time limit for report presentations

11. Clarification of process of movement of new business to old business to motion to action

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VIII. BRING BACK TO MEETINGS

Tell meetings we have a new treasurer and how much money they have to send.

For St Francis meetings: We will have insurance numbers next month and all St Francis groups should prepare for that. They should anticipate paying a little more than last month. About \$40 for small meetings and about \$85 for big meetings. The increase is due to our increased insurance premium for the year.

IX. CLOSED WITH THE SERENITY PRAYER