

Intergroup Meeting  
Sex and Love Addicts Anonymous of Greater New York  
Minutes of 12/4/22  
Anne B, recording

The Meeting opened with the prayer for trusted servants, 12 steps, 12 traditions, and check-ins

Attendance:

- Mark, Chair
- Claudia, Fri. 6:15pm Fri Zoom
- Dan, Vice Chair/Communications committee
- Anne, Secretary
- Cara, Treasurer
- Ava, Sat 6pm in-person beginners
- Vanessa, Virtual Meeting Registrar
- Clarice, Women's Path to Freedom, Tues 7pm

**REPORTS**

Secretary

Anne reads minutes — no objections appear

Treasurer (Cara)

- Full report distributed with agenda
- Liquid balance: \$7.7k
- Expenses \$ 1.8 k
- Not all Share-a-Day transactions have cleared

Communications (Dan)

- Very slow month
- A woman did write saying that she wanted to start an in-person meeting in Bayside, Queens
- Amy A has been promoting in person meetings
- The date of the next intergroup meeting is Jan 8, due to New Years
- We have not been getting telephone calls. We have paid our Vonage bill, which is about \$15/mo, but maybe no one is calling. Vonage is supposed to convert the calls to text and forward them to people. Dan will check to make sure that everything is working with that.

### Virtual Meeting Registrar (Vanessa)

- 4-5 new in person meetings
- The Mon. noon virtual meeting on steps & traditions has been moved to Thursday and needs support

### FWS Committees

- Board Finance (Ava) — looking for new space. Since more literature is virtual, we don't need as much space
- CAC (AVA) — plugging away. Looking for ideas for new pamphlets. Dec. 15 deadline for submission of anorexia stories for the basic text
- Diversity (Mark)
  - New links to meetings that are focused on alternative sexualities
  - Asking that Zoom meetings include closed captioning — helpful for deaf people. Call out for meetings for people who are neurodivergent
  - Announcement that FWS has in fact found the new office
- ABM (Mark) Looking for a location for 2023

### Comments:

- Closed captioning can be distracting. Meetings might want to include instructions for how attendees can turn it off, in the Meeting format
- Vanessa volunteers to put an indication on the meeting list as to whether closed captioning is available.

### Journal

There is a new one out. They are regularly soliciting articles, e.g. on basic topics like HP and not telling people what to do, just sharing ESH

## **OLD BUSINESS**

### Election of officers

No new nominations or volunteers have appeared, except that the existing officers are willing to continue. We still need someone to do the list of announcements

Motion: Existing officers should continue

Second

No objection raised, so motion considered passed by acclamation

Comment: should find someone to shadow Dan

Should we host ABM 2023? (This discussion occurred after the discussion of how to improve attendance, but was rearranged)

It seemed to be the consensus that it would be more important for us to organize another and better Share-a-Day for June than to organize the ABM for this year. We could reconsider in 2024.

## NEW BUSINESS

### Discussion of how to improve Intergroup attendance

Proposal: start a weekly in person meeting — with a hybrid Intergroup occurring once a month afterwards — that could draw attendees in. Additional suggestions:

- Refreshments (NB St. Francis allows beverages, but not snacks)
- Sell literature (we have 4 boxes of literature, valued at about \$1k that we could sell)
- Have fellowship afterwards
- Have a Sunday 4pm beginners meeting followed by Intergroup once a month

### MOTION

Form a committee to investigate proposals to have a hybrid Intergroup meeting with an associated in person meeting — and to identify a location

Seconded

No objection arises, so considered passed by acclamation

Committee to include Dan & Vanessa

## TAKE HOME

1. Deadline for stories for the 50th Anniversary Text: December 15
2. FWS requests that meetings register with them. ***This is not the same as being listed on the website.*** Online groups can leave out contact information if they do not wish to list on the site. There is a tick mark on the in-person registration form to “not list on web site.” The registration will give the group a number — and gives NY Intergroup credit for the Meeting. This affects how many representatives our Intergroup can send to ABM. Registration also allows meetings to contribute directly to FWS. Go to <https://slaafws.org/registermeeting/>.
3. The FWS diversity committee requests that more Zoom Meetings have closed captioning for deaf people. Meetings may want to include in their format an instruction for how attendees can turn off the closed captioning, if they find it distracting.
4. The FWS diversity committee requests more meetings for neurodiverse people
5. Service Opportunities at Intergroup
  - A. Someone to assemble announcements for Intergroup to distribute
  - B. Someone to shadow the communications chair to learn how to operate the website and phone account
  - C. People to help organize a Share-A-Day in June
6. As, always, *The Journal* requests submission of articles about people’s personal recovery journey. Go to <https://slaafws.org/thejournal/>
7. Meetings are requested to announce that Intergroup and FWS need donations

Meeting closes with the Serenity Prayer at 6:35 pm