

NY Area Intergroup Meeting Minutes, October 2021

The October 2021 monthly meeting of the Intergroup of Sex Love Addicts Anonymous of Greater NY was held Sunday October 3, 2021 at 5pm electronically on Zoom, the Chair Mark S. being in the chair and the Secretary, Shoky P, being present.

Members present+ chair: Elias, Cathy, Suz, Anne B, Sam, Lloyd. Cara, Vanessa, Ava.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

Reports were given on

Treasury: The ending balance is \$14,867.

Cara (the treasurer) checked in with David (the previous treasurer) on FWS contributions. Everyone from ABM has been reimbursed.

Mark S. read David's reply to Cara's question regarding FWS contributions: "The amount of the SLAA intergroup contribution to FWS should appear in the spreadsheet in one of the prior years. 15% of income comes to mind. For St. Francis, I thought it was a dollar amount per year not a percentage, but I just don't remember. St Francis always characterized it as a "donation" rather than "rent" and I suspect fellows could have an issue giving St. Francis a donation after more than a year of no in person meetings. Maybe bring up at IG?"

Cara will review whether St. Francis is requiring insurance now that some in-person meetings have resumed there. Questions include: When should the insurance be resumed? How much will it be?

Literature: The balance in the literature account is \$555.45. There was one sale of literature during the month of September.

Ancillary reports:

ABM discussion of hotels and application. FWS had some questions regarding our application, which was considered to be incomplete. Additional information was sent to Gabriel G, the board liaison regarding the application. Sam F. stated he would contact Gabriel G. to determine if there are any hold ups with the application.

The Chair will ask the Vice Chair about his participation in the hybrid meeting equipment subcommittee.

The Steps Committee provided answers on the service forum in regard to traditions issues surrounding New York's new in-person combined SLAA/AA meeting in Bushwick (Brooklyn).

Old Business

Election of officers for the 2022 ABM was tabled until FWS approves NY application to host the ABM.

New Business

No new business was offered.

The next meeting will be November 7, 2021 at 5pm.

The meeting adjourned early at 6pm because there was no proposed new business.

Respectfully submitted by Shoky P, Secretary

Tradition One - *Our common welfare should come first; personal recovery depends upon S.L.A.A. unity.*

Tradition Two, Sentence Two – *Our leaders are but trusted servants; they do not govern.*



Greater New York Intergroup - SLAA

Meeting Agenda – October 3, 2021

I. OPENING

A. Prayer for Trusted Servants

Higher Power, we ask for your guidance in carrying out this work in service to the SLAA fellowship. Relieve us of the burdens of our egos and perfectionism. Grant us the grace of humility. Remind us to place principles before personalities. Help us to focus only on the greater good of the fellowship. Let us know that we are responsible only for doing the leg work, not the outcome. Give us the faith to trust in You and the group conscience. And . . .

Give us the serenity to accept the things we cannot change, the courage to change the things we can, and the wisdom to know the difference.

B. SLAA 12 Steps, 12 Traditions, and 12 Concepts (12 Concepts in January, April, July and October)

C. Introductions and “check-ins”

D. Spiritual Timekeeper – Is there a volunteer to act as Spiritual Timekeeper?

E. Guidelines for Safety

In sharing during Intergroup meetings we proceed in an orderly, respectful manner. The chairperson will call on people to speak. We do not interrupt one another.

While we encourage expressions of opinions we do not direct them at specific people. This is called “personalizing.” We keep the focus on the specific issue under discussion.

Raise your hand and state “point of order” if you feel a procedural rule has been violated.

Anyone may request a 30-second spiritual timeout during the meeting. During a spiritual timeout, the meeting participants are expected to refrain from any activities including speaking, reading and writing for a period of 30 seconds.

You may request the Guidelines for Safety be re-read. The chairperson will pause the speaker and reread the Guidelines for Safety.

II. REPORTS

A. September 2021 Minutes

B. Treasurer

Ending balance: **\$14,897.68**

	<u>2021 ytd</u> <u>expenses</u>	<u>2021 income</u>
Jan-21	29.53	514.57
21-Feb	119.33	3441.77
Mar-21	501.58	467.14
Apr-21	38.87	668.75
May-21	28.03	338.33
Jun-21	24.63	437

Jul-21	\$1,108.00	\$332.29
Aug-21	441.76	382.98
Sept-21	234.45	484
total	\$2,526.18	\$7,066.83

David's e-mail to Cara: The amount of the SLAA intergroup contribution to FWS should appear in the spreadsheet in one of the prior years. 15% of income comes to mind. For St. Francis, I thought it was a dollar amount per year not a percentage, but I just don't remember. St Francis always characterized it as a "donation" rather than "rent" and I suspect fellows could have an issue giving St. Francis a donation after more than a year of no in person meetings. Maybe bring up at IG?

St. Francis insurance update now that some meetings have resumed. When should it be resumed? How much is it?

C. Literature

Nothing to report per Elias.

D. Communications

E. Meeting registrar

IV. ANCILLARY REPORTS

A. ABM Committees

B. Journal

C. Hybrid equipment committee

D. Events Committee

E. ABM Hosting Committee

F. SLAA Service Forum

V. REQUESTS FOR NEW BUSINESS

V. OLD BUSINESS

1. (from August, September) Election of chairs for ABM hosting committee

Chairs needed include:

Hospitality suite chair (coffee, juices, salty/sweet snacks, etc. with different meal options

- Organizes team of at least 12 reliable volunteers
- Hospitality suite open all day except during mandatory sessions
- Volunteers have local knowledge and are trained to answer key questions
- Offer local interest suggestions
- Opportunity to meet members from across the world.
- Ideally 4 hour shifts
- Minimum of \$500 budget
- Include 7th tradition jar for donations to local IG for hospitality suite.

Chair, local planning committee

Meeting chair

- Plans 2 meetings/day -- one in the morning and one in the evening at 6/7pm)
- Speaker meeting on Thursday night (local planning committee will pick out that chair). Just a speaker meeting ONLY.

See additional information on the ABM in the attached notes from the meeting held in July with FWS board members.

VI. NEW BUSINESS

VII. BRING BACK TO MEETINGS

1. Returning to in-person meetings: there is still availability at St Francis and many local institutions.

Joe Nuzzi is the person in charge at St Francis. 212-736-8500 Ext 365.
His email: jnuzzi@stfrancisnyc.org

Joe has requested that the link below be used to request space at St. Francis Adult Education Center: <https://stfrancisnyc.org/space-request-for-adult-education-center/>

We have many questions answered already about policies for returning to in-person meetings, WiFi availability, mask requirements, etc. Feel free to e-mail info@slaany.org with questions.

2. Some meetings are beginning in person. Please remind your groups that the SLAA IG web site is the official place to list in-person SLAA meetings in the NYC area (NYC, northern NJ, Long Island, Hudson Valley).

VIII. CLOSING WITH SERENITY PRAYER

S.L.A.A. FWS Service Forum Report

Slaafws.org

October 3, 2021

By Lloyd F, Service Forum Rep

1. **[SLAA YouTube Channel](#)** added 2 new recordings and posted its first request for volunteers:
 - A. [Sober Dating LGBTIQ+ Mens Share](#) by Anonymous, a South African fellow, LGBTIQ+ on the topic of sober re-partnering (SLAAvirtual Workshop Event – all gender)
 - B. [Service as a Tool of Recovery in SLAA](#)– the second training and education video created by the CPIC to help carry the message of Service in SLAA.

2. **[Fellowshipwide-Newsletter-September-2021/ https://slaafws.org/fellowship-wide-newsletter-September 2021/](#)**

The **[FWS Newsletter](#)** for September 2021 is available to Members on the [FWS Website](#).

3. **[A new worldwide Fantasy Addiction Recovery Group \(slaavirtual.org\) opened on 29 August to](#)**
 - share our experience strength and hope,
 - request outreach between meetings,
 - share Recovery Meetings around the world,
 - start Meetings where they are needed, and
 - develop new literature for Fantasy Addicts.
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There are 144 members attending 5 Meetings around the world already! All genders from all areas welcome. SLAA members only. See the [Fantasy Addiction](#) on the SLAAvirtual.org page on how to join this WhatsApp Group and find a Meeting in a time zone that suits you.

4. **[Lifesaver Program currently has \\$64,346.39 target is \\$101,000.](#)**

Since the [LifeSaver Program](#) began, the Fellowship has increased the percentage of revenue from 7th Tradition contributions from around 22% to almost 40%. This has helped offset declining sales, but SLAA needed to withdraw from its Prudent Reserve earlier this year. Therefore, please ask our Groups to [donate](#) and give back that which is freely given.

5. **Upcoming Meetings and Events**

A. **Sponsorship Writing Group (Conference Sponsorship Committee CSPC)**

Saturday, October 9, 2021. 12:00-1:30 pm

ID 858 5094 0755. Passcode 596954

Please go to SLAAvirtual.org for details.

B. **Setting Top and Bottom Lines for Anorexia, Sunday October 24th, 2021, 3:00-4:30pmET**

Special Speaker Event to share experience, strength and hope on setting and maintaining Top and Bottom lines

Zoom ID 843 8593 8843, Passcode 187120

C. **Sponsorship Writing Group (Conference Sponsorship Committee CSPC)**

Saturday, October 30, 2021. 12:00-1:30 pm

ID 858 5094 0755. Passcode 596954

Please go to SLAAvirtual.org for details.

D. **Fun in Fellowship 12 STEP DISCO**

7 days a week, 12:35 EST Zoom ID 297 061 203, Passcode 1212

Please encourage fellow SLAA members to sign up for the service forum.

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Members present+ chair: Dan, Elias, Cathy, Suz, Vanessa, Sam
1 guest present: Jenny

The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

Reports were given on

Treasury: Mark S. for Cara: The ending balance is \$14529.92
Chair will ask the Treasurer to talk to the previous treasurer about contributions to FWS? Did ABM delegates get reimbursed?

Literature: Elias not present

Communications by Dan

Dan reports 29 e-mails received, 8 e-mails for SLAA FWS sponsorship list. Email from St Francis administrator in the Google group for 3 new in-person meetings. Suggestion for in-person meeting tab to provide information on starting up in-person meetings (including guidelines for St. Francis was suggested)

Vanessa virtual meeting registrar

Vanessa V. reports that the Google Form will be adjusted so it does not require a URL for an in-person meeting. Offer options for in person, hybrid, virtual. Define hybrid as having camera and microphone in the room. 3 Google Form inquiries received, 2 for new meetings, 2 edits. There is a question if Vanessa is getting the e-mails from registrar@slaany.org.

Ancillary reports:

ABM committee

Mark S. reports that FWS is still considering NY as the host for 2022 and 2023 ABM. They requested additional information from the spreadsheet on hotel costs which will require contacting the hotels themselves.

Steps, Traditions, Concepts Committee (Sam): Chair and vice chair change. Addressing SLAA hybrid meeting questions.

CLC (Literature committee) (SAM): Almost done with 12 and 12 and 12. Feedback is requested.

CPIC (Public information committee): Preparing guidelines for publishing items on the internet
Rep suggested people look at the CPIC YouTube site that is the “YouTube for the
fellowship”

Hybrid equipment committee

Has not met yet. Dan will get information on this. Define hybrid meetings: Suggest
definition that hybrid meetings are meetings or events that feature at least one group
of in-person/face-to-face attendees connecting virtually with other meeting attendees.

Motion: To remove the monthly IG sponsored 12-step meeting from the meeting list.

Passed

Old Business

Election of chairs for ABM 2022/2023 planning groups to be postponed until and if
FWS approves NY’s application for the ABM. **Business tabled.**

New Business

Motion: To record the IG meetings for a limited time until the next monthly meeting.
Access to the recordings will be available only to those who attended the monthly IG
meeting. **Did not pass**

Motion: To endorse the current diversity statement of the Conference Diversity
Committee. **Passed.**

Motion: Define hybrid meetings as meetings or events that feature at least one group
of in-person/face-to-face attendees. **Passed.**

The meeting adjourned at 7pm. Respectfully submitted by Shoky P, Secretary