

SLAA Intergroup of NY and Northern NJ Minutes, July 10, 2022

Present: Mark S (Chair), Lloyd (Mon 6:30pm anorexia step work meeting), Dan M (vice-chair, communications chair), Shoky (CityLights.org meeting Tuesday 9pm), Ava (Sat 6pm), Sam K (Weds night fantasy), Amy A. (guest), Cindy (Thursday Healthy Relationships group), George (Montclair, NJ), Erika E (Guest).

These notes were prepared by the chair for Anne (the secretary), who could not attend due to internet issues.

Reports:

Report from Dan in Communications (see attached). It was decided that the group wishing to list the "European" meeting on the NY web site and to use the NY Intergroup's Zoom account for the meeting come to the August IG meeting to answer questions from the membership regarding the group's connection to the NY/Northern NJ intergroup service area. Mark S suggested that a particular time could be set aside for that discussion so that the member from that group would not need to sit through the whole meeting.

Mark S reported on Treasury for Cara (see attached). It was suggested that Cara report the names of the ABM conference attendees being reimbursed within the report so that members can keep track of who has been reimbursed.

ABM committee:

ABM committee reports that they will meet this month to discuss divvying up work on reading motions, IFDs, etc. They will present a report in the August meeting.

FWS commitees:

Shoky reported on literature units sold, both physical copies and in virtual channels (Apple App Store, Amazon sales). He noted that the early bird deadline has passed for ABM registration.

Lloyd reported on the anorexia committee.

Ava reported from the Board finance committee. She noted that FWS is looking into new office space, notably smaller office space with a larger warehouse facility.

Events committee:

Dan and Shoky reported on the progress for acquiring space for the Share-A-Day event. Dan spoke with Tiffany and Ruby at St Margarets in downtown Manhattan regarding dates in October for the space. The event may last 2 days, and Dan noted that the space is very affordable. He noted he has 5-7 motivated volunteers for the event and stated that more work will be needed once the location and date has been secured. In the meantime, interested members for planning can contact info@slaany.org. Shoky also noted that a Williamsburg location is being considered. Shoky noted that the events committee will not accept cash at the event due to a problem with theft of the cash from the secretary's apartment after the last Share-A-Day event in 2020. A Venmo link will be provided in place of cash. Sam reminded members that the Jewish holidays may conflict with a date in October.

Requests for new business

Amy A requests that discussion take place regarding the fact that (1) many online meetings started during the pandemic now have many members who are not from NYC or NJ and (2) that in-person meeting attendance has been slow in picking up perhaps because online meetings are given too much prevalence on the web site.

Old business

Voting on the following motion was scheduled

Change to the bylaws: "For each ABM, an ABM Rep committee is established to deal with logistics (contact info for delegates and transportation) and motions/IFDs the ABM reps will face at the ABM. The committee monitors updates to the agenda, recommends to the IG positions on motions/IFDs. The IG gives feedback to the committee and the committee elects a chair that communicates on behalf of the committee to the IG. ABM reps are expected to automatically be part of this committee, to interact and to participate fully in the committee and to come to the June, July, August, September IG meetings to discuss ABM motions."

Membership agreed to postpone voting on this motion until October.

New person for fellowship related announcements

No one volunteered. Will announce at next meeting.

New business

Discussion of online meetings and in-person meeting attendance. Amy A (guest member) raised that many online meetings are running without many NY or NJ members in attendance (or possibly not any at all) and that some in-person meetings have struggled to gain members after pandemic (citing Friday 6:15pm anorexia meeting in particular). IG voting members voted (6-0-1) that discussion continue next month on ways to improve in-person meeting attendance. Discussion would also consider redesign to SLAA NY web site and Google Doc to make in-person meetings more prominent.

Take back to meetings

See flyer attached for information on how members can contribute to new stories for the 50th anniversary of the basic text.

NY IG is still working on securing a date for the Share-A-Day event. In the meantime, if any members are interested in joining the planning committee, they can contact info@slaany.org.

Next IG meeting dates: August 7; September 11 (adjusted date due to Labor Day holiday weekend); October 2; November 6; December 4

Jun-22 **2022 Treasury Report -**

Greater New York Area Intergr			
Assets	6/30/2022		
Paypal balance	\$13,143.94		
TD Bank balance	\$4,589.17		
Cash on hand	\$235.10		
Checks on hand	\$0.00		
STARTING BALANCE	\$17,968.21		
CONTRIBUTIONS/INCOME			
Paypal:			
contRIBUTIONS/INCOME	1096.36		
contRIBUTIONS/paypal			
total paypal contrib	\$1,096.36		
OTHER mailbox contrib as of 12/31/2020			
TOTAL Mailbox ADDITIONS	\$0.00		
	\$0.00		
TOTAL ADDITIONS (Paypal + Mailbox)			
Subtotal Balance	\$19,064.57		
bank fee	\$25.00		
paypall fees	\$48.58		
ABM delegate	\$1,173.70		
ABM delegate	\$1,339.21		
ABM Delegate	\$1,041.20		
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zoom			
SUBTOTAL EXPENSES	\$3,827.69		
ENDING BALANCE	\$15,236.88		
	2020 ytd expenses	2020 income	2021 expense/ cont

jan	15.26	874.4	Jan-21	29.53
feb	10.5	287.79	21-Feb	119.33
Marc	521.54	1,397.31	Mar-21	501.58
april	31.25	807.32	21-Apr	38.87
may	9.21	6	May-21	28.03
june	8.52	186	21-Jun	24.63
july	1527.27	806.91	21-Jul	#####
august	11.32	223	august	441.76
sept	19.63	382	september	234.45
oct	1011.32	348	october	447.5
nove	33	881	november	26.68
dec	23.05	454.22	december	41.71
total	\$3,221.87	6,653.95	total	#####

	2022 ytd expenses	2022 income
jan	36.48	738.16
feb	123.4	\$938.57
march	246.08	486.29
april	734.1	426.37
may	\$224.17	316
june	\$958.27	\$3,827.69
total	\$2,322.50	\$6,733.08

SLAA NY Intergroup – July Communications Chair Report

1) Between June 12th and today, we received 11 emails, slightly less than the average of 13-15 monthly emails we have received over the past 6 months.

- 1 sponsorship request email. 5 generic new member inquiries
- A fellow Sarah wants to create a Europe Top Lines Meeting every Wednesday at 1 PM ET. She wants to know if they can use Intergroup's Zoom account for the meeting.
- Our old friend and fellow Joe T., who used to be Intergroup Finance Chair, has funds from a defunct meeting (the Sunday Men's Qualification Meeting). He wants to know if we want the funds.
- The SLAA FWS Personal Stories Flyer for the new 50th Anniversary Basic Text.

2) Thank you for your help! We now have 15 sponsors on the sponsorship list. Here is the link to the Google sheet.

<https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1PAVKT3FgBaT4hHKNDth-yj2nuMHMUPxYdGiz1lhcg7Q/edit#gid=0>

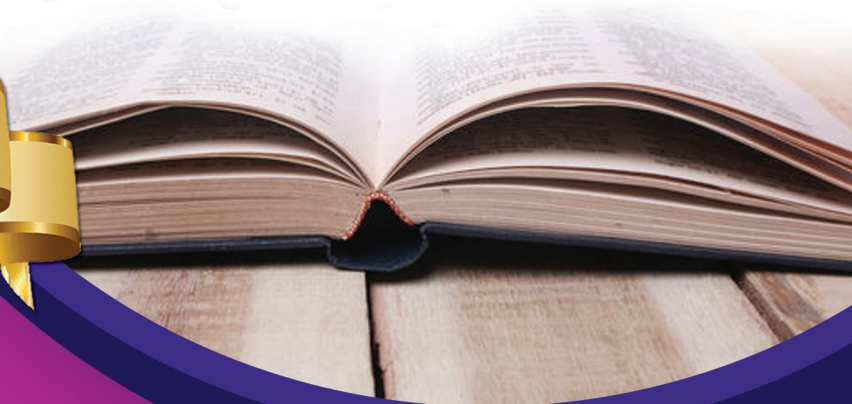
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**SEX AND LOVE ADDICTS ANONYMOUS
50TH ANNIVERSARY EDITION - BASIC TEXT**

WHAT IS YOUR STORY

Do you have an S.L.A.A. story of experience, strength, and hope?



WOULD YOU LIKE TO HELP OTHERS BY SHARING YOUR STORY?

S.L.A.A. is preparing a special 50th-anniversary edition of our Basic Text, *Sex and Love Addicts Anonymous*. We are seeking new stories of recovery for this new edition.

DO YOU HAVE AN S.L.A.A. STORY OF EXPERIENCE, STRENGTH, AND HOPE?

- Personal stories with diversity in such areas as gender identity, sexual preference, religion, ethnicity, nationality, length of sober time, age, and the like.
- Personal stories that describe various manifestations of sex and love addiction, such as anorexia, fantasy, romantic obsession, sex and technology, and so on.
- Personal stories about different areas of sober living, such as sober dating, healthy relationships, reconciliation with a spouse or partner, and living single.

NOT SURE WHAT TO SHARE?

- Tell us what your life was like before, what happened, and what it is like now.
- Tell us how you worked the program, perhaps focusing on one or all of our Preamble's Five Major Recovery Resources: Sobriety, Sponsorship and Meetings, Service, Steps, and Spirituality.
- Tell us what you've learned about yourself, dealing with others, and spiritual principles.
- Tell us the basic facts such as your gender, age, ethnicity and nationality, religion or spiritual background, sexual preference, time in S.L.A.A., bottom lines, relationship with a sponsor, time sober in S.L.A.A., experience with relapse and slips, membership in other 12-Step programs, or anything else that impacts your story.
- Tell us how you stay active in long-term sobriety.
- We encourage international stories submitted in English.

HOW TO SUBMIT YOUR SHARE

Please complete the disclaimer form found here: [Release and Disclaimer Agreement for New Stories \(Final\)](#)

SUBMIT YOUR STORY AND THE COMPLETED DISCLAIMER FORM USING THE LINK BELOW NO LATER THAN DEC 15, 2022:

[Conference Literature Committee \(CLC\) – Sex and Love Addicts Anonymous](#)

Please note: **Stories must be submitted as a Word.doc. No PDFs can be accepted.**