

SLAA of Greater New York Intergroup Minutes

May 7, 2023

Anne B (secretary)

Opening

Trusted Servants Prayer

Reading of 12 Steps, 12 Traditions

Check-ins

- Mark (chair)
- Anne (secretary)
- Joe (City Lights Thu)
- Claudia (Fri nite anorexia)
- Dan (Vice Chair, Communications)
- Stephanie (Women's Brooklyn Wed in person)
- Gregory (5pm daily conscious contact)
- George (Fri Montclair – actually all 3)
- Holly A (visitor)
- Alicia (visitor)
- Camila (Mon nite women's stepwork)
- Janine M (women's daily topline 10 am)
- Cara (treasurer)

Reading of Guidelines for Safety

Timer selected

Reports & Announcements

Minutes (Anne B)

- Summary: The only decisions made were to send two additional Delegates to ABM: Ava and George, with George being paid for by Intergroup and Ava paying her own way.
- Detailed minutes were distributed with the agenda
- No objection to the minutes appeared

Treasurer (Cara)

Summary (approximate

numbers) Bank Balance

\$10.5k Prudent Reserve

-2.5k

ABM Reserve -0- (all but five dollars of \$3k reserve already

spent) Liquid Balance 8k

More ABM travel expenses expected

Communications (Dan M)

- 12 e-mails received

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- 4 voice mails received – volunteers to respond needed
- Filmmaker from Showtime requesting info for a documentary on SLAA. Suggestion to refer filmmaker to the Outreach Committee of FWS
- Donations and literature sales proceeds are being kept in the treasury of the City Lights meeting – some as yet not accounted for, to date:
 - \$119 literature sales proceeds
 - \$50 meeting donation from City Lights
- There are now 17 sponsor volunteers – e-mail info@slaany.org for a list or to be added to the list.
- Request from FWS: comments on 50th anniversary edition of basic text [More info here](#)
- Request from GDVI: comments on version of the promises to be submitted for FWS approval (current version not approved) please send comments to info@slaadvi.org ASAP (date passed) [more info here](#)
- SLAA retreat in Paoli, PA June 2-4 More info on this and other events at [GDVI events page](#)
- Dan e-mailed 20 groups, but is not sure that any extinct groups have been removed from our list

Point of information: Dan M's corporate Zoom account allows more than 100 people

ABM

- Claudia has registered and purchased her ticket. She has requested the foreign language and 50th anniversary text committees. She has started reading the agenda, which is very long.
- Cara is on the finance board already. She has booked her ticket, but has not yet registered. Is currently reading the agenda.
- Ava cannot go after all, as she could not get time off work
- George was able to listen to the meeting only.

FWS diversity committee

- Trying to get more transparency on why the hybrid portion of the ABM was cancelled
- Seeking formats for diverse focus meetings (e.g. LGBTQ, Sex Workers, kink-focus, etc.)
- Collecting diverse audio shares
- Requesting closed captioning for online meetings

NB anyone can be on an FWS committee. [More info here](#)

Literature (Joe, acting in the absence of a literature chair)

- Sold \$140 more of literature, which still has to be venmo-ed by the City Lights treasurer
- There's another anonymous amount from the men's group on Fulton St
- Given that literature requests have picked up, do we want to buy more?

Share-a-Day

- Scheduled for October 7-8
- Only 3 members on the committee. Need more
- No location booked yet.
- Recruiting more speakers.

Workshop announcement

May 20, right after the conscious contact meeting online Topic: How to get out of romantic obsession & fantasy – using the steps. This is to replace the online portion of the workshop of the same title from the last Share-a-Day, because the Zoom connection failed.

New Business

Fundraising for Intergroup

Motion: We as intergroup ask for donations to Intergroup NY. We need the money for maintaining our website, creating share a days and sending reps to the ABM treasurer@slaany.org via paypal

Seconded

Discussion

- encourage meetings to announce our need for money
- create a venmo account, because most people use that. paypal authorizes charity accounts to have venmo accounts
- explain what we are spending money on
- encourage Share-a-Day attenders to donate when they get a name tag
- create a blurb for announcements

Tabled until next month. In the meantime, need for more donations can be announced to groups.

ABM travel reserve

Motion: Increase the ABM travel reserve by \$2,500 to \$5,500 – without changing the main prudent reserve

Seconded

Discussion:

- We already approved more money last month
- We anticipate at least \$2500 more in expenses from the liquid balance.

Motion passes unanimously

Additional delegate to ABM

Motion: Elect Alicia to go to ABM – with money to be raised from the Women's Daily Top Line Meeting

Seconded

Discussion

- Alicia introduces herself, including past ABM experience and sobriety dates
- Extensive discussion on qualifications to be an ABM delegate – which are basically to be elected from Intergroup
- Discussion on whether the delegate has to list a particular set of five meetings that they are representing, which was somewhat unclear, but it appears that they do not

Motion passes unanimously

Meeting closes at 6:41 pm

Take Back to Meetings

1. We elected an additional delegate to ABM, who will pay her own way. NY now has 4 delegates for the ABM. Our delegates would love to hear from NYC-area members! They will be visiting in-person and online groups before and after the ABM as well. Contact info@slaany.org if you wish to raise any concerns on items for discussion or motions at the ABM.
2. Share-a-Day has been scheduled for October 7-8. Volunteers needed to organize and to speak. Contact: info@slaany.org
3. There are now 17 sponsor volunteers — e-mail info@slaany.org for a list or to be added to the list
4. If you are aware of any meetings, which no longer exist, but which are currently listed on our website or google document listing meeting please let intergroup know registrar@slaany.org — also any other meeting changes
5. Workshop announcement: May 20 right after — and on same link as — the conscious contact meeting:
A Way Out of fantasy and Romantic Obsession Through the Steps.
Saturday, May 20th 6:30PM EST
Zoom ID 966 5775 1498
Password 300260
(Right after the Conscious Contact meeting, feel free to come early)
6. Intergroup does have quite a bit of literature to sell. This may save your meeting some shipping costs. E-mail info@slaany.org for more information
7. Intergroup needs donations. We have had major expenses for ABM travel, Share-a-Day, Insurance, Telecommunications, among other issues. Donate on Paypal using treasurer@slaany.org. A new NY Intergroup Venmo account is forthcoming.
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10. SLAA retreat in Paoli, PA June 2-4 More info on this and other events at [GDVI events page](#)
11. Request from FWS Diversity Committee —consider enabling closed captioning on your Zoom meetings. If your meeting has enabled closed captioning, please let the meeting registrar know registrar@slaany.org and also the intergroup at info@slaany.org
12. Anyone can be on an FWS committee, if you need a service opportunity. [More info here](#)
13. Please contact Info@slaany.org if you can help with any of these:

***Volunteers needed to listen to and answer voice mails left on our new google voice account.

*** Volunteers needed to help with the in person Share a day on October 7/8 in NYC

*** Volunteer to be on the sponsorship list

*** NY Intergroup is working on setting up an inspiration line, if you'd like to record a share, let us know.