

**Greater New York Area SLAA Intergroup Meeting Minutes**  
**April 3, 2011**

**I. Opening**

Kara presiding (Chair)

- A. Moment of Silence
- B. Serenity Prayer
- C. SLAA 12 Steps & 12 Traditions
- D. Request for new agenda items
- E. Introductions (Attendees: Kara B., Nancy G., Gavin C., Roger R., Jasmine, Mike, Paul L., Jane, Emily, Judy, Owen, Pamela D., Rob S., Michael G., Darren.)

**II. Reports**

- A. Secretary: Minutes from 03/06/11 Meeting – Accepted
- B. Treasurer: Report presented – see attached – Accepted  
Judy has received insurance payments from the Sunday and Friday meetings, leaving only the Tuesday meeting to pay (Roger is prepared to do that today). After reviewing bank statements, Judy thinks that we may have approx. \$200 more than our treasury report shows. She asked for clarification of what the \$17.88 expense to GoDaddy covered (Domain registration for our website for the next 2 years.) She will prepare a graph for S-a-D of where monies came from and went to for 2010.
- C. Communications: Report presented – see attached – Accepted. One item of note: We continue to get requests from parents, educators, etc. for ways to help teens.
- D. Literature: \$1050.00 worth of literature on hand –Rob will be sending a check for \$500.00 to IG to pay back the extra funds provided to Literature to recover from the effects of FWS' distribution issues. We will then return to the normal level of \$550.00 made up of literature and/or cash. Rob has free beginner's packets available. He will calculate his costs and request reimbursement for toner and paper next month.

**III. Old Business**

- A. Share-a-Day: Allison requests advance of \$75.00 cash for making change at the door. She and two volunteers will keep a record of participants coming and going to ensure that we admit the most people possible without going over the legal limit. There will be a sponsor list – for those who can be and those who need a sponsor. The Keynote Speakers will be Pete T. and Judy. Scheduled Workshops are as follows: Owen: AA Big Book, Chris: Spirituality & Prayer, Michael: Getting Sober & Getting a Life, Melody: Step 4, Sharon: Step 1, Kara: Withdrawal, Amy: Sober Dating, Jasmine: Sponsorship Panel Discussion. Jasmine said that in addition to performers participating in the talent show, visual artists are also welcome to bring their art for display.

- B. ABM Delegates: Table until next month
- C. Prudent Reserve: Table until next month

**IV. New Business**

- A. \$75.00 to new Thursday Coed Healthy Relationships Meeting: This is a new meeting to be held in the same space as the now defunct Women's Meeting. The meeting needs to immediately pay rent in order to save the space. Motion: Jasmine requests an advance payment of \$75.00. One anonymous person is willing to donate the money. Jasmine withdraws her motion. She can revisit it at a later date. Jasmine asked Paul to please add this meeting to the web site with the name "Developing Healthy Relationships"
- B. Speaker Exchange: Roger suggested that we create a Speaker Exchange within SLAA. Discussion followed. There were several positive reactions. Motion: Paul- Put a message on the web site saying that we are forming a Speaker Exchange and that if any meetings are in favor of participating, they should contact Paul. Jasmine suggested that they provide a topic. Motion carries.
- C. Clarification of FWS Donations: The NJ meetings have been under the impression for quite some time, that when they donate to IG, that money is automatically split 60%/40% with FWS. That has NOT been happening. The 60%/40% split is a recommendation for each group to do the split themselves.
- D. Bank Account: Current account is with Capital One in L.I. Judy tried to get added as a signatory but was not able to. She could close down that account and open a new account, but that would require paperwork that we may not have. C.O.'s monthly service fee is \$5.00. Motion: Judy – Take the easiest route, which would be to open an account with Sovereign and incur their monthly service fee of \$15.00. Motion not seconded. Motion: Roger – Table until next month. Motion does not carry. With a new account, will we face this problem again? (Not being able to add the new treasurer as a signatory). Even though signatories have been added in the past, banking regulations have become much more stringent in the meantime. Kara has a box of documents – she proposes that she look through it. Judy has a bankcard but hasn't tried it yet. ING may be a possibility. We need cash to make change at S-a-D. Roger suggests 1) He will pay his group's insurance payment of \$58.00 in cash. 2) We can send someone out to get cash. Judy can get cash back at Whole Foods with a small purchase. Someone will check with GDVIG to see if they've handled the same problems. Judy will check with ING and is willing to try two other banks.
- E. Recording Speakers at S-a-D: After much discussion regarding technical logistics, permission forms, whose presentations, shares, etc. to record, it was decided that we would start small this year by only recording a keynote speaker using < state-of-the-art equipment (small digital recorders, i-phones, etc.).

- F. Discussion of Literature at S-a-D: Some discussion about whether or not we should offer non-CAL for sale or to be borrowed/exchanged. Given the lack of time before the day, we will just have our regular program literature and tokens for sale at the literature table.
  - G. Trusted Servant Prayer: Kara read this prayer to us and suggested that we might want to add it to the format of the monthly IG Meeting. Motion: Paul – Begin meeting with the Trusted Servant Prayer & end with the Serenity Prayer. We will discuss & vote on that next month.
- V. **Closing**  
We closed with the Serenity Prayer.

March 2011 Intergroup Treasury Report

	<b><u>AMOUNT</u></b>	<b><u>NOTES</u></b>
<b><u>STARTING BALANCE</u></b>	<b>\$3,433.35</b>	<b>3/6/2011</b>
<b><u>INSURANCE LIABILITY DEPOSITS</u></b>		
FRI 4:15 ST FRANCIS MTG	\$58.00	FOR LIABILITY INSURANCE
SUN 3PM WOMENS	\$58.00	FOR LIABILITY INSURANCE
<b>SUBTOTAL</b>	<b>\$116.00</b>	
<b><u>CONTRIBUTIONS</u></b>		
FRIDAY 4:30 St FRANCIS	\$16.00	CHECK
SUNDAY 3PM WOMENS	\$21.68	CHECK
FRIDAY 6:15 ST FRANCIS	\$26.20	CHECK
ORANGE COUNTY WED NIGHT	\$35.00	CHECK
SAT 6PM ST FRANCIS	\$63.00	CHECK
<b>SUBTOTAL</b>	<b>\$161.88</b>	CHECK CHECK
<b>CONTRIBUTIONS SUBTOTAL</b>	<b>\$277.88</b>	
<b><u>EXPENSES</u></b>		
CONTRIBUTION TO FWS	-\$180.00	CK209
BANK SERVICE CHARGE	-\$5.18	MONTHLY CHARGE
VONAGE PHONE SYSTEM	-\$14.93	MONTHLY CHARGE
POSTAGE EXPS	-\$8.25	CK
GODADDY EXPENSE	-\$17.88	2/4 ATM CHARGE
<b>EXPENSE SUBTOTAL</b>	<b>-\$226.24</b>	
<b>GRAND TOTAL</b>	<b>\$51.64</b>	
<b><u>ENDING BALANCE</u></b>	<b>\$3,484.99</b>	AS OF 4-4-2011
<b>CONTRIBUTIONS CAN BE MADE PAYABLE TO GREATER NY A INTERGROUP AND SENT TO P.O. BOX 8086 NY, NY 10116-80</b>		

## March 2011 Intergroup Communications Report

### Phone inquiries: March

- 646-703-0048 hit 63 times (including many hang-ups before end of greeting)
  - 20 voicemails left, most seeking general information re meetings, etc.
  - We continue to get occasional calls from parents, therapists, school counselors, seeking resources for juveniles
  - Katy, Jasmine and Rob, the three trusted servants assisting in responding to phone inquiries, continue to perform exceptional service.

### Email inquiries: March

- info@slaany.org: Eleven external messages, most seeking general information, or noting apparent discrepancies on our meeting list
- media@slaany.org: 0

### Website

- Visitor stats: March
  - 2805 Unique visitors during January, our 2<sup>nd</sup> best month since tracking began last June (2823 in Jan, 2616 in Feb.)
  - Most popular pages:
    - Meetings (482)
    - Beginners (68)
    - Self-Diagnosis (59)
- Site development: Suggestions always welcome for more effective use of this resource

### Meeting List update

- Am finding some meetings on the list no longer exist. Suspect there may be a meeting or two that aren't on the list.
- Phone meetings section on the list is incomplete, according to a comparison with what is on the FWS website. I have been advised the FWS list is probably up-to-date. For now, our list makes note of that and links to the FWS list. Will update our list.

Submitted by: Paul L (Communications Chair)