

Greater New York Area SLAA Intergroup Meeting Minutes
February 6, 2011

I. Opening

Kara presiding (Chair)

A. Moment of Silence

B. Serenity Prayer

C. SLAA Preamble

D. SLAA 12 Steps & 12 Traditions

E. Introductions (Attendees: Kara, Nancy G., Ayana P., Paul L., Gavin C., Mireille M., Pam D., Rosa, Juliet F., Karin L., Michael G., Zoi C., Marc A., Jasmine)

II. Reports

A. Secretary: Minutes from 01/09/11 Meeting – Accepted

B. Share-a-Day: Rosa stepping down as Sr. S-a-D Co Chair. Zoi volunteered to replace her. Motion: To elect Zoi as Sr. S-a-D Co Chair. Motion carries. Mark has already sent in non-refundable payment in full (\$500) and signed contract to venue.

C. Treasurer: Report presented – see attached – Accepted

Motion: Waive the \$58.00 insurance fee for another meeting (7:45 Sunday Fantasy Meeting) new to St. Francis. Motion carries.
Kara – we have a new Treasurer beginning next month.

D. Communications Chair: Report presented – see attached – Accepted

Inspiration Line is up for renewal 3/9/2011. Motion: Discontinue Inspiration Line and change O/G greeting on it to refer people to the 646 # for as long as it remains in operation.

E. Literature: Nancy presented in Rob's absence - \$550.00 all in funds, still awaiting contact by FWS to order literature - Accepted

III. Old Business

A. Teen Meeting: Discussion – Ayana brought up issue of legal liabilities related to endangering the welfare of a minor. Ayana spoke to the counselor and suggested that the teens start their own meeting and that she would come up with a format. Zoi suggested that the teens could go to an AA teen meeting and perhaps meet one-on-one with an adult SLAA. She stressed the need for immediate help for them. Paul said that he's received another couple of queries from a counselor, a parent. No decisions made. Tabled until March.

IV. New Business

- A. ABM Delegate Registration: Ayana told us that the deadline for early registration of ABM delegates is in March. She would like Mark to send deposits.
- B. Sponsorship Workshop for S-a-D: Jasmine is heading up a workshop at S-a-D in a panel discussion / Q&A format. One of the four people on the proposed panel is not a member of SLAA. Jasmine participated in an AA Big Book workshop that this man had facilitated. Given that experience with him, Jasmine felt that he would be an asset to the workshop. Another member of IG also knows him and agreed.
Motion: Approve the participation of this one man in spite of the fact that he is not a member of SLAA. Motion carries.

V. Closing

We closed with the Serenity Prayer.

INTERGROUP TREASURY REPORT FOR JANUARY, 2011

| | AMOUNT | NOTES |
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| STARTING BALANCE | \$3,828.39 | AS OF 1-9-2011 |
| INSURANCE LIABILITY DEPOSITS | | |
| THURS ST FRANCIS MTG | \$58.00 | FOR LIABILITY INSURANCE |
| CONTRIBUTIONS | | |
| MORRISTOWN, NJ SAT NIGHT 7:30 | \$100.00 | CASH |
| MONTCLAIR, NJ MTGS | \$75.00 | CASH |
| SUNDAY 3PM WOMEN'S @ ST FRANC | \$34.80 | CHECK |
| WE DO BROOKLYN MTG | \$79.00 | MONEY ORDER |
| WE DO BROOKLYN MTG | \$50.00 | MONEY ORDER |
| FRIDAY 4:30 GROUP | \$20.50 | CHECK |
| FRIDAY 6:15 @ ST FRANCIS | \$22.80 | MONEY ORDER |
| SUN MEN'S @ 107TH STREET | \$53.00 | CHECK |
| CONTRIBUTIONS SUBTOTAL | \$493.10 | |
| EXPENSES | | |
| P.O. BOX RENEWAL | -\$60.00 | RENEWAL 2/1/11-1/31/12 |
| SHARE-A-DAY SITE RENTAL | -\$500.00 | HOLDING APRIL 9TH, 2011 |
| ANNUAL INSURANCE LIABILITY | -\$460.00 | 'COVERS 3/1/11-3/1/12 |
| BANK SERVICE CHARGE | -\$5.00 | MOTHLY CHARGE |
| VONAGE PHONE SYSTEM | -\$14.33 | MOTHLY CHARGE |
| EXPENSE SUBTOTAL | -\$1,039.33 | |
| GRAND TOTAL | -\$546.23 | |
| ENDING BALANCE | \$3,282.16 | AS OF 2-6-2011 |
| CONTRIBUTIONS CAN BE MADE PAYABLE TO GREATER NY AREA INTERGROUP AND SENT TO P.O. BOX 8086 NY, NY 10116-8086 | | |
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January 2011 Intergroup Communications Report

Phone inquiries: January

- 646-703-0048 hit 21 times (including three apparent hangups before end of greeting)
 - 18 voicemails left, most seeking general information re meetings, etc.
 - Phone activity down a bit previous months
 - Four trusted servants are available to respond to phone inquiries.
- 212-946-5298 (inspiration line): Unable to track stats. Our current one-year contract for this number, with 1-800 WE ANSWER, expires 2 March. Decision needed now on whether to keep this number
 - Renewal with WE ANSWER would total \$144.01 (billed annually), based on last year's charge.
 - Switch to a Vonage number (NEW number), with annual cost of \$179.16 (billed monthly, all fees included). Would include full stats on calls received.
 - Discontinue the inspiration line.

Email inquiries: January

- info@slaany.org: 9 external messages
 - Eight requested info on meetings
 - One inquired about Share-a-Day
- media@slaany.org: 0

Website

- Domain renewal due 9 March. Recommend renewing now for 2 years, at \$17.88
- Visitor stats: January
 - Average about 91 unique visitors per day, by far the highest month since we began tracking in July.
 - Most popular pages:
 - Meetings (197)
 - Front (134)
 - Beginners (18)
- Site development: Suggestions always welcome for more effective use of this resource

Google Group:

- As of January 13, no new files may be uploaded. As of this date, files are still visible on our group page.
- ALL files currently on the group have been downloaded for safekeeping and have been uploaded to a Google Docs folder accessible by group members. This may be a temporary arrangement pending further review of exactly how Google Docs works and interfaces with Google Groups

Submitted by: Paul L (Communications Chair)

- Consider using Yahoo Groups. Yahoo permits uploading and storage of a wide variety of files, including MS Word docs and PDFs, but files must be uploaded one at a time, and may NOT be attached to messages. (There is some ambiguity about this.) Yahoo says attachment functionality is something they "will be offering in the future".