

Greater New York Area SLAA Intergroup Meeting Minutes July 10, 2011

I. Opening

Kara presiding (Chair)

- A. Moment of Silence
- B. Prayer for Trusted Servants
- C. SLAA 12 Steps & 12 Traditions
- D. Introductions (Attendees: Kara B., Paul, Nancy G., Roger R., Emily, Judy J., Darren, Owen, Jasmine, Stacy, Adrian, Whitney)

II. Reports

- A. Secretary: Minutes from 06/05/11 Meeting – Accepted
- B. Treasurer: Report presented – see attached – Accepted
The payment to “Go Daddy” covers us for 3 years (through May, 2014).
Judy opened a new account at TD Bank. ☺ She will close the Capital One account once Vonage has been transferred to the new one.
- C. Communications: Report presented – see attached – Accepted.
- D. Literature: Darren filled in for Rob. Three basic texts were sold. There is an order scheduled to arrive Mon. or Tues. Rob can meet with people in NY on Wed. nights 8:30pm at “Le Gourmet” (1st Ave bet. 68th & 69th) Call first 201-401-7995.

III. Ancillary Reports

- A. Journal Liaison: Darren shared with us the Journal question of the months for July & Aug: How do you define the Higher Power of your understanding?
The journal is still looking for volunteers with excellent computer skills.
- B. Retreat Committee: Kara: We are looking for a retreat center within 2 – 2.5 hours drive from the city. We reviewed the list of volunteers. She will set up a Google Group for the Retreat Committee.

IV. Old Business

- A. BMIS: Some people expressed personal opinions or the group conscience of their meeting on the various Motions and Items for discussion to be covered at the ABM.

V. New Business

- A. Donation to the NY Area SLAA Women’s Retreat: A motion was made to contribute \$300.00 to the scholarship fund for this retreat. DVI had already donated an equal amount. Motion carries.
- B. Out-going messages to the meetings: Emily suggested that we take two minutes at the end of each IG meeting to discuss and record what we would like the group reps to announce to the individual meetings during “announcements”. Emily offered to take on the role of coordinating that. We took immediate action on this, using the last 2 minutes to compile a list.
- C. Communications with the individual groups: Let’s get the word out about making contributions to IG. Discussion followed regarding e-mail addresses. We currently have enough e-mail address capabilities for every meeting to have one. Motion to have Comm. Chair create such addresses was made and then withdrawn.

- D. During the Communications report, Paul discussed a situation where a playwright who was planning to do a Broadway play about sex addiction asked if he could interview some of the members of SLAA. Paul had responded that it would go against our traditions. Some in the meeting felt that although as a fellowship we could not get involved, we might want to give individuals the opportunity to participate if they wanted to. Paul will send out an e-mail when a situation like that presents itself.
- E. Expense Recap: Table until next month
- F. Communications streamlining (Google docs): Table until next month

VI. Closing

We closed with the Serenity Prayer.

June 2011 Intergroup Treasury Report

	AMOUNT	NOTES
STARTING BALANCE	\$4,170.44	6/5/11 ending balance
CONTRIBUTIONS		
St Francis-Sat 6PM	\$44.30	Check
Weds 6pm @ 107st	\$128.55	Check
St Francis-Mon 6pm	\$60.50	Check
St Francis-Fri 6.15	\$49.00	Check
St Francis-Sun 3pm	\$45.02	Check
Thurs 7.30 Mens	\$22.50	Check
SUBTOTAL	\$349.87	
CONTRIBUTIONS SUBTOTAL	\$349.87	
EXPENSES		
5/9/11 Go Daddy Recurring	-\$323.64	bank debit
ABM Exps-Pd to Katie	-\$1,789.19	ck 212
BANK SERVICE CHARGE	-\$5.06	MONTHLY CHARGE
VONAGE PHONE SYSTEM	-\$14.93	MONTHLY CHARGE
EXPENSE SUBTOTAL	-\$2,132.82	
NET MONTHLY TOTAL	-\$1,782.95	
ENDING BALANCE	\$2,387.49	OF 7/10/2011
	\$1,349.87	TD Bank
	\$1,037.62	Capital One
CONTRIBUTIONS CAN BE MADE PAYABLE TO :		
GREATER NY INTERGROUP		
P.O. BOX 8086 NY, NY 10116-8086		

Communications report: June 2011

Phone inquiries: June

- 646-703-0048: 31 calls. 19 voicemails left (including one blanks), most seeking general information re meetings, etc.

Email inquiries: June

- info@slaany.org: Four external messages, most seeking info on meetings
 - One inquiry was from a person soliciting contact and dialog as background for an off-Broadway play. This person was told it would be against our traditions for us as a group to participate in such a project.
- media@slaany.org: 0

Website

- Visitor stats: June
 - 2,747 Unique visitors, in June, down from 2,795 in May.
Monthly average for 2011: 2,793
 - Most popular pages for 2011:
 - Meetings (502)
 - Do I Belong (46)
 - Beginner's Resources (46)
 - Self-Diagnosis (41)
 - Recovery Tools (39)
- My thanks to Kara for suggesting creating a "Meeting Resources" page. All ten existing pages were in use, but we weren't really 'using' the "Calendar" page, so I converted that to the new page. Still looking for content suggestions for that, and the other pages.

Meeting Exchange

- A Google Group has been created for the Meeting Exchange. In process of designing database that will include essential information about groups, and non-identifying info for individuals.
- At this point, nine individuals have signed up, but only three groups (one in the Hudson Valley, one in New Jersey) have expressed interest. This is still not a 'nuclear mass'. This project needs more publicity. Perhaps if each IG member could bring this to their home groups, that might help.

Submitted by: Paul L (Communications Chair)