

## New York-New Jersey SLAA Intergroup Meeting Sunday, April 11, 2010

Present : Kara B (IG Chair), Katy B (IG Rep Wed Night Women's Meeting), Kasha ( IG Rep Friday night 4:30 and 6:15), Cara ( IG Rep Long Island), Jean (temporary secretary), Mark (IG Treasurer), Jane (IG Rep Women's Monday Night Step Writing), Rob (IG Literature Chair), Juliette (IG Rep Monday Night Step Writing), Paul (Communications Committee Co-Chair), Moe (IG Rep Men's Step Meeting), Allison (IG Rep Tuesday Women's Meeting)

Sheet for names passed around

No Secretary Minutes from March were available.

### REPORTS

#### 1) TREASURY: Mark

Starting Balance (as of 3-7-2010)		\$1,794.05
Insurance Liability Deposits:		
Wed. 6pm Mens	\$22.00	\$2.00 owed
Sun 3pm Womens	\$26.00	Overpayment by Charlotte
Sun 3pm Womens	\$97.60	
Insurance Subtotal:		\$145.60
Contributions:		
Anonymous Mtg/Lisa R. From Bklyn		\$26.66 (Check)
Thurs 7:30 @ GMHC		\$21.33 (Money Order)
Sunday Mens @ 107th St		\$18.00 (Check)
Wed Mens @ 31 St		\$15.00 (Check)
Tues 6 pm Withdrawal @ 31 St		\$15.00 (Check)
Sunday Mens @ 107th St		\$26.00 (Check)
Contributions Subtotal:	\$276.10	
Share-A-Day Registrants	\$589.00	\$424 -cash/\$165 - checks
Share-A-Day Raffle Collection	\$ 34.00	Cash
Share-A-Day ABM Collection	\$ 64.00	Cash
Share-A-Day Subtotal:	\$ 687.00	
Grand Total		\$1,108.70

Expenses:

Share-A-Day Expenses	- \$153.00	Paid to Melissa B./cash
1-800 WE ANSWER	- \$144.01	Service 3/3/10-3/2/11
New Mtg Start Up Costs	- \$ 75.00	Montclair, NJ Mtg

Expenses Total: -\$372.01

**Ending Balance Treasury: \$2,530.74 as of 4/11/2010**

Treasury Report Accepted

## 2) COMMUNICATIONS REPORT: Paul

### COMM CHAIR REPORT

Addition of Paul to the website/workforce a WONDERFUL relief and much needed help

Paul and Kara fielding emails while Rachel is out of the country - having multiple people to respond to the now frequent emails seems very functional and workable!

Idea of possibly forwarding meeting list scheduling work onto LI member Carra. Up to Paul and possibly Cara.

Communications co-chair personally feels the need to be more involved in news re: SLAA for the purposes of reflecting that on the website. Aside from FWS board, if there are other links where information can be gathered, please forward onto Rachel. Any information in terms of news can also be forwarded onto Communications Co-Chair so we may reflect that on the website.

Workable relationship with Paul a major benefit to Communications Chair!

Rachel just arrived back in the country after 3 weeks travel and looks forward to catching up to all that is transpiring!

Apologies for her absence.

- Addition to work of web page
- 2-3 incoming to address per week.
- Rachel feels need to be involved in news
- Can forward news to her cell
- Paul says website is now working and to let him know of any problems. He can add and delete lines
- Let him know of any suggestions for improvement.
- Cara will send him revisions for meetings

- Mark wanted to know if the minutes were public; Kara said as long as there are no last names information can be put out on website, this was passed.
- Kara made a motion to restructure website as new business.

Communications report accepted.

### **LITERATURE REPORT: Rob**

- \$582.00 in Stock and cash
- New prices on pamphlets is \$1.10, SLAA Big Book \$17.00
- 75 Welcome pamphlets
- Meeting list copies on one page
- Cara in Long Island doesn't have signs of Recovery
- Rob mentioned selling pamphlets at old price of \$1.00 and absorbing the extra \$.10 in \$44.00 discount he receives. Kara made motion to discuss this as new business.
- 10% discount when we buy 100 or more - put surplus money in literature account.
- Rob suggested we keep the new price of \$17.00 for BB.

Literature report accepted.

### **OLD BUSINESS:**

- Outstanding balance from Women's Sunday 3pm meeting - balance paid.
- Public Outreach: approved; Rob will sit as member of committee but remain on as literature chair.

Media calling for comments.

How do we respond?

Fill Post.

Public Relations people in fellowship.

Put this on website - search for post.

Allison volunteered to chair this position.

Rob will assist her...he will recruit people.

Info@SLAA can be used for media contact.

A special email for media and public outreach.

Phoneline - can't take messages

Motion for new email.

Paul says no more email addresses w/out more money paid for website.

Paul will research extra cost for deluxe package on website.

Report back at next meeting

10th and 11th Traditions were questioned re: public outreach.

Look to AA for guidance on this matter. There is a precedent.

Public media issues should be brought to Intergroup.

- Kara on Share A Day: see report which she created for next person to use as a guide. 55 people showed up. Share A Day Notes can be put on Google Docs.
- New Secretary - Katie nominated and accepted.
- New job description for secretary - need to look at March minutes. Secretary to maintain meeting list updates. Give Paul updates for website. Paul said he can do the meeting updates. Table job description of secretary until next meeting.
- Owen out of country. Group Inventory Form. Provide a questionnaire about meetings. Format approved by SLAA. How to execute group inventory. Table till next business meeting.

### **NEW BUSINESS:**

- Move bank account to New York City. Signatures: Mark and Erica. Erica stepped down as secretary and is not an officer so she should not be signatory. Home branch bank is under Ernest P. and his name should be removed. Close the account and open a new one in NYC. This requires paperwork and tax ID #, certification of limited liability. Erica has bankcard - Mark doesn't and he will ask her to cut up the card or give it to him. Mark and Erica will discuss this further. Kara will get tax ID# and articles of organization.
- New Journal Reps to be recruited. Journal struggling. Each meeting have a subscription. Get information out to meetings. Communications Chair or Literature Chair can do this.
- New Tab on Internet Site. Posts minutes in a PDF file. Paul will work on this. Explore cheaper and better websites. We have money to do this. Present package deal is too restrictive and can be upgraded or switched to new web package. Paul will report back on this at next Intergroup meeting.
- Literature Money: Continue selling pamphlets at \$1.00. Raise cost of Big Book to \$17.00. Literature person will work on this. No profit will be made on pamphlets. Literature ordered with 10% discount and the literature chair will keep track of the discount. This is only at Intergroup level. Motion passed.
- Next Intergroup meeting read minutes from March. Mark said he will print out the minutes. and the secretary description.
- Paul made mention of officers holding positions - Intergroup Reps step down after becoming officers. Suggest that this be brought up as new business at next meeting.