**SLAA Greater NY Intergroup**

**Minutes of Meeting 3/6/22**

The March 2022 monthly intergroup meeting of the Greater New York Intergroup was held on March 6, 2022 at 5:00 pm EST on Zoom, chaired by Mark S.

Present: Mark S. (Chair); Dan M. (Vice Chair and Communications Officer); Cara (Treasurer); Vanessa (virtual meeting registrar); Sam E. (Secretary); Anne B. (rep and Service Forum); Elias C. (Interim Literature Officer); Gina L. (rep); Shoky P. (rep); Ava (rep); Jess (rep); Clarice (observer);

Meeting started with Trusted Servant Prayer and Serenity Prayer

Reading of the 12 Steps and 12 Traditions

Introductions and check-ins

Spiritual Timekeeper: Ava

**REPORTS**

**February 6, 2022 Minutes were read by Sam E.**

**Treasury Report**

By Cara, Treasurer

Starting Book Balance $17,144.51

Contributions received in December 2021 314.12

Transfer from Literature 624.45

Expenses (123.40)

Ending balance – February 28, 2022 $17,959.68

We are contributing $100/mo to FWS by direct withdrawal to the Lifesaver Matching Program.

We have to apply for tax-exempt status from N.Y. State in order to avoid the sales tax of 10% charged by Zoom. We can purchase the Zoom account and then get the sales tax refunded once we get the appropriate form completed.

**Literature Report**

Delivered by Elias C., the Interim Literature Officer.

A new Literature Officer has not yet been elected for 2022, so Elias has been graciously continuing during the interim. But he cannot continue to serve. He has transferred the Literature inventory to a fellow, Nechama S. who is storing the inventory in Manhattan. She is also willing to serve as Literature chair, but she cannot come to our meetings on Sundays.

There were no literature inquiries last month.

The details of the literature inventory on hand is available by clicking the link “here” on the webpage slaany.org/literature.

In addition, we are holding two small boxes of materials from two meetings currently held in a fellow’s garage. One meeting is the Tuesday 6:00pm Withdrawal meeting; the other is the Wednesday 6:00pm fantasy, romantic obsession and intrigue meeting.

**Communications Report:**

Report by Dan M.:

Only 14 emails received. 6 were new member inquiries. One new in-person meeting. Also the men’s meeting at 107th St. is coming back in-person.

New 12 x 12 x 12 manuscript was received for review.

Inquiry about setting up a Zoom meeting for a double-winners meeting.

Worked on improving the web-site. Did everything that was requested.

Will post the sponsorship list to the chat and to the Google group.

One participant raised concerns about double-winners meetings and the Traditions.

**Virtual Meeting Registrar** – Vanessa.

Went through emails. Some people inquired about meetings that may no longer be active. Have to investigate their current status.

Some updates to meetings. One changed their link. One added a password. One removed their mask and vaccine requirements. All updated on the list.

The meeting list now reflects both online meetings and in-person meetings.

**Ancillary Reports:**

Sam (Conference Literature Committee) – The new 12 x 12 x 12 manuscript has been in process for a number of years and CLC is hoping for comments from the members. It is to be presented this summer at the Annual Business Meeting. [Feedback should be submitted to Lee at leewebster11@gmail.com.]

Sam (Conference Steps Traditions and Concepts Committee) – 2 new questions were received and answers are being processed.

Ava (Conference Finance Committee) – Good sales of the Basic Text – 200 sold last month, bringing in $1,200 of income. Sober Dating is bringing in $300. State of Grace is bringing in about $600. About 680 pamphlets were sold. Lifesaver Matching Program – originally up to $101,000; one intergroup contributed $12,000 to the Program, so the limit is now $113,000. Fellowship-wide Services has received so far about $80,000 which is being matched under the Program.

Ava (Conference Anorexia Committee) – Still trying to get out 2 pamphlets – Anorexia 8 and 9; and Anorexia 10, 11 and 12. CAC hopes to present both at the ABM this summer.

Ava (Conference Journal Committee) – The current question is “What is the best thing your sponsor ever told you?” Deadline for submissions is March 15, 2022.

Anne (Service Forum) – Virtual Intergroup Forum is coming up. March 19th and March 27th. We should send a representative. Also, submitted a list of announcements.

Sam – Regarding the Virtual Intergroup Forum – Intergroups can send as many people as they want as reps, but only one will be allowed to speak for 2 minutes. Mark S. and Anne will each attend one of the meetings on Saturday 3/19 and Sunday 3/27.

**Topics to be discussed**

Old Business – Question about whether our By-Laws violate the Traditions.

New Business (From Agenda) –

1. Select Rep for Virtual Intergroup Forum
2. Request for Secretary to post minutes more timely
3. Pledge to donate to Matching part of Lifesaver Matching Program
4. Group flight tickets for ABM Delegates

Requests for New Business topics –

1. Literature Chair issue – consider changing the nature of the position of Literature Chair to a non-officer position, which would allow Nechama S. to serve and not be present at the monthly meetings. This would require an amendment to the By-Laws. Also, we may want to require the Literature Chair to attend our Intergroup meetings when they revert to in-person.

Dan offered to communicate with Nechama regarding the literature.

Vanessa suggested that we make the Literature Chair a 2-person shared responsibility.

Proposal to amend the By-Laws for this idea. A motion needs to be made next month with the exact language for the motion and then we could vote on the amendment to the By-Laws after 60 days (June). In the meantime, no objections to the temporary emergency measure of 2-person Literature Chair (Nechama and Dan). Am to write up motion for next month.

**Old Business/New Business**

**Old Business -**

1. Rep for Virtual Intergroup Forum rep(s) – done already.

2. Secretary to post minutes more timely – not discussed.

3. [this is actually New Business] Proposal for 10 delegates (one for every 5 meetings) to be named as ABM Delegates and to book group flight tickets for them on one flight there and back for about $4,000. We wouldn’t have to pay sales tax. Also pay $665 per Delegate for registration and hotel, plus 180 for three single night upgrade, plus 125 for Monday and Friday nights, plus $50 for airport transportation.

Some discussion, generally favorable. First we need to take back to meetings and request volunteers to be Delegates. And have them come to next month’s Intergroup meeting. And then name the Delegates next month. Then we can determine if we have at least 8 Delegates.

[From By-Laws -

SECTION D. Duties and Responsibilities of the Annual Business Meeting Representatives (“Delegates”)

Attend the ABM as Delegates representing Intergroup: (as per the SLAA Conference Service Manual, Revised January 2019 by the Conference Charter Committee (CCC))

The Delegates use their own experience, strength, hope and understanding of the Twelve Steps, Twelve Traditions and the Twelve Recommended Guidelines for Dealing with the Media. As elected trusted servants, they contribute to the ABM by discussing and communicating Intergroup issues, business, and input in relation to items that are addressed during the ABM.

Qualifications:

Delegates are selected for judgment, experience, stability, willingness, and faithful adherence to the

Twelve Steps, Twelve Traditions, and Twelve Recommended Guidelines for Dealing with Media. It is suggested that a delegate have a minimum of six months of continuous sobriety prior to the date of submitting qualifications and continuing to the date of the ABM as per Article V, Section 5 of the F.W.S. SLAA By-Laws.

Responsibilities:

1. Review all materials and communications sent from F.W.S. and the CCC for the upcoming ABM;
2. Discuss Agenda motions and Items for Discussion (IFDs) with the members of Intergroup;
3. Prepare motion(s) or IFDs for the Agenda and forward to the CCC for inclusion at the

ABM;

1. Serve on at least one Conference Committee during the Conference year;
2. Pursue individual and/or Intergroup interests in the various Conference Committees;
3. Coordinate ABM travel plans, car-pooling, roommates, and financial support with the

F.W.S. Office;

1. Serve as spokesperson for how participation in the ABM benefits the groups and Intergroup;
2. Submit a proposed budget 2 months before the ABM at Intergroup meeting for approval.
3. Submit expense reports to Intergroup after the ABM.

Term and Method of Selection:

Wherever possible, ABM Reps/Delegates and alternates shall be selected at least 4 months before the ABM and their names forwarded to the F.W.S. Office. Each Delegate is elected for a term of two years and should not serve for more than four consecutive years, following the tradition of rotation of service.

Exception of the four year term limit may be passed with a two thirds vote.]

 [Note: the By-Laws do not require that a Delegate be an intergroup rep.]

Discussion tabled until April meeting.

1. Whether our By-Laws requirement that a motion be decided by a majority violates the Traditions by not requiring a group conscience. Question was submitted to CSTCC. Tabled until next month.

**New Business**

1. Request from Board Seventh Tradition Committee (B7TC) for an intergroup pledge to increase the matching funds in the Lifesaver Matching Program from $113,000. We can pay this pledge by earmarking the $100 we currently pay monthly to Fellowship-Wide Services (plus whatever amount we decide on) to the Matching side of the Lifesaver Matching Program.

Much discussion to explain this proposal.

Motion (including friendly amendment) to pledge $2,400 to be paid in $200 monthly installments for 12 months (including the $100 we currently pay for our 2021 contribution).

No opposition.
Cara needs the link to contribute to the Lifesaver Matching Program. Sam will try to get it.

**Closing with Serenity Prayer.**

**Next meeting – Sunday, April 3, 2022 at 5:00 pm EST on Zoom.**

 Upcoming Meetings for 2022 –

 April 3, 2022

 May 1, 2022

 June 5, 2022

 July 10, 2022

 August 7, 2022

 September 11, 2022

 October 2, 2022

 November 6, 2022

 December 4, 2022