**Minutes of the SLAA NY Area Intergroup Meeting, March 5, 2023**

Minutes from the chair, Mark S, filling in for the secretary, Anne B.

Present at the meeting:

Mark S. - chair

Claudia – Friday 6:15 Zoom meeting

Cara J. – treasurer

Vanessa – Virtual Meeting Registrar

Ava – Saturday 6pm in-person

Camila H. – Monday night Anorexia step writing meeting

Emily A. – Thursday night UES meeting

Teri K – Weds Solution to Spirituality (online meeting)

# **Reports:**

## **Treasurer (Cara)**



See also attached report.

## **Communications report (Mark S read for Dan):**

Between February 6th and today, we received 9 emails, slightly below our

monthly average.

1. 2 in-person meeting inquiries.
2. 1 sponsorship list inquiry
3. Literature order fulfilled from the Romantic Obsession group for $26.25
4. I purchased us a Google Workspace and Voice account for $10/month and got

us a phone number and auto attendant. Great functionality. The new number is

646-360-0325. It is posted on the website. We need volunteers to respond to

the voicemails. We could post the 5-minute share or daily affirmations, etc.

1. I drafted the FWS meeting registration email and sent it to the group. Please give me your feedback so we can have an official version.
2. We now have 17 sponsors on the sponsorship list, with one new female

sponsor. Contact info@slaany.org for the link to the list.

## **Virtual Meeting Registrar**

Vanessa reports that e-mails have been quiet; no updates to meetings; hasn’t touched base with Dan about the in-person meeting; still happy to help with the transition to a hybrid IG meeting.

# **Ancillary reports**

### **FWS committee reports**

**ABM update:** Mark S reported that ABM will be at the Hilton Costa Mesa, August 1-4, Orange County, CA (adjacent to John Wayne Orange County Airport, airport code SNA). FWS is still negotiating registration cost with hotel; the venue search was difficult; out of 54 possible hotels, only 15 met criteria and only 3 hotels wanted FWS business; costs up due to post-COVID; standard attendance of in-person ABM is 60 people (otherwise costs will go up for all attendees)

**Board finance committee:** Cara reports that there is a now an e-mail spreadsheet with itemized fees, including how much FWS is contributing to each person. She will share with the IG.

**Anorexia committee:** Ava reported that the committee is working on a “characteristics of anorexia sheet”, which will become a core document.

## **Events**

There was interest from Dan, Joe, Amanda, Chris on the planning of fall 2023 share-a-day event. Mark S will set up a WhatsApp group.

# **Old business**

## Online payments

Emily A asked about Venmo. Cara noted that Venmo is tricky for organizations, as it is linked to phone numbers. Meeting discussed the idea of laminated cards for meetings with a Paypal/Cash App QR codes on them for contribution to IG (this could be given to the treasurer to use as the meeting sees fit). We could remind treasurers to consider IG contributions.

## FWS Registration:

Discussion: Meeting decided to have IG representatives announce in the meetings that meetings should register. No motion was needed as this was a wrap-up of previous conversations. Vanessa could volunteer to help them with that process. She stated that she will place a banner on the web site to encourage groups to do this. Vanessa will reach out to Dan re: deleting moribund meetings on the site.

## Insurance at St Francis

The fellows noted that IG has been paying for the insurance of St Francis groups for one year post-pandemic.

IG now states that it is time for meetings to consider a prudent reserve for insurance. The policy is a collective policy; $500/year covers all St Francis groups.

Groups can consider greater donations depending on the meeting. For groups greater than 20/week, they could consider contributing more (e.g, $200/year). For groups with less than 20 regular participants, they could consider less of a contribution.

Motion: Meetings at St Francis are collectively required to contribute $500 for insurance by the end of the year, so each St Francis meeting should consider starting a fund for contributing to the insurance. These groups will pay intergroup, which is responsible for purchasing the policy. Intergroup encourages St Francis meetings to consider gathering at least $100 by the end of the year for insurance. **Motion passed unanimously.**

# D. **New Business**

## Treasury problem: online and in-person 6:15pm anorexia meeting

Ava reported during the St Francis discussions that the 6:15pm online anorexia meeting has $500 of the in-person meeting’s funds, which have not been returned. She will contact the online meeting about arranging to transfer them back to the in-person meeting, from which these funds were originally collected.

## Election of representatives for ABM 2023

Two people self-nominated themselves for the ABM 2023, Claudia A. (never attended ABM) and Cara J. (1 year attendance at ABM). Both expressed that they were enthusiastic for the service and discussed that they wish to involve their home groups and fellows in discussing IFDs and motions for the upcoming ABM.

Claudia A. and Cara J. were elected unanimously to serve as NY representatives.

Vanessa V. expressed interest as well, but was not sure if she could make it due to work commitments. She will reconsider next month.

Mark S. reported that he will not be able to attend due to timing with summer work schedule. Ava A., who attended last year, has been to 4 consecutive ABMs.

Motion passes unanimously to allow members to return to their home groups to discuss election of at least one more ABM representative for next month. Bylaws state that representatives must be selected no later than 4 months prior to the conference.

# E. **Take back to meetings**

The SLAA FWS Annual Business Meeting is scheduled for August 1-4 in Orange County, California. Intergroup is looking for at least one more delegate to attend. You may nominate yourself by sending an e-mail to markslaanyc@gmail.com. You must also attend the next business meeting on April 2 to be considered.

FWS is requesting that all NY area meetings (both in-person and online/hybrid) register themselves with FWS. This is not the same as listing the meeting in the meeting finder. Affiliating with FWS allows NY Area Intergroup to receive an appropriate number of delegates to the ABM to represent our membership. It also gives your meeting a chance to make contributions to FWS. Finally, it simply recognizes your group as affiliated with SLAA as a whole. Please register at <https://slaafws.org/registermeeting/>.

St Francis groups should be aware of their needed contribution to the insurance policy. This affects in-person St Francis groups only. Meetings at St Francis are collectively required to contribute $500 for insurance by the end of the year, so each St Francis meeting should consider starting a fund for contributing to the insurance. These groups will pay intergroup, which is responsible for purchasing the policy. Intergroup encourages St Francis meetings to consider gathering at least $100 by the end of the year for insurance.

The Diversity Committee of FWS now offers a Closed-captioned/live transcription virtual meeting list (if a GNY IG-listed meeting joins, let the meeting registrar know at info@slaany.org; Vanessa will add a CC/live transcription note in the Google Doc). Link to all CC/LT meetings:

<https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/14R30V8Au6qUQJGZAF0qwL5LrdoKmfQMLO2XixubkiWw/edit#gid=0>

The NY area intergroup of SLAA now has a Google Workspace and Voice account! The new number is 646-360-0325. It is posted on the website. We need volunteers to respond to voicemails we receive. We are also soliciting members who wish to contribute to a 5-minute recorded share or daily affirmations, etc. Creativity on this will be encouraged. Please contact info@slaany.org if you’re interested.

We now have 17 sponsors on the NY area intergroup sponsorship list, with one new female sponsor. Contact info@slaany.org for the link to the list.

A new events committee has been set up to begin planning for a fall 2023 Share-A-Day event! If you are interested in participating, please contact info@slaany.org to be set up with the coordinators.