SLAANY Intergroup Meeting

October 2, 2022

Anne B taking notes

**Opening**

Attending:

* Mark S, chair
* Jordan, 107 mens meeting
* Daniel M, vice chair, communications chair
* Anne B, secretary
* Alli, women’s daily top line meeting
* Lloyd — Monday anorexia step meeting, St. Francis
* Cara — treasurer
* Vanessa V — virtual meeting registrar
* George — Montclair, NJ
* Melanie — Women’s Brooklyn meeting
* Sarah O — St Francis new monthly speaker meeting (time keeper)
* Ava — Saturday Night, in person beginners meeting
* Claudia — Fri 6:15 anorexia Zoom meeting

**Reports**

**Treasurer** Cara

Treasurer’s report in Agenda

Bank balance just shy of $14k

YTD expenses $7.8k

YTD income $5.4k

Points of information:

* Suggested prudent reserve for groups: 10% of income
* People wanting to donate to intergroup, use link on website or contact [info@slaany.org](mailto:info@slaany.org)

**Communications Chair** Daniel

Report in agenda

* 14 e-mails received
* A few new member inquiries — including wanting to do service, or participate in talent show
* Contact from Binghamton — making a road trip to check out in person meetings in other areas
* Currently collecting e-mails for Share-A-Day

**Events Committee** Daniel

* Anticipating need for $500 for refreshments
* No new report on IT budget for hybrid requirements for Share-A-Day
* 5-7 out of 20 events locked in for event
* Marketing progress
* More volunteers needed for event

**Announcement**

There is a rumor going around that we said that virtual meetings could not be listed on both our website and the FWS website. This is not true. We suggested that meetings think about it, but never said that they couldn’t be listed in both places

**FWS COMMITTEES**

**Diversity Committee** Mark

* Discussing use of closed captioning for those who are deaf or hard of hearing
* Request for alternative meetings — e.g. neurodiversity or sex positivity or kink meetings

**Healthy Relationships** Cara

Trying to set up more healthy relationship meetings

**Conference Anorexia Committee** (Anne and Ava)

* Reviewing and collecting anorexia stories for inclusion in fellowship text
* 8-9 pamphlet approved at ABM
* Waiting for feedback on 10-12 pamphlet
* Reviewing existing literature to work towards getting it to a 5th grade reading level

**Point of information**

Question — is there a special listing for BIPOC meetings

Vanessa: we have abbreviations on our website: PC (people of color); NB (nonbinary); and LGBTQ+

**Board Finance Committee** (Ava)

Looking for alternative real estate for the main office, to save money

**The Journal** Mark

Look for requests for different writing topics at [**https://slaafws.org/journalsubmit/**](https://slaafws.org/journalsubmit/)

**In person meeting committee**

* New in-person meetings will be starting up soon in Manhattan and Brooklyn
* Trying to make sure they don’t conflict with existing Zoom meetings
* Groups may approach IG for help with startup costs

**Upcoming elections (November)**

Looking for nominations for new officers

* Chair (has served since spring 2020)
* Vice chair/communications chair (Dan has gotten to his term limit)
* Treasurer (has served for 2 years )
* Secretary (Anne willing to continue, served 1 year)

**Other positions**

* Virtual Meeting registrar (Vanessa willing to continue, served since 2020)
* Person to make list of announcements (not filled)

Summary of by-laws with respect to officers

* No one should have more than 2 consecutive terms, unless there’s a 2/3 majority
* Minimum 6 months sobriety
* 3 months of service in a group
* Must be present at the election
* Judgment, experience stability
* Faithfulness to 12 steps and 12 traditions
* Max consecutive terms: 4 years
* Max total officer terms 6 — then have to take 2 years off
* Cannot also represent a meeting

We need to announce the need for officers at meetings

Daniel will reserve one of the slots at the share-a-day for discussion of service, especially by intergroup officers. Suggested title for this session: how service helps build recovery

Comment: elections should be announced in September in the future

***Motion:*** Move election of new officers to December meeting, after IG service promotion opportunity at Share-a-Day event in November

11 in favor — unanimous

**New Meetings**

1. Sarah came to the meeting because she understood she needed a “certificate of insurance” for a new St Francis meeting. This is not necessary since our insurance policy can offer coverage for all meetings at St Francis which are listed with our intergroup.
2. Melanie is working on a sober dating meeting on Monday 7:15 nights in Brooklyn (Park slope) — requesting seed money —

Comments:

* + - * by-laws authorize up to $125 for start up costs— may consider more —

**Motion** Give them $125 to start and they can come back next month if they need more

8 in favor

0 opposed

Passes

**Point of information** Requirements regarding 12 steps & traditions

NB: our Intergroup By-laws require meetings to accept steps and traditions to register with intergroup

We also have a group starter kit: <https://slaafws.org/startmeeting/>

**OLD BUSINESS**

**Motion:** Earmark $6,000 for a prudent reserve for 2023 ABM travel

**Amendment to motion** — reduce amount to $3,000

Amended motion passed (8 in favor, 1 abstention)

**Item for discussion:** Make Meeting Registrar and officer in the by-laws

Vanessa to create a list of responsibilities of the position for the by-laws before we vote on this.

TABLED

Meeting closes with Serenity Prayer

Take home to meetings

* People wanting to donate to intergroup, use link on website or contact [info@slaany.org](mailto:info@slaany.org)
* More volunteers needed for Share-A-Day
* Registration ongoing — spread news of event November 5-6, at St. Margaret’s, 49 Fulton St (Manhattan)
* To register new meetings e-mail [info@slaany.org](mailto:info@slaany.org) or use the form on the website — link near the top of the meeting list
* Promote members to submit articles to the SLAA *Journal* <https://slaafws.org/journalsubmit/>
* Intergroup needs officers. Please direct prospective officers to contact [info@slaany.org](mailto:info@slaany.org)