

Agenda: Ontario Intergroup of SLAA

Thursday, September 26th, 2013. 7:00-8:30 PM

Room 2008, Cardinal Carter Wing,

St. Michael's Hospital

Present: Jody N. (Chair); Wayne M. (Treasurer); Jim D. (Secretary and Hamilton IR); Charles V. (Website); Justin O. (Prison Outreach); Fred K. (Fall Conference Chair); Michael (Friday IR)

Absent with regrets: Dionne F. (Vice-chair); Jim B. (FWS Delegate and Rockwood IR); John F. (Phone and PI, Pickering IR); Susan O. (Sat. IR); Tim W. (Literature Coordinator)

- 1. Meeting begins with a Moment of Silence followed by the Serenity Prayer**
 - Done.
- 2. Reading of Trusted Servant's Prayer**
 - Justin O. read.
- 3. Reading of The Twelve Traditions**
 - Group reading.
- 4. Introductions**
 - Done.
- 5. Minutes:**
 - Previous meeting's Draft Minutes read by secretary – Jim D., and amended.
 - Literature Report, item c, on shipping costs to BC; Tim indicated, by email, that there is enough money in the account to cover these costs.
 - Wayne reported that on Literature Report, item c, that the Durham Recovery group outstanding balance had been paid.
 - Public Information, item e, the phone message still has to be recorded.
 - Justin O. moved to accept the revised minutes and Fred K. seconded; passed unanimously.
- 6. Reports:**
 - a) Treasurer – Wayne M.**
 - Given by Wayne for July, August and September (see attached).
 - Fred asked for clarification on donation to FWS. In clarification, Wayne noted that the last contribution was \$US1331.20 (\$Can 1441.12 after exchange and service charges); donations are made approximately quarterly based on what is left from donations from groups (and some of these funds goes to Delegate Fund).
 - What does FWS do with the money (asked by Jody)? In short a wide variety of services; see their web site and other.
 - Justin O. moved to accept and seconded by Fred K.; accepted unanimously.
 - b) Literature – Tim W. (reported by Jody N., on his behalf)**
 - Report read by Jody (see attached).

- Noted that sales were large, but noted that that was for 3 months of sales.
 - Clarification that the line item:
 - “Marked down to sale \$109.63”expense is the net difference between the cost to IG for buying 51 texts over what we charge for those same texts.
 - Wayne moved, Charles 2nd; accepted unanimously.
- c) FWS Delegate – Jim B.**
- Jim B. Will report later, he sent an informal report about his poor health and he will give full report on FWS Conference later.
- d) Phone Line and Public Information – John F. (absent)**
- Report read by Jody N. (see attached).
 - A question was raised about his item 3 with respect to the web site (“Maybe we should form a small group to look into some way of letting people know we are available to provide this service?”). In the absence of John this item was tabled.
 - Fred moved, and Justin 2nd; accepted unanimously.
- e) Fall Conference – Fred K.**
- See attached report and conference flyer.
 - Questions about whether or not the detailed schedule and description in the material presented should be posted on web site. Fred will speak to committee about posting the details.
 - Justin commented that the conference is well organized, and much thanks from IG. Fred thanked the help received from his co-committee members.
 - Jim D. moved, Michael 2nd; accepted unanimously.
- f) Spring Retreat – Stew G. (2013 meeting final report), Dionne F (2014 planning)**
- Report for 2013 was submitted by Stew G., after request from Natalie C. (Stew G. not present so read by Jody N (see attached).
 - Jody N. will get feedback forms and pass these onto Dionne F.
 - Fred moved, Justin 2nd; accepted unanimously.
 - Dionne F. 2014 planning, not present, tabled.
- g) Prison In-Reach/Outreach – Justin O.**
- Nothing brand new. Justin attends a prison out-reach program at a group for persons recently having left prison were he distributing meeting lists and conference information.
 - Michael moved, Charles 2nd; accepted unanimously.
- h) Correspondence received and sent (mail) – Ron R.**
- Not present, Tabled. Ron has left IG and his position is now open.
- i) Website – Charles V.**
- See attached report.
 - Passwords to be passed by Charles to Chair confidentially.

- Charles raised the question of whether or not to pay for the web server for 3 or 5 years (with discounts) or just 1 year as usual.
- Justin comment that better to not to “lock in” in case we have a new webmaster....etc
- Consensus is to renew just for 1 year.
- Moved Justin, Fred 2nd; accepted unanimously.

7. Old Business:

- a) An individual promoting personal (for profit) business (Trauma Therapy Sessions) within meetings – targeting SLAA members.
 - Jody raised issue (again, this issue has been raised before).
 - Charles noted that FWS indicates that this type of promotion is not allowed.
 - Intergroup agrees with the position of FWS and the decision was made to allow individual groups to deal with such problems, as necessary.

8. New Business:

- a) Email communication – from Chair – is BCC or CC best? Tabled.
- b) Reducing Titled books by \$5 to \$12 by Fred. Moved by Fred K., Wayne M 2nd; accepted unanimously.
- c) Fred said that new FWS Delegate should soon be determined to give time for preparation for the next meeting.
- d) Intergroup needs a new Correspondence Rep., is anyone interested?
- e) Alan suggested forming a committee to look specifically at the question: “What is the Single Purpose of SLAA”. Tabled.

9. Next Meeting will be held on Thursday October 31, 2013 7:00 PM

10. Meeting ended at 8:40 PM with a moment of silence, followed by the Serenity Prayer

Jim D. (Secretary and Hamilton IR) in service

See attachments below:

**July 2013 Treasurer's Report
SLAA Intergroup Ontario**

GENERAL FUND

	Opening Balance	\$451.55
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<u>Income - Donations/Contributions</u>		
Toronto Wednesday 1215 PM	Cash	62.20
Toronto Thursday 1215 PM	Cash	15.65
	<u>Total Income</u>	<u>\$77.85</u>
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<u>Expenses</u>		
Transferred to Delegate Fund		
Transferred to FWS Fund		
Bank Service Charge		4.95
Fido Cell Phone - Electronic Debit		30.51
June Rent St Michaels Cheque #130		25.99
	<u>Total Expenses</u>	<u>61.45</u>
Prudent Reserve = \$500.00	Closing Balance	<u>\$467.95</u>

RETREAT COMMITTEE & CONFERENCE COMMITTEE FUND

Previous Balance	TOTAL	899.80
Prudent Reserve = \$900.00 + \$682.31 for 2013	BALANCE	<u>\$899.80</u>

FELLOWSHIP WIDE SERVICES FUND

Previous Balance		1,162.60
Transferred from General Fund		
PAID TO FWS - End of each Quarter		
	BALANCE	<u>\$1,162.60</u>

DELEGATE'S FUND

Previous Balance		\$718.61
Transferred from General Fund		
Advanced to Delegate		
Received from delegate.		
Prudent Reserve = \$2,000.00	BALANCE	<u>\$718.61</u>

Overall Balance \$3,248.96

**August 2013 Treasurer's Report
SLAA Intergroup Ontario**

GENERAL FUND

	Opening Balance	\$451.55
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<u>Income - Donations/Contributions</u>		
Toronto Wednesday 1215 PM	Cash	62.20
Toronto Thursday 1215 PM	Cash	15.65
	<u>Total Income</u>	<u>\$77.85</u>
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Advanced to Delegate		
Received from delegate.		
Prudent Reserve = \$2,000.00	BALANCE	\$718.61

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	Overall Balance	\$3,248.96

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September 2013 Treasurer's Report
SLAA Intergroup Ontario

GENERAL FUND

	Opening Balance	\$1,432.49
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<u>Income - Donations/Contributions</u>		
Peterborough Wednesday 0700 PM	Cheque :	200.00
	<u>Total Income</u>	<u>\$200.00</u>
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<u>Expenses</u>		
Transferred to Delegate Fund		248.51
Transferred to FWS Fund		248.52
Bank Service Charge		4.95
Fido Cell Phone - Electronic Debit		30.51
August Rent St Michaels Cheque # - NO MEETING		0.00
Toronto Friday 0600 PM - MISSED APRIL 2012 DONATION (Was originally added to the bank balance in April as part of the Spring Retreat and again in Dec as the April donation to Intergroup)		600.00
	<u>Total Expenses</u>	<u>1,132.49</u>
Prudent Reserve = \$500.00	Closing Balance	<u>\$500.00</u>

RETREAT COMMITTEE & CONFERENCE COMMITTEE FUND

Previous Balance	TOTAL	899.80
Prudent Reserve = \$900.00 + \$682.31 for 2013	BALANCE	<u>\$899.80</u>

FELLOWSHIP WIDE SERVICES FUND

Previous Balance		1,162.60
Transferred from General Fund		248.52
PAID TO FWS - End of each Quarter - 1331.20 US\$ + 7.50 CDN S/C		<u>-1,411.12</u>
	BALANCE	<u>\$0.00</u>

DELEGATE'S FUND

Previous Balance		\$718.61
Transferred from General Fund		248.51
Advanced to Delegate		
Received from delegate.		
Prudent Reserve = \$2,000.00	BALANCE	<u>\$967.12</u>

Overall Balance \$2,366.92

SLAA Ontario Intergroup Literature ReportPeriod *June 23 to September 22, 2013*

A. Income and expenses

Revenue			
	Sales	1,044.40	
	Shipping	69.50	
	Total revenue	<u>1,113.90</u>	1,113.90
Expenses			
	Bank fees	(17.00)	
	Shipping	84.02	
	Markdown to resale	109.63	
	Cost of goods sold	<u>1,024.50</u>	
	Total expenses	<u>1,201.15</u>	(1,201.15)
Net loss			<u>(87.25)</u>

B. Balance sheet and reserve

	Current Period	Previous Period
Bank	4,379.59	5,761.50
Petty cash	-	-
Accounts receivable	645.47	196.70
	<u>5,025.06</u>	<u>5,958.20</u>
Inventory	4,260.75	3,785.25
	<u>9,285.81</u>	<u>9,743.45</u>
Accounts payable		
Individual	-	370.39
Net assets	<u>9,285.81</u>	<u>9,373.06</u>
Transfer from(to) Intergroup		
Adjusted net assets	<u>9,373.06</u>	<u>9,373.06</u>
Adjusted net change in assets	<u>(87.25)</u>	
Net assets current period	9,285.81	
Prudent reserve	<u>8,500.00</u>	
Surplus	<u>785.81</u>	

Phone Line and Public Information – John F

John sends his regrets to the Intergroup meeting. His report *via* email follows:

1. Again the telephone lines have been somewhat quiet and the phone line team have responded to all inquires in a timely manner.
2. I do believe it may be this way due to some meetings having their own contact person listed on the meeting list with a phone number. For example, I am listed for both Pickering and Ajax, and receive many calls, each week, for information.

There have not been any requests for Public information on SLAA... this is perhaps due to people not knowing we would be willing to provide this service. Maybe we should form a small group to look into some way of letting people know we are available to provide this service????

2013 SLAA Conference Committee IG Report

26-September-2013

Email: slaconferenceontario@gmail.com

Committee Members: Fred K. Committee Chair, email monitor,
Nicole C. Committee Co-chair, Treasurer,
Jody N. Conference schedule designer
Felipe M. Flyer and literature designer
Two committee members, Elizabeth G. and Dionne F. have excused themselves from the committee

Conference Date November 2, 2013 1 day event

Registration Fee: Free

Location St Andrews Anglican Church
117 Bloor St. East, Toronto, ON

Theme "HOW IT WORKS"

CONFERENCE PROGRESS

- ✓ ALL LITERATURE, WORKSHOPS, SCHEDULING AND FACILITATORS HAVE BEEN FINALIZED
- ✓ SNACKS, DRINKS AND ACCESSORIES TO BE SHOPPED, PRICED
- ✓ CONFERENCE PROMOTION TO BE DISCUSSED
- ✓ BUDGET: MAKING AN EFFORT TO KEEP THE EXPENSES IN TOTAL, BELOW \$1,000.

VENUE RENT: \$620.00

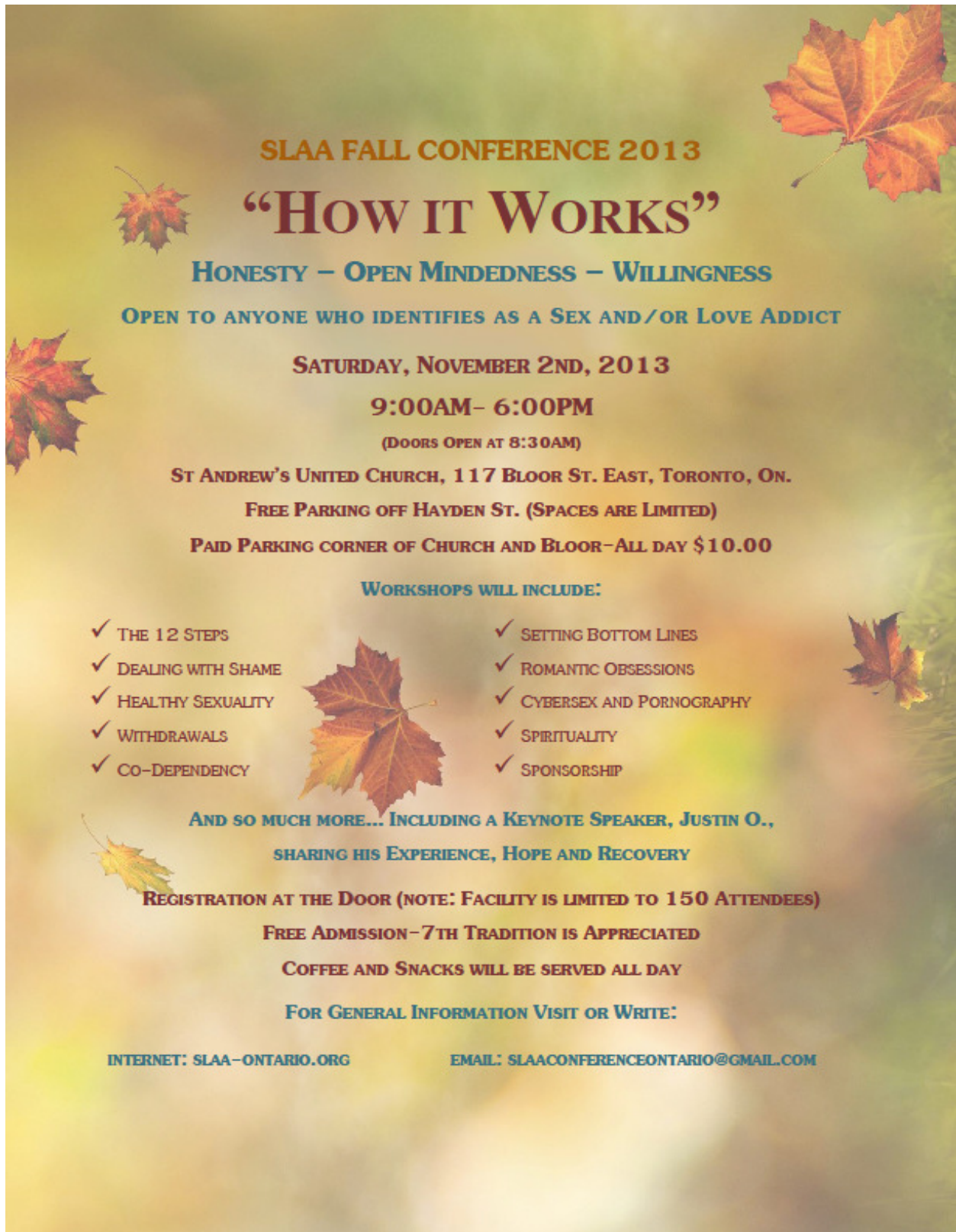
SNACKS: \$200.00

PRINTING: \$125.00

POSSIBLE BUDGET TOTAL: \$945.00

NOTE: THESE FIGURES ARE APPROXIMATE

ADVANCE OF \$682.00



SLAA FALL CONFERENCE 2013

“HOW IT WORKS”

HONESTY – OPEN MINDEDNESS – WILLINGNESS

OPEN TO ANYONE WHO IDENTIFIES AS A SEX AND/OR LOVE ADDICT

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 2ND, 2013

9:00AM– 6:00PM

(DOORS OPEN AT 8:30AM)

ST ANDREW’S UNITED CHURCH, 117 BLOOR ST. EAST, TORONTO, ON.

FREE PARKING OFF HAYDEN ST. (SPACES ARE LIMITED)

PAID PARKING CORNER OF CHURCH AND BLOOR–ALL DAY \$10.00

WORKSHOPS WILL INCLUDE:

✓ THE 12 STEPS	✓ SETTING BOTTOM LINES
✓ DEALING WITH SHAME	✓ ROMANTIC OBSESSIONS
✓ HEALTHY SEXUALITY	✓ CYBERSEX AND PORNOGRAPHY
✓ WITHDRAWALS	✓ SPIRITUALITY
✓ CO-DEPENDENCY	✓ SPONSORSHIP

**AND SO MUCH MORE... INCLUDING A KEYNOTE SPEAKER, JUSTIN O.,
SHARING HIS EXPERIENCE, HOPE AND RECOVERY**

REGISTRATION AT THE DOOR (NOTE: FACILITY IS LIMITED TO 150 ATTENDEES)

FREE ADMISSION–7TH TRADITION IS APPRECIATED

COFFEE AND SNACKS WILL BE SERVED ALL DAY

FOR GENERAL INFORMATION VISIT OR WRITE:

INTERNET: SLAA-ONTARIO.ORG EMAIL: SLAACONFERENCEONTARIO@GMAIL.COM

Also available at <http://www.slaa-ontario.org/events.htm> to copy and distribute.

Spring 2013 SLAA Retreat Report

Submitted by: Stew G.

Date: Thursday 26 September 2013

The Spring 2013 SLAA Retreat Feedback Forms

Fewer people filled out the feedback forms this year (15 as opposed to 27).

Some things stay the same (as in, “we have heard these thoughts before”):

1. People are still unsure of the difference between a workshop and a meeting and this seems to bother them.
2. The place and time of year seem to suit everyone.
3. People would like a sentence or two about what the session is about in the programs.
4. Some suggested having a speaker tell their personal story of addiction and recovery.

Specifically this year:

1. People really liked the trauma workshop.
2. Talking about their fears in the first meeting
3. The setting (the bluffs)

One person made an interesting point about the entertainment session:

"Maybe label Saturday evening entertainment as a 'Spiritual - Interactive Open Stage' ...so people don't feel they need to entertain or are expecting to be entertained"

That's not quite a direct quote.

I still have the feedback forms if you or someone would like to meet to get them that's great. If not I'll destroy them.

Peace

Stew G.

Webmaster report Sept 26, 2013 – Charles V.

- Replied to less than 20 email regarding meeting information
- Forwarded less than 10 emails to John
- Unsubscribed to unwanted junkmail coming to our inbox
- Updated the website with meeting changes for summer closures and changed a meeting location
- Added links to the Meetings page as per discussed and approved and added a disclosure message as suggested by S.L.A.A. Fellowship Wide services website policy.
- Uploaded minutes to website as sent to me
- Uploaded Intergroup Summer announcements as sent to me
- Statistics:
 - Analysed requests from Mon-26-Aug-2013 00:19 to Wed-25-Sep-2013 23:53 (30.98 days).
 - Busiest day: 27/Aug/13 (174 requests for pages).
 - Busiest hours: 10-12 pm
 - Listing files with at least 20 requests, sorted by the number of requests.
 - `reqs: %bytes: last time: file`
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 - `575: 4.92%: 25/Sep/13 23:52: /wheredoi.htm`
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 - `516: 1.06%: 25/Sep/13 23:52: /favicon.ico`
 - `316: 14.22%: 25/Sep/13 23:16: /pdfs/meeting_list.pdf`
 - `200: 8.83%: 25/Sep/13 14:51: /mobile.htm`
 - `194: 1.34%: 24/Sep/13 16:33: /whatisa.htm`
 - `159: 1.46%: 24/Sep/13 17:14: /literature.htm`
 - `156: 0.77%: 25/Sep/13 23:53: /calendar.htm`
 - `134: 0.87%: 25/Sep/13 12:57: /howcan.htm`
 - `128: 2.82%: 25/Sep/13 03:55: /aboutig.htm`
 - `112: 0.63%: 25/Sep/13 21:45: /events.htm`
 - `102: 0.58%: 25/Sep/13 01:42: /whatcan.htm`
 - `94: 0.56%: 25/Sep/13 12:19: /aboutfws.htm`
 - `81: 0.39%: 25/Sep/13 21:31: /bigmap.htm`
 - `54: 13.40%: 25/Sep/13 21:22: /pdfs/flyer.pdf`
 - `46: 0.17%: 24/Sep/13 17:14: /images/litorder.jpg`
 - `29: 5.45%: 24/Sep/13 15:17: /pdfs/bylaws.pdf`
 - `24: 0.44%: 25/Sep/13 18:03: /pdfs/summer2013.pdf`
 - `42: 4.54%: 25/Sep/13 17:09: [not listed: 6 files]`
- Received notice to renew as per the following incentive (renewal fee for one year is \$90.25):

SPECIAL PROMOTION ON TELLIGENT CORPORATION'S 12 YEARS IN BUSINESS ANNIVERSARY *

Option 1: Renew for 2 years and receive FREE hosting for the 3rd year, PLUS 5 times the web space.

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** NOTE: 3rd year domain charge still applies.

Option 2: Renew for 3 years and receive FREE hosting for the 4th and 5th years, PLUS 5 times the web space.

** NOTE: 4th and 5th year domain charge still applies.

If you want to renew for 2 or 3 years, please reply to this email stating your choice and your bill will be updated accordingly.

Upon group conscience, please advise to renew as per usual or take advantage of the savings. Our server is now accepting payments via PayPal!!

End of Attachments 26th Sept 2013 Minutes.