

Minutes Ontario Intergroup of SLAA
Thursday 24 April 2014. 7:00-8:30 PM
Room 2008, Cardinal Carter Wing, St. Michael's Hospital

Present: Jody N. (Chair, Fall Conference Chair); Dionne F. (Vice-chair, Chair Spring Retreat); Jim D. (Secretary, Hamilton IR); Tim W. (Treasurer); Susan O. (Literature Rep., Sat. 5:30 IR); Alan B. (FWS Delegate, Brampton IR, interim Niagara IR); Justin O. (Prison Outreach, Oakville IR); Fred K. (Tues 7:00 PM IR); Michael C. (Fri 6:00 PM IR); Claudio M. (Ajax Sun 10:00AM).

Absent with regrets: Charles V. (Website); John F. (Phone and PI, Pickering IR); Jim B. (Rockwood IR).

1. Meeting begins with a Moment of Silence followed by the Serenity Prayer.
 - done
2. Introductions.
 - done
3. Reading of Trusted Servant's Prayer.
 - done
4. Reading of the Twelve Traditions.
 - done
5. Reading of Draft Minutes by Secretary – Jim D.
 - done
 - Approved motion by Michael and 2nd by Tim; subject to Alan abbreviated report of Delegate Charges etc. and update of Literature Report from Susan O. This has been done.
6. Secretary announcements – Jim D.
 - done
7. **Reading of Reports:**
 - a) **Treasurer – Tim W.**
 - Total Balance is high (**\$6584.34**) due to addition of Retreat Funds from PayPal. This will be used to pay expenses at Scarboro Missions.
 - Expenses of FWS Delegate last year was **\$1611** so Tim believes that the Reserve is fine at **\$1600+**. Discussed again below.
 - Retreat was profitable which will be reflected in next month (which will go into general reserve).
 - Last year the Retreat account money was put back into the general fund for conference fund.
 - For next month, a donation has already been made for ~**\$500** to FWS (not in this months account).
 - Contributions are really down this year (from last year and the previous year).
 - Jim D. to encourage Jim B. to make a request to Rockwood to send cheque or PayPal.
 - Accepted Group Conscience
 - b) **Literature – Susan O.**
 - Short report (attached) about PayPal and using PayPal (not possible yet to pay FWS, but coming).
 - Financial report (**revised again**)
 - Lower sales than usual this month. Accounts corrected for previous month (see “Previous Period” in this month's statement). Jim will update previous months (from March back to Nov 2013 – Feb 2014 period) for approved minutes.

- More material ordered from FWS.
 - Surplus **\$1,223.27** over Prudent Reserve.
 - As proposed at the meeting and approved, Susan will transfer **\$750** from Net assets to Treasurer's General Fund, as Surplus is rather high.
 - After discussion, we are keeping Prudent Reserve at **\$8500** for now.
 - Accepted group conscience.
- c) **Website – Charles V.**
- Not present; report attached
 - Accepted group conscience.
- d) **FWS Delegate – Alan B.**
- Alan has Agenda for meeting
 - He will transmit that next month.
 - Got a cheque to cover his expenses so far.
 - Starts on August 4th Tuesday (he arrives on Monday), check-in, orientation, general assembly every day with BOT (board of Trustees), more details next month. Done on Friday, fly home Saturday.
 - Website, add something to “one page announcement” on the Bylaw's for FWS Delegate so people know what FWS Delegate does – so they know why to contact him.
 - Fred questioned the use of AA Big Book (will be asked by Alan to FWS).
 - Jim D. Noted that the “Conference Approved Literature” and the reasons for their choices are all listed on the FWS website and which are linked to our website.
 - Accepted group conscience.
- e) **Phone Line and Public Information – John F.**
- See report (approved group conscience)
- f) **Correspondence received and sent (checking mailbox) – Susan O./Tim W.**
- None.
- g) **Spring Retreat 2014 – Dionne F.**
- Report submitted (see attached)
 - See details (Profit of **\$660.37**; revised from meeting report)
 - See details on conference on separate (attached) report.
 - Fred asked about money in advance. No money taken in advance so that **\$660.37** is all profit.
 - One option is to lower the ‘weekend’ price from **\$175** to **\$150** and still be profitable and also encourage more people to come for the full weekend.
 - Literature had sign stating the material is for sale including a “list of people” to pay.
 - Suggestion, to just have a basket or envelope for paying for literature.
 - Tabled comments on Recommendation until next month.
 - Remainder accepted by group conscience (except as Tabled).
- h) **Fall Conference 2014 – Jody N.**
- Jody reported that she now has a contract with dates, rooms and costs all fixed as desired.
 - Conference is Saturday, 1 November, St Andrews United Church, 117 Bloor St. East.
 - Have organization meetings at the Alano club for about six months.
 - Accepted by group conscience.
8. **Old Business:**
- a) Treasurer has provided financial statement for 2013 – review and decide how to present this

information on the Inter Group web site.

- Tabled. Jody, Jim D. and Tim will discuss this before next meeting.
 - b) Visa card for the Literature Rep – for the Literature account. Tim W. has made inquiries and he will present the cost and more details to the group so that we can make a decision.
 - A Credit Card for Literature Rep. should be obtained to make it easier to do purchases with FWS and other transactions.
 - Tim has inquired already and it will cost about **\$70** a year for such a card at our TD Bank.
 - Jody suggested that the account should have more than one name on it for instance Susan and Tim. They will transmit to us the details on the credit card account.
 - Accepted by Group Conscience.
 - c) Charles suggestion that we use money transfers through the PayPal account. Charles and Susan will report on this next month.
 - Tabled until next meeting.
 - d) Discuss recommendations from Susan on the AA ORC for next year.
 - Tabled until next meeting.
 - e) Revisit the Prudent Reserve for FWS delegate fund as per Secretary Announcements in the March minutes.
 - Jody suggested rounding the FWS Delegate Prudent Reserve to **\$1800** to keep all Reserves at round numbers.
 - Accepted Group Conscience.
- 9. New Business:**
- a) Request from Steve K. to start a new group in Huntsville Ont.
 - Short discussion on this important matter.
 - Steve K. should be giving the standard **\$50** start-up (as in our Bylaws) and we can begin advertising for him in the “Announcements for April” once we get contact information.
 - Jody is going to contact Steve K.

Next Meeting will be held on Thursday 29 May 2014 7:00 PM

Meeting ends at 8:30 PM with a moment of silence, followed by the Serenity Prayer

Jim D., Secretary, in service

Meeting Handouts Attached Below.

SLAA Ontario Intergroup
 Statement of Fund Balances
 March 24 to April 20, 2014

	FWS				FWS		ASSETS
	General	contributions	Conference	Retreat	Delegate	Total	Bank
Opening balance as reported	828.73	530.08	900.00	100.00	1,653.12	4,011.93	
Contributions							
Wed noon BSU	46.00					46.00	
40% to FWS reserve	<u>46.00</u>						
	(18.40)	18.40					
	<u>27.60</u>						
Bank charge	4.95						
Fido charge	<u>30.51</u>						
	<u>(35.46)</u>					(35.46)	
Retreat fees received				2,561.87		2,561.87	
Expected expenditure	<u>820.87</u>	<u>548.48</u>	<u>900.00</u>	<u>2,661.87</u>	<u>1,653.12</u>	<u>6,584.34</u>	<u>6,584.34</u>
		<u>200.00</u>		<u>100.00</u>	<u>1,600.00</u>		

Literature Report Revised September 2014

SLAA Ontario Intergroup Literature Report

Period March 28, 2014-April 24, 2014.

A. Income and expenses

Revenue:		
Sales	307.75	
Credits		
Donations		
Shipping	1.58	
Total Revenue	<u>309.33</u>	309.33
Expenses:		
Bank Fees	4.95	
Cost of goods sold	307.75	
Markdown on FWS purchase to resale		
Shipping	3.45	
Miscellaneous		
Shrinkage		
Photocopies		
Total Expenses	<u>316.15</u>	(316.15)
Net gain/loss:		<u>(6.82)</u>

B. Balance Sheet and reserve

	Current period	Previous period
Bank account	3,027.24	3,797.69
Petty cash	-	-
Accounts receivable	403.09	1,682.03
	<u>3,430.33</u>	<u>5,479.72</u>
Inventory	5,461.75	5,768.75
	<u>8,892.08</u>	<u>11,248.47</u>
Accounts payable		
FWS overshipment at par		
Individual	831.19	2,926.27
	<u>831.19</u>	<u>2,926.27</u>
Net assets - current period	9,723.27	14,174.74
Customs for delivery	49.18	
Adjusted net assets – previous period	<u>14,174.74</u>	<u>14,174.74</u>
Adjusted change in net assets	<u>(4,451.47)</u>	
Net assets- current period		9,723.27
Prudent reserve		8,500.00
Current period surplus (deficit) over prudent reserve		<u>1,223.27</u>

TELEPHONE REPORT FOR APRIL 2014 FOR SLAA

Three calls for meeting information, 1 hang up, and one call from a women looking for a sponsor.

All calls looked after by the telephone volunteers.

PUBLIC INFORMATION REQUESTS for SLAA

No calls re public information.

John F., Telephone committee.

Webmaster report April 24, 2014 – Charles V.

- Updated site before retreat (PayPal, schedule) then removed all information afterwards
 - Forwarded just 2 emails including one about Huntsville startup to John from Delegate
 - Updated the meeting lists, minutes, and announcements
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PayPal for FWS – Susan O.

I contacted Fellowship Wide Services about possibly using Paypal for our literature orders. Unfortunately, FWS is not set up with Paypal and, they are looking to do that in the future.

So, our only options are to send an international money order or use a credit card. I have to make another order in a day or so and I will use my own credit card. After that, we can make plans at intergroup to resolve this problem.

Thanks, Susan

SLAA Spring Retreat 2014 Income and Expenses						
Income						
		Attendees	Price	Sub total	Total	Notes
Full Weekend		11	\$175.00	\$1,925.00		
		1	\$100.00	\$100.00		Subsidy applied to 1 free room
		1	\$0.00	\$0.00		Free room used by Chair
Total		13			\$2,025.00	
Saturday Only		30	\$70.00	\$2,100.00		
Donations		2	\$20.00	\$40.00		*lunch only
Total		32			\$2,140.00	
Total Income					\$4,165.00	
Expenses						
		Attendees	Price	Sub-total	Total	
	Full Weekend	11	\$160.00	\$1,760.00		
	Saturday Only	30	\$50.00	\$1,500.00		
	Lunch only	2	\$20.00	\$40.00		
Total		43			\$3,300.00	
Retreat Expenses:						
	Printing			\$107.57		
	Stationary and Supplies			\$18.93		
	Pay Pal fee			\$78.13		
Total					\$204.63	
Total Retreat Expenses					\$3,504.63	
Total Profit					\$660.37	

SLAA Spring Retreat 2014 Spiritual Love and Recovery

Committee:

Dionne F, Chair

Irene B, Committee Member

John F, Committee Member

Sonja S, Entertainment Director

Treasurer: Intergroup Treasurer Tim W

Retreat Expenses and Income:

- The retreat income was: **\$4165.00**
- Expenses: **\$3,504.63**
- Profit of: **\$660.37**

Attendance:

- Full weekend: 13
- Saturday-only: 32
- Total guests: 47 (2 guests – one facilitator & main speaker – no meals)
- Up from last year of 44 attendees

Workshops:

- Well attended – positive feedback received

Feedback Forms:

- 19 Forms received
- Positive/Negative feedback and recommendations for next year provided

Recommendations for next year:

- Have Flyer and (tentative) schedule posted in January of 2015
- Create guidelines for workshops to give them more structure and uniformity
- Have more workshops on Sunday and possibly remove Saturday-only option as it was only added in recent years
- Add a speaker to Friday night
- Shorten music/entertainment portion and offer recovery movie night on Saturday as well
- Pre-registration only; would make easier no cash to deal with; also Scarboro Missions needs to know the numbers a week in advance; also to avoid confusion of any who show up and did not want to pay because they were not eating any meals. Will need to discuss with committee prior to next year.

Request to Start an SLAA Group in Huntsville

Hi, my name is Steve K.

I have been dealing with Tim W and received a new meeting package from him.

Since then I have approached a local church and received approval for a meeting in their church on Sat. at 10AM (Start date TBD). They require me to sign a lease with a suggested donation of 25\$/ month. I do believe that they are forgiving of that at start-up but I would like to enquire about financial support from Intergroup to make up their rent in that first year till I can get the new meeting fully self supporting. I plan on canvassing Dr's offices, therapists, etc prior to start-up and do have the support of one other seasonal person to start-up this new group. There currently are no SLAA groups north of Aurora and my area probably has a catchment of 80,000 people within 45 minutes drive.

I would like to offer recovery to those people and if there are just 3% with my problem that would mean we could offer recovery to 240 people who still suffer. It has the additional advantage of offering a meeting to those cottagers and snowmobilers who come up for the weekend to this, the Muskoka region.

My priority is to work with those who still suffer but this is why I have decided to hold the meeting Saturday morning at 10am. It also jump-starts the group with an experience base if I am able to offer a meeting to sober SLAA members who come here on weekends.

The other challenge I need to deal with is this church requires Liability insurance for my meeting to be allowed to meet in their church. Does FWS OFFER INSURANCE TO INDIVIDUAL MEETINGS?

Thanks

Steve K.

End of Attachments for 24 April Intergroup Meeting.