

Minutes: Ontario Intergroup of SLAA
Thursday, May 29, 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); Justin O. (Prison Outreach, Oakville IR); Fred K. (Tues 7:00 PM IR); Michael C. (Fri 6:00 PM IR); Daniel W. (Thurs 12:15 PM IR); Richard B. (Toronto Thursday 7:30 PM); Alex C. (Tues 7:00 PM *alternate* IR).

Absent with regrets: Alan B. (FWS Delegate, Brampton IR, *interim* Niagara IR); 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.
 - Accepted with Claudio's name added.
6. Secretary announcements – Jim D.
 - Literature reports updated for months January through April.
 - Accepted, group conscience.
7. Reading of Reports:
 - a) **Treasurer** – Tim W.
 - Reported that he changed the method of reported.
 - See report for details (attached).
 - Took Fall Conference reserve down to \$200 from \$900. Spring Retreat was reduced from \$100 to \$0.
 - Questions arose as to understanding the new method of accounting (money coming in (CR) reported as –ve numbers and money paid out (DR) as positive. Jim D. expressed confusion about the new method.
 - After some discussion and questions, Jody suggested try this method for a couple of months and then see how it goes.
 - What are appropriate reserve values for the Fall Conference and Spring Retreat? As above, Tim dropped these values; should they be set at some non-zero value? After discussion we decided to set the reserves at \$500 each (accepted group conscience).
 - Report accepted Group Conscience.
 - b) **Literature** – Susan O.
 - Susan expressed that she receives orders up to the day of the meeting so how can she make a report to send into the secretary ahead of time?

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- After decided it was proposed that Susan chose an earlier cut off date, such as the 20th; this was agreed upon.
 - See Susan's report for details.
 - Tim raised points about some of the details of the report; Susan will adjust the report and send it to Jim D. for the minutes.
 - Accepted pending amendments, group conscience.
- c) **Website** – Charles V. (absence with regrets)
- Report submitted too late to include at the meeting (submitted report is attached).
- d) **FWS Delegate** – Alan B. (absent with regrets)
- FWS ABC/M schedule presented briefly by Jim D.,
 - Accepted group conscience.
- e) **Phone Line and Public Information** – John F. (absent with regrets)
- No report ill, accepted group conscience.
- f) **Correspondence** received and sent (checking mailbox) – Susan O./Tim W.
- No correspondence. Accepted group conscience.
- g) **Spring Retreat 2014** – Dionne F.
- Nothing new. Some things to discuss – see below. Accepted group conscience.
- h) **Fall Conference 2014** – Jody N.
- Report attached.
 - Advertising has started about the date and location; given in group Announcements.
 - Considering a fee (of about \$10); without a 7th Tradition.
 - Jody discussed that they are looking for workshop leaders that are experienced in SLAA.
 - Fred suggested having a flyer ready for next meeting – as we will not meet over the summer.
 - Add fee of \$10 to announcements.
 - Accepted 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.
- Delete the line under FWS contributions; should not be there. (see attachment)
 - Remove the grid on the table; then forward to Charles for posting on the website.
 - Accepted group conscience.
- b) Update on getting a Visa Card for the Literature Rep. - Susan O.
- Not obtained yet, Susan, Jody and Tim need to coordinate to go the bank.
 - Accepted group conscience.
- c) Discuss recommendations from Susan on the AA ORC for next year.
- Set aside in a Reserve fund for this event an amount of \$350.
 - See recommendations in AA ORC report from Susan for the recommendations.
 - Accepted all recommendations and Reserve Fund amount by group conscience.

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- d) Discuss the recommendations from Dionne F. regarding the 2014 Spring Retreat.
 - See recommendations from April meeting.
 - Dionne F. is officially the Chair of the Spring Retreat 2015.
 - Accepting recommendations from earlier report.
- 9. **New Business:**
 - Information about the FWS project to produce an SLAA version of the Twelve Steps and Twelve Traditions (from AA). An early draft of Tradition 8 has been circulated for your comments; circulated ahead of time.
 - Jim D. discussed this and recommended the groups read this material and that they submit their opinions directly to FWS (by phone – they have extra people on the phone at FWS); group conscience is not necessary on opinions.

Next Meeting will be held on Thursday 26 June 2014 7:00 PM

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

Jim D. (Secretary, in service)

Attachments for 29 May 2014 Minutes below.

Website Report May 29, 2014 – Charles V.

- Updated site and list about new Huntsville meeting
- Sent email and found out from FWS they do not take PayPal or email transfer
- Forwarded a few emails (maybe 5) for response
- Uploaded announcements, approved minutes, and revised minutes from Jan and Feb

SLAA Ontario Intergroup Statement of Fund Balances
 April 21 to May 23, 2014
 DR(CR)

	FWS		FWS		ASSETS	
	General	Conference	Retreat	Delegate	Total	Bank
Opening balance as reported	(820.87)	(348.48)	(2,661.87)	(1,653.12)	(6,584.34)	
Contributions						
Brampton						(100.00)
Rockwood						(300.00)
Wed noon BSUC						(11.40)
	(411.40)				(411.40)	
40% to FWS reserve	164.56	(164.56)				
Bank charge	4.95					
Fido charge	30.51					
	<u>35.46</u>					
Received excess over reserve from literature	(730.00)				(730.00)	
Paid out to FWS		308.13			308.13	
Advanced to ABM delegate				1,300.00	1,300.00	
Paid out retreat centre cost			3,300.00		3,300.00	
Retreat fees received			(1,410.00)		(1,410.00)	
Adjust reserves	(1,324.99)	700.00	771.87	(145.88)		
Expected expenditure	(3,107.24)	(203.91)	-	(300.00)	(3,811.15)	3,811.15
		<u>200.00</u>	<u>100.00</u>	<u>1,800.00</u>		
Balance per bank						6,811.15
Outstanding deposit						300.00
Outstanding cheque						(3,300.00)
Balance per books above						<u>3,811.15</u>

Literature Report (added later, September 2014)

SLAA Ontario Intergroup Literature Report

Period April 25, 2014 - May 29, 2014.

A. Income and expenses

Revenue:		
Sales	446.70	
Credits		
Donations		
Shipping	45.05	
Total Revenue	<u>491.75</u>	491.75
Expenses:		
Bank Fees	4.95	
Cost of goods sold	446.70	
Markdown on FWS purchase to resale		
Shipping	36.30	
Miscellaneous		
Shrinkage		
Photocopies		
Total Expenses	<u>487.95</u>	(487.95)
Net gain/loss:		<u>3.80</u>

B. Balance Sheet and reserve

	Current period	Previous period
Bank account	2,606.54	3,027.24
Petty cash	-	-
Accounts receivable	394.50	218.09
	<u>3,001.04</u>	<u>3,245.33</u>
Inventory	5,313.50	4,893.50
	<u>8,314.54</u>	<u>8,138.83</u>
Accounts payable		
FWS Par Shipment	10.34	831.19
	<u>10.34</u>	<u>831.19</u>
Net assets - current period	8,324.88	8,970.02
Transferred from (to) Intergroup	750.00	
Adjusted net assets – previous period	8,970.02	8,970.02
Adjusted change in net assets	<u>(645.14)</u>	
Net assets- current period		8,324.88
Prudent reserve		8,500.00
Current period surplus (deficit) over prudent reserve		<u>(175.12)</u>

2014 SLAA Fall Conference Committee Meeting Report – May 25, 2014

Email: slaaconferenceontario@gmail.com

Conference Date: November 1, 2014. 1 day event

We have a written agreement with St Andrews – for 120 people. Sanctuary (2nd floor), Grovesenor (2nd floor), Old St Andrew's (3rd Floor), and St Enoch's rooms (3rd floor). Cost is \$620.00. We have given no deposit at this time. They are not asking for one.

The committee members are as follows with the assigned positions:

1. Treasurer – Randy W.
 2. Secretary & Chair -Jody N.
 3. Flyers – Jeff R.
 4. Correspondence – Daniel W.
 5. Schedule & Feedback forms – Irene B.
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We have agreed on the following items:

There will be some basic healthy snacks served in the morning. There will be no lunch included for the day, but we might provide a map at the registration desk with a list of restaurants close by.

We will follow the general format of the 2013 schedule.

The conference will be “open to all who identify as a sex and / or love addict.”

There will be no “entertainment” portion for the day.

We are in discussions on the following items:

A possible Registration cost of \$10.00 to cover the expenses. – which we estimate to be just over \$1000.00

Inviting people to email the committee at slaaconferenceontario@gmail.com to pre-register.

Theme, main speaker, workshops & the chairs.

Reconvening after lunch with a brief report given by FWS delegate or someone from intergroup.

End of Report

Where the Money Went 2013 Compared to 2012

SLAA Ontario InterGroup Income & Expense Overview		
	2013	2012
	\$	\$
Income:		
Group Donations	3,396.11	4,601.65
Fall Conference & Spring Retreat	306.93	479.61
Literature Surplus	-	466.19
Total Income	3,703.04	5,547.45
Expenses:		
FWS Delegate	1,611.00	1,625.00
FWS contributions	1,358.44	2,710.97
Telephone	322.27	532.38
Meeting room rent	233.91	233.91
Miscellaneous other	127.90	445.19
Total Expenses	3,653.52	5,547.45
Net Income (or loss) over year	49.52	-

[Note added afterwards; the following points are already on the webpage and do not need to be included again.]

Things That SLAA Intergroup Ontario Does

1. Maintains a current and up to date meeting list on our web site.
2. Annually holds a one-day conference in the fall, as well as a weekend Spring Retreat.
3. Provide a forum for participating groups where they may share ideas, exchange - suggestions for growth and promote unity of SLAA within the Intergroup area.
4. Assists newly formed groups in the Ontario area.

5. Maintains a P.O. box and telephone service (Hotline) to receive inquiries from those who still suffer.
6. Connect an inquirer with an experienced, sober member of SLAA who would then encourage or take the newcomer to his/her first meeting.
7. Disseminate meeting lists, information and literature to the professional community such as hospitals, penal institutions, correctional facilities, mental health clinics, rehabilitation centres, courts, juvenile homes and abused family residences.
8. Has a monthly meeting of intergroup officers where group representatives are encouraged to attend and take part in the meeting. Intergroup provides an opportunity for those interested in service work beyond the local group level. Intergroup establishes a regional consensus or group conscience affecting SLAA as a whole.
9. There is a literature rep that makes all SLAA approved literature and material available to all SLAA groups at cost plus shipping.
10. Has a service position of "delegate" who maintains a connection between intergroup and the International SLAA (FWS – Fellowship Wide Services) office in Texas. We endeavor to send the delegate to the Annual Business Meeting held one a year in the USA.
11. The majority of money collected by Intergroup is forwarded to FWS in Texas.

TELEPHONE REPORT PUBLIC INFORMATION REQUESTS

FOR MAY 2014 FOR SLAA

Not able to make a report this month as I am sick.
John F., Telephone committee.

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ABC/M Schedule 2014					
	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
6:00			Meditation - /Yoga- Recovery Meeting	Meditation- /Yoga- Recovery Meeting	Meditation- /Yoga- Recovery Meeting
7:00			Breakfast	Breakfast	Breakfast
7:30					
8:00			General Assembly Facilitator:	General Assembly Facilitator:	General Assembly/BOT Elections Facilitator:
8:30	BOT Meetings 9-12pm	Conference Committee Chairs Meeting	Assit Facilitator: Back-up Facilitator:	Assitant Facilitator: Back-up Facilitator:	Assit. Facilitator: Back-up Facilitator:
9:00					
9:30			Break	Break	Break
			1st Cmte Meetings	2nd Cmte Meetings	3rd Cmte Meetings
10:00	Delegate Travel Day	Break	Session One	Session One	Session One
		New Delegate Orientation Facilitator: Asst. Facilitator:			
10:30		Back-up Facilitator:	Break	Break	Break
11:00			1st Cmte Meetings Session Two	2nd Cmte Meetings Session Two	3rd Cmte Meetings Session Two
11:30		Break			
12:00		Lunch	Lunch	Lunch	Lunch
1:00		General Assembly Facilitator Jack S.-CCC chair Asst. Facilitator: Back-up Facilitator:	1st Cmte Meetings Session Three	2nd Cmte Meetings Session Three	3rd Cmte Meetings Session Three
1:30					
2:00		Break	Break	Break	Break
		Getting to Know the BOT/F.W.S.	General Assembly	General Assembly	General Assembly
2:30	F.W.S. and LPC Houston I.G. Volunteer Training	Facilitator: Asst. Facilitator:	Facilitator Jack S. Assit Facilitator:	Facilitator: Assitant Facilitator:	Facilitator: Assitant Facilitator:
3:00	2:30-4pm	Back-up Facilitator:	Back-up Facilitator:	Backup Facilitator:	Back-up Facilitator:
3:30		Break	Break	Break	Break
		F.W.S. BOT Financial Report	General Assembly	General Assembly	BOT and Chairs Meetings
4:00	ABC/M Registration Begins F.W.S On-Site Store Open 4-9pm	Facilitator: Asst. Facilitator: Back-up Facilitator: Break	Facilitator: Assit Facilitator: Back-up Facilitator: Break	Facilitator: Assitant Facilitator: Backup Facilitator: Break	
4:30					
5:00	Welcoming Hospitality Suite Open 5-10pm	General Assembly Facilitator: Asst. Facilitator: Back-up Facilitator:	General Assembly Facilitator: Assit Facilitator: Back-up Facilitator:	GA/BOT Nominees Tradition 10 Facilitator: Assitant Facilitator: Backup Facilitator:	
5:30	Room 1138				
6:00	Informal Social Time	Break	Break	Break	The CCC encourages delegates to make travel plans to depart Houston after the Friday afternoon General Assembly
6:30	The CCC encourages delegates to make travel plans to arrive	Dinner	Dinner	Dinner BBQ at the Hotel Pool	
7:00	afternoon / evening	Motions Deadline Speaker Meeting	Meet the Delegates-Open Mic 30 minutes Live Auction and Raffle	Houston Intergroup Activity Night	or on Saturday. Remember to allow time to travel to the airport and check in prior to the flight as per airline recommendations.
7:30					
8:00	Getting Current Meeting Location To Be Determined	Free Time			
8:30					
9:00	Getting Current Meeting	Getting Current Meeting	Getting Current Meeting	Getting Current Meeting	
9:30					