

Minutes: Ontario Intergroup of SLAA
Thursday, 27 February 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, Niagara IR); Charles V. (Website); Justin O. (Prison Outreach, Oakville IR, Brampton interim IR); Fred K. (Tues 7:00 PM IR); Michael C. (Fri 6:00 PM IR); Claudio M. (Ajax Sunday IR).

Absent with regrets: 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. Reading of Trusted Servant's Prayer

- done

3. Reading of The Twelve Traditions

- done

4. Introductions

- done

5. Reading of previous meetings Draft Minutes Highlights by secretary – Jim D.

- Read Highlights of January Minutes indicating were updates (post meeting) had been added for the Treasurer's Report and for the Spring Retreat Flyer.

- Accepted, Group conscience.

6. Secretary's Announcements – Jim D.

a) Meeting minutes for January through April (before I became secretary) have been updated; do people want copies of these minutes?

- Contact Jim if you want copies of the older minutes.

b) Contacted FWS about "Conference Approved Literature". There was no link to this document on their site. As a result, they added this to their "Download" page and we now have (thanks to Charles) a link to this page on our Website.

- Alan can ask at Houston FWS ABC if questions arise about FWS issues.

c) Jim D. contacting FWS about archiving minutes; no reply yet.

7. Reading of Reports:

a) Treasurer – Tim W.

- Tim gave his report (see attached).

- 40% to FWS fund.

- \$700 for rent at St. Michael's should be set aside for this expense.

- Setting ~\$1600 for FWS Delegate (based on Alan B.'s submitted budget and Jim B.'s expenses last year).

- A question on noting the prudent reserve on the report was made by Jim D.

- Tim said he will note when items are not at prudent reserve values.

- Comments were made on the good work done by Tim on the Treasurer's job.

- Report accepted by group conscience.

b) Literature – Susan O.

- Susan reported on the period Jan 6th – Feb 23th, with a separate report to come later on the Nov 27th – Jan 5th period.

- She went through the report and a few questions were raised about the details. These details have been corrected the 'new' version is the one reported here (see attached).

c) FWS Delegate – Alan B.

- Alan will buy ticket on credit card and bill us later.
- Jody suggested Alan take questions to Houston; contact Jody or Jim to forward questions to Alan.
- Charles suggested Alan can use the SLAA Delegate email address; delegate@slaa-ontario.org .
- Not registered yet.
- Report accepted, group conscience.

d) Phone Line and Public Information – John F.

- Jim D. reported on behalf of John (who sends his regrets); see attached report.
- Report accepted, group conscience.

e) Spring Retreat 2014 – Dionne F.

- Report is attached as is updated flyer.
- Updated flier, and updated again since meeting, as currently posted on Website.
- Fred asked about the number of overnight registrants allowed; this is 37 maximum.
- Dionne indicated she would reimburse for flyer copies if you need to make them.
- Fred suggested adding bullets between Workshop lists.
- Charles can set maximum in PayPal so we do not oversell.
- Jim suggested: name tags, Steps 1-3 (plus Steps 4-6 etc, or Steps 4-12) rather than Steps 1-12, and to add a map of Scarboro Missions property (entrance etc) so you don't get lost when you get there.
- Report accepted, group conscience.

f) Fall Conference 2014 – Jody N.

- Jody made report; reserved date,
- Fred suggested to get a contract from Church to fix costs etc .
- Report accepted, group conscience.

g) Correspondence received and sent (checking mailbox) – Susan O.

- No new correspondence.

h) Website – Charles V.

- See Charles' report (attached)
- Some discussion about one Ontario group that lists itself as 'Open' while the Ontario IG policy is that groups should be 'Closed' (definitions are available at the FWS website). Research by several people revealed that FWS recognizes 'Open' groups and that several cities do have Open meetings. The group has been asked to clarify what they mean by an Open meeting but they have not yet responded.
- Meeting List (from last month) can be available as both Letter and Legal size (3 columns and 4 columns, respectively). Group agreed the Meeting List should be available in both formats.
- Jim asked for clarification about double side and fold comment (on the Letter size Meeting List); clarified that print both sides and tri-fold (which has always been the way it was printed).
- Accepted group conscience.

8. Old Business (Tabled from previous meetings)

- a) Intergroup income this year is lower than last year. Is this a problem or not? Some data on this are as follows (values updated from previous meeting to include December contributions and 2012 value (*) corrected to remove profit from conferences):

Donated to IG the previous year (2012):	\$4562*
Donated by IG to FWS the previous year (2012):	\$2671

Donated to IG last year (2013): \$3396 (74%)

Donated to FWS last year (2013): \$1411 (53%)

- Jim asked if these decreases are important? Alternatively, is this just a random blip?
- Michael noted that membership has gone down; and others noted the same.
- Jody mentioned the 60/40 donation; more about this to be discussed later.
- For now, this decrease in donations to IG and from IG to FWS is just noted and to be watched in the future.

b) Intergroup attendance (from intergroup reps) is not as strong as it could be – is there anything we can do to encourage better involvement?

- Just noted and nothing more.

c) Website “Donations to Intergroup” – do we need to re-visit any of this content? In October the amounts for 2010 were removed (as they were out-of-date); should we post amounts again (or just percentages of money) with the actual 2012 or 2013 values?

- Jody is going to work with Tim and Charles to see if we can post this information.

d) Alan suggested forming a committee to look specifically at the question: “What is the Single Purpose of SLAA” – discuss further – should we form a committee?

- Obsolete; this has been discussed previously.

9. New Business

a) What is needed for the ORC meeting Toronto March 14-16 (Susan O.) – i.e., volunteers?

- Number of volunteers needed;
- Susan suggested copying appropriate Newcomer information from FWS website; and distributing this.
- Other groups do sell stuff.
- Don't copy copyright material. Material she suggested is all free to download from FWS.
- Email Susan if you want to volunteer (slaa.ont.lit@gmail.com).

b) The Spring and Fall conference feedback forms ...should they include a “male/female/other” box to check... or is that not relevant or going against a tradition?

- Not appropriate and should not do so.
- Approved

Next Meeting will be held on Thursday 27 March 2014 7:00 PM

Meeting ended at 8:36 PM with a moment of silence, followed by the Serenity Prayer

Jim D. (Secretary, in service)

See attachments below.

Literature Report (Revised again in Sept 2014 from the originally posted version)*Period November 27, 2013-Jan 5, 2014***A. Income and expenses**

Revenue:		
Sales	929.25	
Credits		
Donations		
Shipping	81.09	
Total Revenue	<u>1,010.34</u>	1,010.34
Expenses:		
Bank Fees	4.95	
Cost of goods sold	975.25	
Markdown on FWS purchase to resale		
Shipping	58.50	
Miscellaneous		
Customs		
Shrinkage		
Photocopies		
Total Expenses	<u>1,038.70</u>	(1,038.70)
Net gain/loss:		<u>(28.36)</u>

B. Balance Sheet and reserve

	Current period	Previous period
Bank account	5,239.15	5,218.16
Petty cash	-	-
Accounts receivable	208.30	390.63
	<u>5,447.45</u>	<u>5,608.79</u>
Inventory	3,692.25	3,499.50
	<u>9,139.70</u>	<u>9,108.29</u>
Accounts payable		
FWS overshipment at par		
Individual	788.09	-
	<u>788.09</u>	-
Net assets - current period	9,927.79	9,108.29
Transferred from (to) Intergroup		
Adjusted net assets – previous period	9,108.29	<u>9,108.29</u>
Adjusted change in net assets	<u>819.50</u>	
Net assets- current period		9,927.79
Prudent reserve		8,500.00
Current period surplus (deficit) over prudent reserve		<u>1,427.79</u>

Revised Again (September 2014)

SLAA Ontario Intergroup Literature Report

Period January 6-February 23, 2014

A. Income and expenses

Revenue:		
Sales	874.50	
Credits		
Donations		
Shipping	4.50	
Total Revenue	879.00	879.00
Expenses:		
Bank Fees	4.95	
Cost of goods sold	874.50	
Markdown on FWS purchase to resale	-	
Shipping	4.50	
Miscellaneous	-	
Customs		
Shrinkage	-	
Photocopies	-	
Total Expenses	883.95	(883.95)
Net gain/loss:		(4.95)

B. Balance Sheet and reserve

	Current period	Previous period
Bank account	6,098.31	5,239.15
Petty cash	-	-
Accounts receivable	1,043.55	208.30
	7,141.86	5,447.45
Inventory	2,852.25	3,692.25
	9,994.11	9,139.70
Accounts payable		
FWS overshipment at par		
Individual	789.21	788.09
	789.21	788.09
Net assets - current period	10,783.32	9,927.79
Customs paid for delivery	40.86	
Adjusted net assets – previous period	9,927.79	9,927.79
Adjusted change in net assets	855.53	
Net assets- current period		10,783.32
Prudent reserve		8,500.00
<i>Current period surplus (deficit) over prudent reserve</i>		2,283.32

SLAA TELEPHONE REPORT FOR FEBRUARY 2014

A total of 9 telephone calls came in requiring information on SLAA meetings and or locations. All calls were responded to in a timely manner by our telephone volunteers.

PUBLIC INFORMATION FOR FEBRUARY 2014

No requests for Public Information during either of these months

John F. *Pioneer Group, Telephone Committee SLAA*

Webmaster's Report – February 2014 – Charles V.

Main changes are as follows:

- Updated main landing page of slaa-ontario.org with a list of 7 items indicating meeting list formats and added link to Spring retreat.
- Updated Literature page with link to Conference Approved Literature which takes you to a PDF posted on the FWS website.
- Created page: <http://slaa-ontario.org/events.htm>, set up Payments section with Paypal, added a Location map, and uploaded a revised retreat flyer.
- Forwarded approximately 8 email questions for response
- Responded to one question myself about confirming if a Meeting was open or not on Family day with a response suggesting Intergroup cannot confirm group closures unless a group member notifies Intergroup in advance that a group is open on a holiday.
- Question? Should we indicate a general rule about holiday closures in Churches or Public buildings being closed on Statutory holidays?
- Sent a follow up email to the new Sudbury group asking a member to clarify their being an open meeting. This is to follow up on some email discussion on the point. No response yet from the Sudbury group.

Site statistics:

- February so far is busier than January.
- The week ending Feb 9 was the busiest week.
- Busiest day was Feb 9.
- The two busiest days on average were Wed and Thur (equal) which is different from past report when Mon or Tue were busiest.
- 6 pm and 7 pm are the busiest hours.

SLAA Spring Retreat 2014
Committee Report – February 2014

Committee:

- Dionne F., Chair
- Irene B., Committee Member
- John F., Committee Member
- Sonja S., Entertainment Director

Flyer:

- The flyer has been updated and uploaded to the SLAA site (updated flyer attached).
- Details of the accommodations and schedule have been added to the back of the flyer.

Fees:

- We would still like to encourage people to register *via* **Pay Pal** or by **Email Money Transfer**.
- We will also be accepting cash on site as well for the day only attendees.
- Have set up Pay Pal and have coordinated with IG Treasurer for updates on the payments.

Workshops:

- We are still in the process of finalizing workshop schedule and topics.
- Have started announcing that we are looking for volunteers to lead workshops in addition to those who the committee will select as well.
- Are also asking for volunteers to help during the event.

Key Note Speaker:

- The speaker for Saturday has been confirmed as Felipe.

2014 SLAA SPRING RETREAT

Spiritual Love & Recovery

April 4th – 6th

SCARBORO MISSIONS

2685 Kingston Road, Scarborough Ontario M1M 1M4

FULL WEEKEND COST: \$175.00

DAY ONLY COST: Saturday... \$70.00 Sunday... \$50.00

Open to anyone who identifies as a Sex and/or Love Addict

For more information & registration contact:

slaaspringretreat2014@gmail.com

WORKSHOP TOPICS AND ACTIVITIES INCLUDE ...

- *Healthy Sexuality
- *12 steps in 3 hours
- *Setting Bottom Lines
- *Creative Recovery
- *Walk to the Bluffs
- *Candle Labyrinth
- *Anorexia Workshop
- *Relationships in Recovery
- *Relapse Prevention
- *Temporary Sponsor Availability
- *Saturday Night Entertainment
- *Sunday Wrap-up/Gratitude Meeting

Visit: <http://www.slaa-ontario.org/events.htm> for online payments with PayPal

The registration fee covers accommodation and meals; there will be a collection for kitchen staff tip on Saturday.

Preferred Payment Options:

Send Electronic Money Transfers to: slaaspringretreat2014@gmail.com

or Use PayPal online at: <http://www.slaa-ontario.org/events.htm>

Weekend Cost includes:

- * A private room with sink, desk, bedding and a towel (you may want to bring an extra bath towel)
- * Meals, including vegetarian options. Dinner is not served Friday evening. Special dietary needs cannot be accommodated. A fridge is available if you would like to bring food or snacks
- * Workshops and meetings, morning meditation, art therapy, candle labyrinth and Saturday evening entertainment

Saturday and/or Sunday only:

All activities and meals of the day – but no overnight accommodation

Registration:

Friday: 6 p.m. – 8 p.m.

Saturday: 8 a.m. – 8:30 a.m.

Sunday: 8 a.m. – 8:30 a.m.

Contact Information:

If you have any questions or suggestions, please email: slaaspringretreat2014@gmail.com

Directions:

Scarboro Missions, 2685 Kingston Road, Toronto, Ontario M1M 1M4

The building is wheelchair accessible and located on the southwest corner of Kingston Road and Brimley Road. Please see <http://www.maps.google.com> for directions by car or public transit. Parking and entrance at the back of the building.

Dress Code:

Please be mindful and wear appropriate clothing and avoid wearing scents (perfumes or colognes).

Volunteers:

Service opportunities are plentiful! If you are interested in volunteering (getting rooms ready, tidying up, being a temporary sponsor, working the registration desk or setting up chairs, please e-mail the committee at: slaaspringretreat2014@gmail.com

End of 27 February 2014 Intergroup Minutes.