

Minutes: Ontario Intergroup of SLAA
Thursday, January 29, 2015. 7:00-8:30 PM
Room 1004, Cardinal Carter Wing, St. Michael's Hospital

Present: Jody N. (Chair); Dionne F. (Vice-chair, Chair Spring Retreat); Jim D. (Secretary, Hamilton Fri IR); Daniel W. (Treasurer, Thurs 12:15 PM IR); Susan O. (Literature Rep., Sat. 5:30 IR); Alan B. (FWS Delegate, Brampton IR, *interim* Niagara IR); Brian C. (Website, Holland Landing Thu 7:30 IR); Justin O. (Prison Outreach); Fred K. (Tues 7:00 PM, IR); Charles V. (Tues 8:00 PM, IR); Bill G. (Oakville, IR); Tanya G. (Lady of Lourdes, Mon 7PM, IR); Rob H. (Ajax Sun 10AM, IR); Marc S. (Fri 6:00 PM, IR).

Absent with regrets: John F. (Phone and PI, Pickering IR).

1. Meeting begins with a Moment of Silence followed by the Serenity Prayer.
- done
2. Introductions / Attendance.
- done
3. Reading of Trusted Servant's Prayer.
- done
4. Reading of The Twelve Traditions.
- done
5. Accept / Amend previous meetings Draft Minutes (circulated *via* email prior to the meeting).
- Jim D. noted that Dionne did the Minutes as acting secretary for November 2014 meeting. The "Phone Line and Public Information" as explained earlier was added after the meeting. Phone Line and Public Information reported accepted by group conscience. Minutes accepted group conscience.
6. Secretary announcements – Jim D.
- Continue archiving minutes (all done from 2013 and about ½ of 2014 are archived onto CD as a permanent record).
7. Reading of Reports:
 - a) Treasurer – Daniel W.
 - December and January reports (see attached) were presented.
 - Annual Report for 2014 was presented (see attached).
Contributions from groups were significantly larger for 2014 compared to 2013. Jim D. Commented that the contribution

numbers have varied over the years. For group contributions from 2008 to 2014 the numbers varied from ~\$2300 to ~\$6000 more or less randomly; rather than a downward trend as we suspected at this time last year. Susan noted that literature sales were also up in 2014 over 2013 – same trend.

- Accepted group conscience.

b) Literature – Susan O.

- Reports for December 2014 and January 2015 given (see attached).
- Susan noted that new literature prices will be in effect as of March 1, 2015. New prices will be forwarded to Brian to be put onto the website (this has been done).
- Fred asked amount of increase to items. Susan stated that increases depend on item but are about \$0.25 to \$0.50 \$1.00 for text). This increase is relatively large but is strongly affected by the falling \$Can.
- Accepted group conscience

c) Website – Brian C.

- See attached report.
- New group in Hamilton (women’s only); “New Hope Ladies” – Women Only as listed in next bullet.
- Jim D asked for contact information for the New Group. From our website: Contact info is: newhopeladies@gmail.com; “New Hope Ladies” – Women Only Meeting, Melrose United Church, 86 Homewood Avenue, Norman Slater Room, Hamilton; Wed. 7:45.
- Fred asked about the time for the New Group (given above).
- Brian thanked Charles for all the help with the website.
- Accepted group conscience

d) FWS Delegate – Alan B.

- See report (attached)
- FWS Annual Business Conference/Meeting (ABC) 2015 is Houston Tx, August 4 to 7, 2015. Alan report on items that are currently being discussed for inclusion at the meeting.

- Alan emphasized that he wanted feedback on issues to be discussed so that he can accurately represent our Ontario IG.
 - The Conference is followed by a Retreat, August 7 to 9th 2015.
 - Fred asked about the progress on the writing of the 12 in 12 SLAA text. Alan will look into this.
 - Accepted group conscience
- e) Spring Retreat – Dionne F.
- Dionne created a ‘save the date’ flyer.
 - Dionne will send flyer to Brian to post on the website.
 - Accepted group conscience.
- f) Phone Line and Public Information – John F. (sent regrets)
- Report (see attached) read by Jody N.
 - Accepted group conscience.
- g) Correspondence received and sent (checking mailbox) – Susan O.
- Letter from TD trust NSF penalty is increasing from \$45 from \$48. This should not affect us.
 - Other correspondence was passed on as appropriate.
 - Accepted group conscience.
8. Old Business:
- a) Election of Secretary (carried forward from November 2014) – Jim D. is willing to stand for re-election but will only be able to serve for one year.
- Jim was re-elected for one more year.
 - Accepted group conscience
- b) “Outreach Coordinator”: Ongoing discussions regarding the creation of this new Intergroup service position. Vote on moving forward with the formation of this position.
- Marc stated that this is something that is vital for us to do. To get the word of our existence (SLAA) out to the public.
 - Alan stated that in other SLAA groups a committee (sometimes quite large) is responsible for this outreach.
 - Motion made that we are creating a new position that will be “Outreach Coordinator”, 2 year term and advertise for this position (made by Jody).
 - Accepted Group conscience.

- Tanya asked what the budget would be for this position.
- Jim suggested that we let the Coordinator bring forward a detailed definition for this position. Marc suggested that others should have this point defined already. Alan will look at getting information on such a position from other SLAA groups.
- Marc nominated Tanya for this position (as an interim Outreach Coordinator, until November). She indicated willingness to serve.
- After discussion Tanya was elected, group conscience.
- Should be announced at groups of need for volunteers to do service by handing out and/or mailing information.
- Alan suggested proposing an initial budget for this position, for \$300 for this outreach. This would be just the initial budget.
- Accepted group conscience
- Suggestions for pamphlets to distribute: Information for the Professional, Are you Addicted to Sex and Are you Addicted to Love, 40 Questions for Sex and Love addicts, and our Meeting List.
- We should have a professional looking distribution of official brochures rather than photocopy information. Brian said that we can get that done at a local printer (not copyright protected material).

9. New Business:

- a) Fall Conference Chair: Intergroup needs to appoint a Chairperson for this year's fall conference. All members of intergroup are encouraged to help in the search for a qualified member of SLAA.
 - Tabled until next meeting.
- b) Need volunteers for this year's ORC.
 - Susan is coordinating this event (March 13-15 Toronto).
 - We will do this again this year.
 - Accepted group conscience.

Next Meeting will be held on Thursday, February 26, 2015 7:00 PM

Meeting ended at 8:37 PM with a moment of silence, followed by the Serenity Prayer.

Jim D (Secretary)

Handouts for 29 January 2015 Intergroup Meeting attached below.

Treasurer's Report:

Balance Sheet Nov 27-Jan 26 2015		
ASSETS		
Current Assets		previous balance
Cash	6837.93	
Other		
Total	\$6,837.93	\$6,837.93
Income		
Wednesday noon group toronto dec	47.6	
New Life Group Peterborough dec	100.00	
FWS with US exchange dec	220.22	
Tuesday North York New Freedom Group jan 14	100.00	
Monday night group jan 8	300.00	
Rockwood Group jan 8	300.00	
Durham Group dec	200.00	
Total	\$1,267.82	\$ 1,788.39
Total Assets	\$8,105.75	
Expenses		
Current Liabilities		
fido nov 28/dec 31	9.90	
bank fee dec 29	30.51	
FWS contribution dec 3 canadian	\$1,004.98	
SMH Room rent 1 year dec 9	233.91	
Other		
Total	\$1,279.30	\$ 65.97
Assets minus Current Liabilities	\$6,826.45	
FWS Fund	\$140.00	\$ 936.15
Reserves		
Fall Conference 2015	500.00	500
Spring Retreat 2015	500.00	500
FWS delegate fund (build to \$1800)	\$1,245.80	992.24
AA Ont Rec Conf 2015	350.00	350
Total	\$2,735.80	\$ 3,278.39
Assest minus Reserves	\$4,090.65	\$ 3,559.54
Total Liabilities and Networth	\$6,826.45	\$ 6,837.93

Treasurer's ANNUAL Report for 2014:

SLAA Intergroup Ontario		Annual Report	
		<i>January 2014-December 2014</i>	
		2014	2013
Revenue			
Rockwood	\$	700.00	\$ 800.00
peterborough		100.00	200.00
Wednesday Pioneer			100.00
Aurora			500.00
Bellwood Pioneer Group		1,400.00	1,600.00
Thursday noon			39.37
Thursday night Anorexisa			100.00
SMC Sat night			14.81
Monday night		625.00	
Tuesday St.Leonards		100.00	-
Durham Group		300.00	-
Wednesday noon		152.60	97.40
Brampton		650.00	240.00
Hollands Landing		611.20	
Friday night		500.00	
Huntsville		50.00	
Hamilton group		80.00	40.00
FWS travel refund		220.22	
spring retreat		684.94	
Fall Conference		95.00	-
	\$	6,268.96	\$ 3,731.58
Gross Profit		\$ 6,268.96	\$ 3,731.58
Expenses			
Delegate Expenses	\$	1,500.00	\$ 1,611.00
Fido phone		366.12	240.37
Bank Fee		59.40	37.65
Web hostin		93.40	90.25
SMH room rent		233.91	233.91
FWS Contribution		1,514.11	1,358.44
Address renewal		197.75	
		-	-
		-	-
		-	-
Total Operating Expenses		\$ 3,964.69	\$ 3,571.62
Income From Operations		\$ 2,304.27	\$ 159.96
		\$ 2,304.27	\$ 159.96
Net Income		\$ 2,304.27	\$ 159.96

Literature Reports: December 2014 Report

Literature Report

November 27, 2014-December 31, 2014

Account Recieveable		Account Recieveable	\$3,757.02	Treshold	\$8,500.00
Bank Amount (11/27)	\$2,652.52	Account Payable	\$254.03	Lit/Sale/Bank	\$8,831.61
Payment	\$1,062.00				
Fed-ex Copy Card	\$42.50	Total:	\$3,502.99	net/loss:	\$331.61
Total:	\$3,757.02				
Accounts Payable		Bank Amount (12/31)	3459.11		
Literature	\$223.57	Fed-ex Copy Card	\$42.50		
Shipping	\$0.00	Total:	\$3,501.61		
Bank Fees	\$4.95				
Customs	25.51	Inventory/Bank Amount/Literature Sales Total			
Total:	\$254.03	Inventory	\$4,840.00		
		Bank Amount (12/31)	\$3,501.61		
		Literature Sales (11/27-12/31)	\$490.00		
		Total:	\$8,831.61		

****Note: The bank amount is off by \$1.38 is due to the difficulties of transferring funds to my credit card after paying for the literature order.

January 2015 Report

Literature Report

January 1, 2015-January 27, 2015

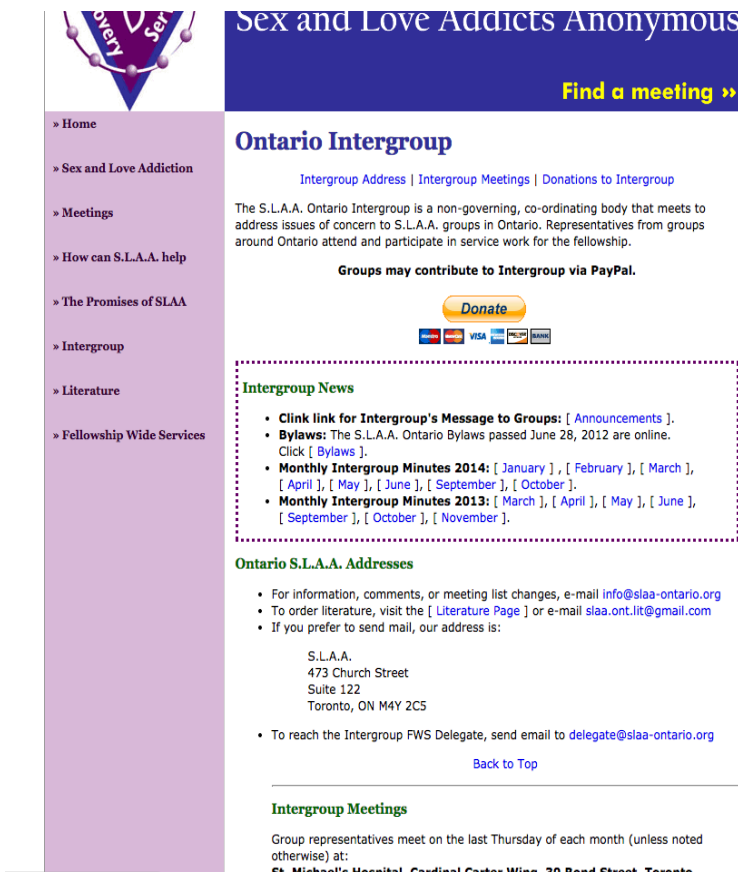
Account Recieveable		Account Recieveable	\$4,131.93	Treshold	\$8,500.00
Bank Amount (01/01)	\$3,459.11	Account Payable	\$79.08	Lit/Sale/Bank	\$8,847.35
Payment	\$630.32				
Fed-ex Copy Card	\$42.50	Total:	\$4,052.85	net/loss	\$347.35
Total:	\$4,131.93				
Accounts Payable		Bank Amount (01/27)	\$4,010.35		
Literature	\$0.00	Fed-ex Copy Card	\$42.50		
Shipping	\$79.08	Total:	\$4,052.85		
Bank Fees	\$4.95				
Customs	\$0.00	Inventory/Bank Amount/Literature Sales Total			
Total:	\$84.03	Inventory	\$4,251.75		
		Bank Amount (12/31)	\$4,010.35		
		Literature Sales (01/01-01/27)	\$585.25		
		Total:	\$8,847.35		

Webmaster Report for December 2014

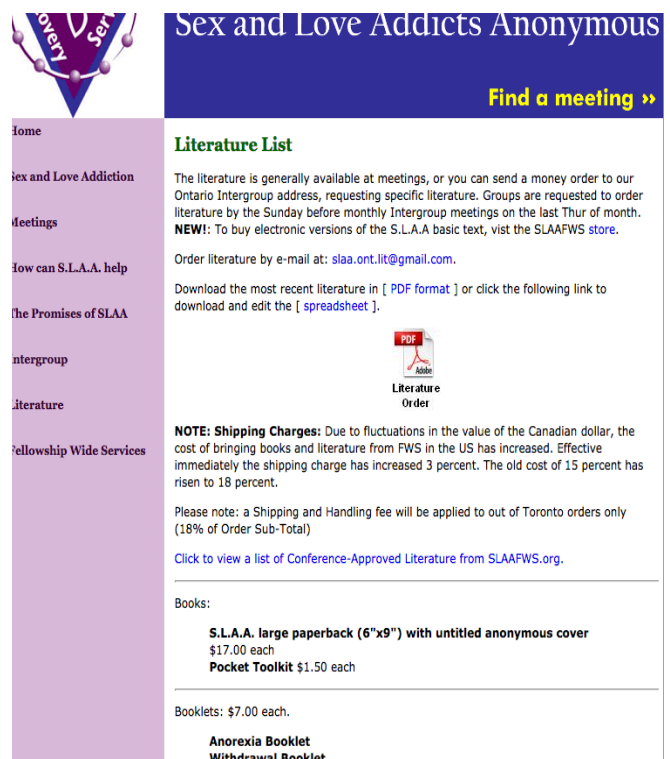
1. Information Emails: 5
2. Website Hits: 4382
3. Canadian Hits: 715
4. Meeting List Downloads: 176
5. Important Changes:
 - a. Ottawa meeting cancellation posted
6. Goals for Next Month: N/A

Webmaster Report for January 2015

1. Information Emails: 3
2. Website Hits: 4079
3. Canadian Hits: 510
4. Meeting List Downloads: 166
5. Important Changes:
 - a. Announcements for November 2014 posted
 - b. Minutes for October 2014 posted
 - c. Room change for intergroup made
 - d. Meeting lists updated for New Hope Ladies Group
6. Goals for Next Month:
 - a. Clean up outdated information (cancellations, etc.)
 - b. Streamline titles and subtitles
 - c. Re-format listing information into bullets



The screenshot shows the website for Sex and Love Addicts Anonymous, Ontario Intergroup. The header features the organization's logo and the text "Sex and Love Addicts Anonymous" with a "Find a meeting" link. A navigation menu on the left includes links for Home, Sex and Love Addiction, Meetings, How can S.L.A.A. help, The Promises of SLAA, Intergroup, Literature, and Fellowship Wide Services. The main content area is titled "Ontario Intergroup" and includes a "Donate" button with logos for various payment methods. Below this is a section for "Intergroup News" with several bullet points linking to announcements, bylaws, and meeting minutes for 2014 and 2013. Further down, there are "Ontario S.L.A.A. Addresses" and "Intergroup Meetings" sections.



The screenshot shows the "Literature List" page on the Sex and Love Addicts Anonymous website. The header is identical to the previous page. The main content area is titled "Literature List" and contains information about ordering literature, including a "Literature Order" button with a PDF icon. A "NOTE: Shipping Charges" section explains that shipping costs have increased due to fluctuations in the Canadian dollar. A "Click to view a list of Conference-Approved Literature from SLAAFWS.org" link is provided. Below this, there are sections for "Books" and "Booklets". The "Books" section lists "S.L.A.A. large paperback (6"x9") with untitled anonymous cover" for \$17.00 each and "Pocket Toolkit" for \$1.50 each. The "Booklets" section lists "Anorexia Booklet" and "Withdrawal Booklet" for \$7.00 each.

January 2015 Delegate Report

Delegate – Alan B.

1. 2015 S.L.A.A. Annual Business Meeting
 - a. Agenda - First Draft
 - i. Items for discussion (IFD)
 1. The CCC (Conference Charter Committee) is seeking guidance from the Conference on establishing effective deadlines for submissions of IFDs and Motions to go on the ABM Agenda, that not only helps the submitter, but also gives Delegates and Conference Committees time to review these items.
 2. We wish that the Conference discusses the possibility of a no-tolerance policy for using the program of S.L.A.A. as an arena to assault, sexually assault or stalk other members, at meetings or between meetings, and how such a policy could be formulated.
 3. The Conference Diversity Committee wants feedback from the Conference on the proposed Diversity Statement.
 4. The CICC be tasked with the stewardship of a master list of Intergroups / Lone groups, and the CICC be steward of a master list of all Conference committees' contact information, whether it be through the F.W.S. (except U.S. mail), email address, Google group, an Information phone number, or other means.
 5. A Conference Literature Committee Representative selected by the CLC, be sent to the ABM every year, with the F.W.S paying the costs.
 - ii. See Alan B. for complete First Draft agenda
 - iii. Subsequent Drafts
 1. Second Version, May 2, 2015
 2. Third Version, June 21, 2015
 3. Fourth Version, August 5, 2015
 - b. Registration opens February 5th
 - c. When? Tuesday, August 4- Friday, August 7, 2015
 - d. Where? Hyatt North Houston, 425 North Sam Houston Pkwy E. Houston, Texas, USA, 77060
2. International Recovery Convention (IRC)
 - a. When? Friday, August 7th – Sunday, August 9th
 - b. Where? Hyatt North Houston, 425 North Sam Houston Pkwy E. Houston, Texas, USA, 77060

Spring Retreat “Save the Date” Flyer



SLAA TELEPHONE REPORT FOR DECEMBER AND JANUARY 2014 / 2015

Telephone calls for the two months: Totaled 21
Requests were anywhere from meeting locations, to information on meeting
format Emails answered were a total of 7 for the two months

PUBLIC INFORMATION

No calls for public information
John F *Pioneer Group Pickering* Telephone and Public Information
Chairperson

END OF HANDOUTS FOR January 29 IG Meeting Minutes.