

Nicotine Anonymous Intergroup Minutes for Dec. 20 *

Minutes of the Southern California Intergroup of Nicotine Anonymous meeting held on Dec. 20, 1998 at White Memorial Hospital in Los Angeles.

Chair Hew opened the meeting at 10:15 a.m. with the Serenity Prayer. Delegates introduced themselves, their groups and the length of their smobriety. Tradition 12 was read by John N. who told how placing principles before personalities enables NA to render the sort of selfless service that produces confidence in our own smobriety and in our ability to aid others.

Chair's Report. Hew called for a report on the NAWS 1999 International Conference to be hosted by SCINA April 16-18, at the **Holiday Inn** in Costa Mesa. The title for the conference is "Serenity in the Sun." Joe called for a short meeting of the conference committee after the SCINA meeting is adjourned. Matt said some of his meetings are having a second collection to raise money for the conference and suggested other groups might want to discuss that. Matt also said he dropped in on a NA meeting in Culver City early this month and the folks in attendance professed no knowledge of any such thing as an international NA conference in April. One question he heard was "What's the purpose of the convention?" Matt said there would be no more SCINA conference meetings until NAWS sets up a working agenda. Joe said he wanted to have some sort of meeting about Jan. 10 at his house.

Hew gave the chair's report and said it was his last meeting for about six months. Bonnie H. will handle the chair for the next six months.

Treasurer was absent so no treasurer's report.

Committee reports:

Public Outreach — George L. still trying to get others involved but it is slow going. A manager of an Alano club in Oxnard called asking for help in starting a group there. She says as many as a dozen AA members are interested in stopping smoking. George sent her some stuff, called Jean L. and asked her to send more stuff, and told the caller -- her name is Marie L.-- that there would be a SCINA delegation in her club on Jan. 1, 1999 when her group meets for the first time. Another caller from Palos Verdes asked for a kit. Referred to Jean L. **Jean said she had mailed kits to both callers.**

Communications — Mary D. said the 800 number is doing from 10 to 15 calls per day and she was also placing a free ad in the Penny Saver. She said that it would help if we could print the access for our WEB site on the 800 cards. Matt said no problem. Regarding NA meetings in AA clubs, Mary said there is usually too much smoke. She said there was an ARC fair in February and she was going to access it. Also that attendance at Health Fairs had proven productive in the past.

New Meetings — Jean L. New meeting starting in Los Angeles. Also in Rancho Palos Verdes and in Garden Grove.

Registration/Meeting Directory — Joe S. said we are down to 55 meetings in the current directory.

Literature — Wilson K. has lots of NA Big Books. He sold a bunch.

New business:

World Service meeting here in January. John N. asked for volunteers to help out. **Jim L.** agreed to pick up the mail on the Saturday **before** the third Sunday.

Respectfully submitted,

George L., Acting Secretary,
Long Beach Groups 12, 194.

* As corrected at the Jan. 17 meeting. Corrections shown in bold face.

Nicotine Anonymous Intergroup Minutes for Jan. 17

Minutes of the Southern California Intergroup of Nicotine Anonymous meeting held on Jan. 17, 1999 at White Memorial Hospital in Los Angeles.

Acting Chair Bonnie opened the meeting at 10:10 a.m. with the Serenity Prayer. Delegates introduced themselves, their groups and the length of their sobriety. There were 17 delegates. (By mid-meeting, the attendance had increased to 26, largest in many months.)

Tradition 1 was read by George L., who told how unity enables us to maintain our own sobriety and become capable of giving back some of the benefits we have found in the fellowship.

Chair's Report. Bonnie said she was just getting her feet wet in the job and asked for patience.

Secretary's Report. George L. handed out the secretary's report and moved acceptance. Seconded. Motion passed. Motion to reconsider and asked the secretary to read the minutes of the December meeting. Four corrections were offered and accepted and a new motion to approve the corrected minutes was offered. Seconded and carried.

Treasurer's report. Phil said his computer is still down but estimated that SCINA has a current cash balance in the bank of about \$1,200. The 7th Tradition was observed.

Committee reports:

Communications — Mary D. said the 800 number is doing is getting plenty of action. She also reported that her effort for a free ad in the Penny Saver was a little more complicated than was at first believed. She said there are literally hundreds of different editions of the Penny Saver scattered across Southern California but that she can get at them on a case by case basis. She also said she had a request from a woman in Los Angeles who wanted to start a Nicotine Anonymous meeting in her home. She said that experience indicated that wasn't a real good idea although the woman was perfectly capable of doing so with or without SCINA approval. Much discussion followed. Preston observed that the woman had been an irregular attendant at his meeting and had been smoke-free only "a few days." M/S/C to decline inclusion of her meeting (it turned out she's starting three meetings) in SCINA's directory.

Public Outreach — George L. reported that a team from Long Beach Groups 12 and 194 drove to Oxnard on Jan. 1 to help Marie L. start a new group in the Alamo Club there. There were 15 persons at the charter meeting which will probably appear in the next directory. There are two meetings there now, one on Saturday morning, the other on Wednesday night. A third meeting may be starting up in Port Hueneme and Marie L. reports a number of inquiries from adjacent communities like Ojai and Carpinteria. A new meeting is contemplated for Long Beach where three current members of the two existing groups want to start other meetings (preferably in the downtown, smoke-filled area). More to come.

New Meetings — Joe S. said we're firm at 55 meetings -- lost one, gained one.

Literature — Wilson K. has plenty of literature but he's out of some chips. He also asked permission to open a separate bank account for the literature. A motion was made and seconded but after much discussion it was tabled until the February meeting.

Old business:

Old Business -- Matt and Joe and John reported on the NAWS 1999 International Conference -- "Serenity in the Sun" -- to be hosted by SCINA April 16-18, at the Holiday Inn in Costa Mesa. Matt said that anticipated attendance is 150 to 200 although the number could go higher. He said registrations are needed. Joe said the arrival of the tentative agenda from

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NAWS makes things somewhat easier but there are some hurdles yet to be jumped. John said he has a nearly complete list of speakers for the conference but needs people to take responsibility for the marathon meetings. Kelly said T-shirt sales are rising but need to accelerate a lot. A feller named Nelson has organized a boat cruise for April 18 which will serve as our outing for the conference. Phil, Jan, George, Jack and Doug were elected delegates to the conference and Mary and Reid were elected as alternates. Joe said the next steering committee meeting would be held on Feb. 14 at Matt's house.

New Business: None.

Birthdays: Phil P. celebrated 15 years sans nicotine.

Commitments: Wilson K. agreed to present Tradition 2 at the February meeting.
Jean L. agreed to provide refreshments for the February meeting.

Chair thanked George L. for Tradition 1 and John N. for refreshments. Meeting adjourned at 11:20 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

George L., Acting Secretary,
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