

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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