Southern California Intergroup of Nicotine Anonymous ("SCINA")

Minutes of Meeting of December 19, 1999

At White Memorial Hospital in Los Angeles, California:

The meeting was opened by Jan F. with *The Serenity Prayer*. Attendees introduced themselves, meeting represented, if any, and time without nicotine.

The Twelve Traditions were read and Gary discussed the Twelfth Tradition.

Officers' and Committee Reports:

Chairperson, Jan F.

- Jan noted and expressed thanks that attendance at the meeting was good in spite of the holiday season and that there is a full agenda for the meeting.

Secretary, Bonnie H.

- Minutes of the Intergroup meeting of November 19, 1999, by Bonnie was read by Bonnie, and, with corrections, was approved by the attendees.

Treasurer, Annette L.

- The Treasurer's Report for "2 Months Ended: November 1999" was distributed. The last figure at the bottom of the second column should be \$364.46. There was a discussion regarding suggestions, changes and questions regarding the Report. The Report was accepted as corrected.
- Contributions can be mailed or brought to this meeting. If a meeting is making the contribution, the meeting number should be referenced.
- Tradition 7 was conducted for this meeting.

New Meetings, Jean L.

- There was one request for new meeting information.

Hospitals, Institutions & Public Outreach, Jack R.

- Meetings continue in the panel format at the Salvation Army in Santa Monica and Van Nuys. Jacqueline has volunteered to conduct one of the panels.
- Jack made a presentation at John Bosco High School.
- Doug H. reported that Nicotine Anonymous was invited back to Taft High School for the annual "smoke out" and the school is now having a class regarding the hazards of nicotine.
- Deborah announced that a one hour, new meeting has started at Kaiser in Chinatown on Fridays at 6:00p.m.
- Mary mentioned that there is a new meeting at Kaiser in Orange.

Communications, Mary D.

- Mary expressed appreciation for the support received in connection with her surgery.
- Telephone inquiries continue to be handled by volunteers and at their own expense.
- The telephone number has been seen to appear in outside publications.
- When checking to find out if individual meetings would be open during the holidays, Mary found that some meetings did not exist as listed in the directory. Mary encouraged members to insure correct meeting information in the Directory lest we send newcomers, etc., to nonexistent meetings.
- The 6th annual **Post Holiday Dinner Meeting** is scheduled for Wednesday, January 12, 2000, at 6:30p.m. at The Sizzler, 1401 North Harbor in Fullerton. No reservation is required and each person pays for their own meal.

Registrar, Joe S.

- The January 2000 Meeting Directory was made available.
- There are 66 meetings listed in the current directory, however, some changes were indicated.
- A sign-in sheet was passed around this meeting.
- A meeting information change form was handed out at this meeting.
- The officer directory was handed out at this meeting.
- The master meeting binder was handed out at this meeting.
- Joe is resigning from this position and a new person is sought. Contact Jan about a replacement.
- Joe was acknowledged for the generous service he has been providing in this position with SCINA.

Literature, Wilson K.

- The monthly report was handed out which included an inventory worksheet and a sales report. It reflects approximately \$3,000 worth of inventory that was sold during 1999 to meetings, etc. A motion to accept the worksheet as presented was passed.
- Wilson noted that the chip inventory was down because he was working on alternate sources of chips. He expects to have more chips available for sale at the next SCINA meeting.
- Wilson reports that he may be looking for an assistant to help him with the literature.

Old Business:

Retreat

- Jacqueline reported that the Mary & Joseph retreat center in Palos Verdes is available for a one day retreat on June 10, 2000, with a cost of \$19.00 per person to the center with lunch included. A reservation requires a \$200.00 deposit with a contract. She suggested a \$25.00 per person charge, a theme of the Eleventh Step (prayer and mediation) and a retreat leader and/or speaker to conduct the retreat. A motion to go forward with this retreat event was passed.

Bylaws

- Joe reported that the Committee consisting of Jan, Jean and Joe met to work on updating SCINA's bylaws and where appropriate, to align them with the bylaws of World Services, including the rules for delegate nominations. Note: the next World Service Conference begins April 28, 2000, in Scottsdale, Arizona. There is a flyer about it in the latest issue of Seven Minutes.
- A motion was passed to not amend the bylaws today.
- A motion was passed to make nominations for the World Service delegates at the January SCINA meeting, to have elections for the delegates in February and to submit the delegates' names to World Services by the deadline of March 28, 2000.

Contributions to SCINA and World Services

- Annette handed out a draft letter that may eventually be mailed to the meetings regarding meeting contributions to SCINA and World Services and the services they provide. Written comments on the letter may be submitted to Annette to later be considered by SCINA.

San Diego Intergroup

- Jack C. talked to San Diego Intergroup and inquired if it is interested in joining with SCINA. Representatives said they will consider it and get back to Jack.

Literature Bank Account

-Wilson Kohlbrecher, Joe Sennott and Annette La Barca will be on the account.

New Business:

Rent

In order to be in compliance with the Traditions a motion was passed authorizing the payment of \$100.00 to the hospital for the use of the meeting room. A motion was also passed to begin paying \$20.00 a month for the room.

Mailbox

- The members voted that SCINA's P.O. box will not be moved to Orange County, however, arrangements will be made to have the mail forwarded to Annette's work address for the next 6-month period. Annette will make the arrangements for this change.

Birthdays:

Annette is 12 and Jim is 3. They were mutually congratulated with The Birthday Song.

Commitments:

Tradition One will be read and discussed by John at the next SCINA meeting.

Closing:

The meeting was closed by Jan with The Lord's Prayer.

Dated: Jan. 16, 2000.

Respectfully submitted,

Bonnie Holcomb SCINA Secretary

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