

# Nicotine Anonymous Intergroup

## Minutes for March 18, 2001

Corrected minutes of the Southern California Intergroup of Nicotine Anonymous meeting held on March 18, 2001, at White Memorial Hospital, 1720 E. Cesar Chavez Ave., Los Angeles.

Jan F. opened the meeting at 10:03 a.m. with the Serenity Prayer. The members, numbering 20, introduced themselves, identifying the groups they represented and detailing their sobriety length.

Jan told us about SCINA's new address -19744 Beach Blvd., #247, Huntington Beach, CA 92648 - and reminded us that because Easter falls on the third Sunday in April, SCINA will meet on the fourth Sunday (April 22) at the usual location. And she said she was sending the registrar book around the room to allow us to update our meeting data.

Gary read Tradition 3 and discussed it for us, noting that while it is the shortest of all the Traditions, it is the one with the most relevance for smokers - we are all members if we say we are. Fran furnished refreshments for us,

### Officers and Committee Reports

Chairperson, Jan F. She gave her report at the outset.

Secretary, George L. The minutes were moved, seconded, and approved as corrected.

Treasurer, Annette L. The treasurer was not in attendance and it was moved, seconded and carried to hold her report until the April SCINA meeting. The 7th Tradition was observed and \$34 delivered to acting treasurer.

New Meetings: Gary reported that he had received no calls seeking inclusion in the SCINA directory.

Public Outreach, Joe S. was absent but Gary reported that Joe was busy assembling the letter approved last month for a random sampling of 400 names.

Hospitals and Institutions. Heather reported that she is still trying to find her way on the job.

Communications. Mary D. reported the hotline is busy and said she has had some interesting activities lately.

Meeting Directories. John H., absent but Gary said the directory is regularly updated whenever we give John the necessary changes. Gary said three meetings went dark last month.

Literature. Jim L. said he has sold out all the literature again and reordered literature has

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been late in arriving. Discussion under this topic brought forth an inquiry about the price of our book. Jack C. wanted to know why we don't just charge a flat \$7.50 and several voices opposed that.

World Service meeting. No report.

Old business: There were three items of old business. They were rearranged from the agenda.

A The retreat scheduled for June 2-3 at Pilgrim Pines Conference Center, 39570 Glen Road, Yucaipa, now has us on the premises from 9 a.m. Saturday, June 2, to noon, Sunday, June 3. We will have three meals - lunch on Saturday, dinner on Saturday and breakfast on Sunday. The price is unchanged at \$53 for the overnight retreat. Telephone number for Pilgrim Pines is (909) 787-1821. There is still time to register for the retreat by sending your application before May 10.

- B. All delegates to the Nicotine Anonymous World Service Conference XVI on April 27-29 have been elected. See you in Berkeley. Headquarters for the conference is the Radisson Hotel, Berkeley Marina, 200 Marina Blvd., Berkeley.
- C. Permanent By-Laws Committee. Michael said he would like the opportunity to review the By-Laws. It will be kept on the agenda.
- D. Changes in the Literature. This item was a last-minute addition to the old business although no one mentioned the issues having been before us previously. The changes involved a pamphlet on sobriety, another one on God vs. Higher Power, and a third one on changes in the Steps. No action taken although Jan F. said it would be discussed further in April.

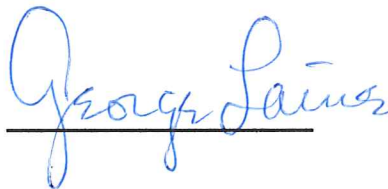
New business: Two items.

- A. Young people at Nic-A. Several meetings reported a sudden proliferation of children at Nicotine Anonymous meetings, some sent by authority figures at schools or other agencies. We decided to sign their cards, welcome them and tell them to keep coming back. Mark said he wanted to discuss a possible meeting for teens only. There was additional discussion about Nic-A responsibility if minors are present.
- B. Invitation to school Open House. For the fourth year, the Fedde Middle School in Hawaiian Gardens invited Nicotine Anonymous to send a crew to their open house. We decided to do so, the two Long Beach meetings signing up for the event.

Birthdays: John N. was 16 years smoke-free this month.

Commitments: George L. agreed to bring refreshments for the April 22 meeting. Mark agreed to handle Tradition 4 at that meeting.

Dated April 7, 2001



George Laine, secretary