

Nicotine Anonymous Intergroup Minutes for April 22, 2001

Corrected minutes of the Southern California Intergroup of Nicotine Anonymous meeting held on April 22, 2001, at White Memorial Hospital, 1720 E. Cesar Chavez Ave., Los Angeles.

Jan F. opened the meeting at 10:02 a.m. with the Serenity Prayer. The members, numbering 17, introduced themselves, identifying the groups they represented and detailing their sobriety length.

Joe read Tradition 4 and Annette helped to discuss it for us. Autonomy, she suggested, might sound like a license to abuse other Traditions but it is part of the glue that keeps Nicotine Anonymous strong.

Officers and Committee Reports

Chairperson, Jan F. She said she wanted to get the word out to all groups detailing which meetings have gone dark. There are only a few but she doesn't want to see us sending people to meetings that no longer exist. She said all delegates to the WSO conference in Berkeley have been cleared. She said she had a letter from a woman named Dorothy Leone who has written a book on survival techniques that the author believed might be helpful to Nicotine Anonymous. Joe said the letter should be forwarded to WSO for action.

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

Treasurer, Annette L. The treasurer apologized for her recent absences and said that now that tax season has subsided she and other accountants can try to normalize their lives. She said she has the phone bill current and that the problem with the mail foul-ups has also been rectified. The 7th Tradition was observed.

New Meetings: Gary reported that he had received three calls from groups seeking inclusion in the SCINA directory.

Public Outreach: Joe S. reported that with the aid of two volunteer helpers, he had started the direct mailer that was approved two months ago.

Hospitals and Institutions. Heather had no report.

Communications. Mary D. was absent.

Meeting Directories. John H., absent but Emil did the report and said that several meeting changes were made this month -- two meetings went dark and one new meeting was added.

Literature. Jim L. said he has all the literature in stock again and to help yourself.

World Service meeting. Joe reported that he had moved the office to the new location in

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Huntington Beach as reported last month and the address and new phone are now carried on our directories. He said all the inventories are in and he is currently seeking a printer who can handle our need for pamphlets and books. He is using Kinkos in the interim. He said the 800 phone is getting a lot of business. He said he is seeking a coordinator of the office and needs a volunteer to do some of the work. He said he needs a 3-year commitment for secretary, treasurer and chair at WSO. He said it would help if some locals -- who want to make sure they don't smoke again -- came forward to take these jobs. There was no immediate response.

Old business: There were two items of old business.

A The retreat scheduled for June 2-3 at Pilgrim Pines Conference Center, 39570 Glen Road, Yucaipa, will be held from 10 a.m. Saturday, June 2, to noon, Sunday, June 3.

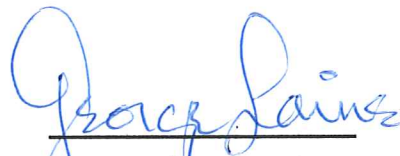
We will have three meals -- lunch on Saturday, dinner on Saturday and breakfast on Sunday. The price is unchanged at \$53 for the overnight retreat. Telephone number for Pilgrim Pines is (909) 787-1821. The deadline for applying is May 10. Jean reported that only five people had signed up for the retreat and that Pilgrim Pines might find it necessary to cancel us. If they do so, there will be SCINA refunds for people who have sent the \$53. Jean said people who go should realize it can get nippy at night and to dress accordingly and bring warm bedding.

B. Permanent By-Laws Committee. Michael suggested it would be helpful if copies of the by-laws were available. Jan said she would get 10 copies printed before the May meeting.

New business: None.

Commitments: Two people agreed to read Tradition Five and bring refreshments in May. I wrote down the names but not on any scrap of paper I can find.

Dated May 14, 2001


George Laine, secretary