

# Nicotine Anonymous Intergroup Minutes for August 19, 2001

Minutes of the Southern California Intergroup of Nicotine Anonymous meeting held on August 19, 2001, at White Memorial Hospital, 1720 E. Cesar Chavez Ave., Los Angeles.

Jan F. opened the meeting at 10:12 a.m. with the Serenity Prayer. The members, numbering 17, introduced themselves, identifying the groups they represented and detailing their sobriety length. (The attendance also included four persons who described themselves as nicotine addicts but said they simply rode along to today's meeting.)

Preston M. read Tradition 8 and told us that we are surrounded by professionals (mostly at hospitals) and some of them take more than an active role in Nicotine Anonymous. There was some discussion about this Tradition and Joe, John and George all contributed to the discussion. George L. brought the refreshments and we refreshed ourselves.

## Officers and Committee Reports

Chairperson, Jan F. She said there was a heavy agenda and proposed we get right into it. We did.

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

Treasurer, Annette L. The treasurer was absent and her report was postponed until September. The 7th Tradition was observed.

~~New Meetings:~~ Gary said there were two new meetings and they have been referred to the directory.

Public Outreach: Joe S. reported that he has endeavored to get Nicotine Anonymous announcements to a number of publications, including the Orange County Register, Los Angeles Times, the Daily News, the Hollywood Reporter, and publications in Antelope Valley and Ventura. Joe said the script for the public service announcements on radio stations was lost but that he is taking care of that. He said the public access TV station in Huntington Beach has agreed to take an announcement. Michael wanted to know if it would be possible to write a short ad that could be given to the various papers and stations. Preston said the L.A. Times has a section on self-help groups that runs on Monday and suggested we get into it. And he said the L.A. Sentinel will put out info on such groups. Brenda wanted to know if it would be possible to get the message out for other areas.

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Hospitals and Institutions. Heather said she is trying to contact outfits like the American Cancer Society, the Lung Association and various hospitals but that she didn't really have a grip on what the H&I job entailed. Jan said what is needed is a job description of the H&I duties. Nicolas said the committee shouldn't be looked on as a recruiting job but simply as a vehicle to furnish panels when asked. Doug said he had a list of contacts in the San Fernando Valley that Heather can use if she wishes. Jim L. and John N. both offered suggestions. Jan asked that all who currently head committees compile a list of what they do in that capacity and send it to Michael this week.

Public Outreach. Joe S. said he would like to add something to what he said earlier. There were no objections. Joe said he felt it important to change "abusing" to "using" when discussing drugs in general.

Communications. Mary D. said the phone bank is doing well. She said she conducted a poll through her answering phone bank and found out how people heard about Nicotine Anonymous. Most got it by word of mouth but there were many other avenues to our program including previous members who went out but came back, the state's No Butts campaign, the Cancer Society, UCLA, the Rainbow Coalition, A.A. members and from doctor's offices and a variety of other sources.

Meeting Directories. John wants everyone to make sure their meetings are correctly listed.

Literature. Jim L. said he has still not received a bank statement from Union Bank. And he said there is a discrepancy between his records and the bank statement he got. Joe complained that there were no big books and Jim said he fell behind because of the discrepancy in his statements. He said he will order 50 big books immediately and Michael suggested he get 100. Gary said we ought to keep the book inventory at 100 if possible. Jan told Jim to order 100 more books right now and to get chips and other literature as needed. Joe said he would volunteer to make a proposal for inventory of how many books are to be on hand and what other materials are available.

World Service meeting. New Board chair Jan said that she had a swell time at the board meeting on July 20 in Newport. She said the meeting was a learning experience and a great way to keep track of what's going on. She said she had no minutes but that the board members did discuss the holding of international conventions outside the U.S.

By-Laws Committee. Michael suggested that it might be a good idea to have a list of job descriptions. Gary said we need to have back-up people for every committee job.

Events Committee. Marc was absent but Jan gave a report. She said Marc's wife is in the hospital but that he has about 40 people committed to attend the picnic from the Valley. Jan said she needed authority to give Marc some money to defray his costs.

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Old Business:

The marathon meeting in November will be held right after the Great American Smokeout and will again be in Fullerton.

Jean L. brought a member (Linda) from Long Beach with lots of information on Retreat sites and dates that are still open. Gary urged us to avoid Father's Day. Nicolas said some of the locations are more friendly than others. In discussion that followed, it was voted overwhelmingly to have the event be an overnighiter. Linda said she would work with Jan to bring a propossal to the body. Gary volunteered to work with Linda on the Retreat.

New Business:

Jan opened the floor to nominations for SCINA offices in 2001-2002. Jean L. was nominated for chairperson and accepted. George L. declined renomination as secretary and no other nominations were forthcoming. Annette L. declined nomination as treasurer and no other nominations were forthcoming. Jim L. said he'd be interested in the treasurer's job if someone would take over the Literature chore. Nominations will be welcomed at the Sept. 16 meeting preceding the picnic.

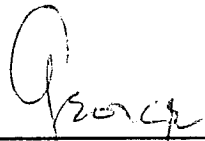
Joe S. said he had subscription blanks for the publication "7 Minutes" and card holders for our 800-number cards.

Retreat. There was discussion about a second one-day retreat.

Birthdays: None.

Commitments: It's picnic time, but Joe said he'd bring doughnuts and Gary agreed to review Tradition 9.

Dated Sept. 3, 2001

  
George Laine, Secretary

Southern CA Intergroup of Nicotine Anonymous  
Treasurer's Report  
11 Months Ended: August 2001

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				General	Month	PREVIOUS	Total All
				Account	MTD	YTD	YTD
Beginning Cash:				560.03	560.03	1,782.18	1,782.18
\$ Received:							
Meeting Donations							
Location	#	Day	Time				
Torrance	3	Sun	730p		-	245.00	245.00
Hermosa Beach	5	Tue	730p		-	10.00	10.00
Canoga Park	8	Thu	7:00p		-	8.00	8.00
Culver City	9	Sat	10:00a	16.00	16.00	135.00	151.00
Anaheim	16	Wed	6:00p	100.00	100.00	360.00	460.00
Newport Beach	21	Sat	4:00p		-	50.00	50.00
Newport Beach	23	Mon	6:30p		-	161.00	161.00
La Palma	25	Fri	6:30p		-	15.00	15.00
Newbury Park	34	Mon	7:00p		-	23.23	23.23
Santa Monica	37	Thu	7:30p		-	50.00	50.00
Canoga Park	46	Sat	10:30a		-	90.00	90.00
Chatsworth	47	Tue	7:00p		-	200.00	200.00
Pasadena	52	Sat	4:00p		-	125.00	125.00
Orange	70	Wed	7:00p		-	98.00	98.00
Costa Mesa	76	Tue	7:30p	39.00	39.00	37.00	76.00
Fullerton	84	Sat	4:00p	100.00	100.00	578.00	678.00
Fountain Valley	85	Fri	7:00p		-	250.00	250.00
Newport Beach	93	Thu	7:00p		-	50.00	50.00
No Hollywood	164	Fri	6:15p		-	15.00	15.00
Sherman Oaks	185	Thu	8:00p		-	40.00	40.00
Long Beach	194	Wed	6:00p		-	163.25	163.25
Mission Viejo	196	Thu	7:00p		-	113.00	113.00
Culver City	197	Sat	5:00p	150.00	150.00	-	150.00
Los Angeles	206	Wed	8:30p		-	250.00	250.00
Shadow Hills	223	Thu	7:30p		-	50.00	50.00
Sub-Total Meeting Donations				405.00	405.00	3,116.48	3,521.48
Other Income & Sales							
Intergroup	7th Tradition			34.00	34.00	373.21	407.21
Literature	Overages			-	-	-	-
Special Events (Net)	Donations			-	-	21.35	21.35
Retreat Tapes (Net)	Donations			-	-	-	-
Anonymous	Donations			-	-	-	-
Birthdays	Donations			-	-	-	-
Interest on Checking	Interest			-	-	-	-
Add Total \$ Received				439.00	439.00	3,511.04	3,950.04
\$ Paid Out:							
Returned checks				-	-	-	-
Literature				-	-	-	-
Meeting Refreshments				12.70	12.70	109.15	121.85
WSO Delegate				-	-	-	-
Tax & License Expense				-	-	-	-
Group Outreach				-	-	5.40	5.40
Public Outreach				289.33	289.33	929.94	1,219.27
Insurance				-	-	-	-
PO Box Rent				-	-	31.00	31.00
Office Supplies & Exp				-	-	34.23	34.23
Phone				120.17	120.17	1,124.67	1,244.84
Postage/Mailing				45.94	45.94	547.83	593.77
Printing/Copies				29.03	29.03	330.97	360.00
NAWSO contributions				-	-	1,500.00	1,500.00
White Mem Hosp contributions				-	-	120.00	120.00
Less Total \$ Paid Out				497.17	497.17	4,733.19	5,230.36
Ending Cash:				501.86	501.86	560.03	501.86