

**NICOTINE ANONYMOUS INTERGROUP
MINUTES FOR OCTOBER 21, 2001**

Minutes of the Southern California Intergroup of Nicotine Anonymous meeting held on October 21, 2001 at White Memorial Medical Center, 1720 E. Cesar Chavez Ave. Boyle Heights, California.

1. Jean L. opened the meeting a 10:07 a.m.
2. The 17 attendees introduced themselves.
3. Traditions

Ty K. presented tradition 10. This tradition tells us we have a more important issue than any outside issue. Our lives have been saved. It does not mean that we have no opinions but that the opinions we have get ironed out and we don't let them separate us.

4. Chairperson's Report

Jean L. reported that the past officers had suggested that we might want to schedule the election of officers in August rather than September. Think about it and we will discuss it in November.

5. Secretary's Report

Mary P. read the minutes of the September 16, 2001 meeting as transcribed by George L. It was moved, seconded, and approved unanimously, that the minutes be accepted as corrected. George will distribute the corrected minutes.

6. Treasurer's Report

Annette, past treasurer, and Mike, current treasurer have not been able to get together to produce the year-end treasurer's report. They will do so next week. Mike will then accept donations and pay out reimbursements by mail. He will present the report at our November meeting.

7. Seventh Tradition The seventh was observed.

8. Committee Reports

- a) New Meetings: Gary M. reported he had received 2 calls for new meeting information from the Los Angeles area.
- b) Public Outreach: There was no report due to the absence of Joe S. Mark asked if we were continuing the program to place plastic holders at Doctor's offices. Brenda F. shared she had taken 30 of the plastic holders to her meeting and had been successful in placing 15 of them. The price of plastic holders was discussed. 69¢ per holder is the lowest price we have found.

- c) Hospitals and Institutions: Heather K. had no report. She requested a committee chair job description. Mary D. stated she would write one and get it to Michael P. Mary D. reported she is still taking panels to Kaiser Hospital in Orange County. She is averaging 2 panels a month and the participants love to go.
- d) Communications: Mary D. reported the hotline is doing well. There seemed to have been a drop in calls after the Sept 11 tragedy but calls are back to normal now. Mike stated there seemed to have been a drop in meeting attendance at the same time.
- e) Meeting Directory: John H. continues to do the monthly directory. There were changes to meeting 003, 194, 209, and 228 this month. No new meetings were added and #202 went dark. New directories were made available to all.
- f) Literature: Jim L. reported we are well stocked with literature, lacking only "Are you Concerned..." We are stocked up on chips up to 20 years, lacking only the 5 year chip. A number of meetings are using a "Newcomer" chip, ordering it directly from our Pasadena supplier. We may want to stock it rather than the "10 minute" chip. After discussion regarding chip denomination, chip color, and chips as an outside issue, a motion was made, seconded and passed that SCINA add newcomer chips to the chips that we provide at the Intergroup meeting.
- g) World Services: Jan F. will present a report at our next meeting. Jean L. reported that the Annual Conference will be April 19-21, 2002 in Brooklyn New York.
- h) By Laws Committee: Michael P. requested everybody to get committee chair job descriptions to him in a week so he can have them ready for our November meeting. He has a new address but mail should be forwarded to him.
- i) Events: Marc S. reported that the picnic went forward without a chairperson this year. Nonetheless attendance was double what it was last year (approximately 50). He hopes to have a chairperson next year. There was discussion regarding the day to hold the picnic, and the timing of the Intergroup meeting and the picnic. The meeting agreed to let the picnic chairperson work out these issues and present a proposal.

Marc shared he was unable to attend this year's picnic as he was trapped in New York due to the World Trade Towers emergency. He stayed at the Marriot just across from the World Trade Towers. He shared his experiences seeing the disaster and seeing Fr. Michael giving the last rites just before the building came down on him.

Gary M. reported on the Upcoming Marathon, November 17 in Fullerton. There are a few flyers left. We only need two more volunteers to sponsor a session. Water, coffee and snacks will be provided.

A retreat is planned for June 29-30 in Oceanside at Fr. Serra Mission. The price will be \$80-\$85 a night with two to a room. There is a swimming pool. Gary will negotiate the contract in January 2002.

9. Old Business

Jean reported that Mary P. from Fullerton has volunteered to run for Intergroup Secretary. There being no other nominations, John N. nominated Mary P for Intergroup Secretary. The motion was seconded and passed unanimously.

10. New Business

Doug H. distributed a notice for NicA which was designed by Mike K. He asked representatives to copy it and post it in public places.

Brenda asked for suggestions on getting a meeting involved in service.

Mike shared he is working on developing an inventory sheet that would remind groups of all our literature. Jean L. will bring in an information sheet about Intergroup that Annette developed.

11. Birthdays The group congratulated Mary D. on her 15 years of Sobriety.

12. Jean L. Thanked Mary D. for providing the refreshments. Marc S. agreed to present Tradition 11 at the November Meeting. Brenda will bring the refreshments.

The meeting adjourned at 11:30A.M.

Minutes as corrected at the November 18, 2001 SCINA meeting.

Respectfully submitted, Mary Polychrome, Secretary.

Mary Polychrome