## NICOTINE ANONYMOUS INTERGROUP MINUTES For February 17, 2002

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

- 1. Jean L. opened the meeting at 10:04 AM with the Serenity Prayer.
- 2. The 15 attendees represented meetings 003, 012, 016, 023, 034, 047, 052, 070, 084, 085, 090, 093, 164, 185, 188, 194, WAS YOUR MEETING REPRESENTED?

## 3. Traditions

Marc S. shared on Tradition Two which states We are trusted servants, we do not govern. We learn from each other. We have no authorities. When he relapsed he returned to his group which welcomed him back without demanding his chips back. He felt accepted as a member with valuable experience to share.

4. Chairperson's Report

Jean L. thanked George L for the refreshments and Marc S. For sharing on the Tradition.

5. Secretary's Report

Mary P. read the minutes of the January 20, 2002 meeting. **ACTION:** Jan F moved and Mary D seconded that the minutes be accepted as corrected. The motion passed unanimously.

6. Treasurer's Report

Mike P. reported he will present a 3 month financial statement at the March meeting. He will reimburse expenditures at this meeting.

- 7. Seventh Tradition The seventh tradition was observed.
- 8. Committee Reports
  - a) New Meetings: Gary M. reported he sent out two meeting starter kits, one to Carson and one to Los Angeles. Mary D. suggested there be some follow-up to the sending out of these kits.
  - b) Public Outreach: Joe S. reported on his groups activities on Carry the Message Day. Jean L commented on her group's activities, leaving literature and cards at Health Spas, Nutrition Centers and Drug Stores. Mary D. commented she had received a call for more cards at a Hospital diagnosis center. Marc S. told how his group was able to place material at 6 Ralphs Markets both on community bulletim boards and at the customer service counters. Joe encouraged us to continue to carry the message throughout the year. He can be contacted for more meeting notices and materials.
  - c) Hospitals and Institutions. Mary D reported she has just received her schedule of panels for the next 6 months from Kaiser Hospital. She has 3 people that do these panels with her. George L. requested volunteers to assist him with his Tuesday night commitment at the Salvation Army in Long Beach. They really need to hear a wider variety of voices.
  - d) Communications: Mary D. reported the hotline is doing well
  - e) Meeting Directory: Jean L. presented a summary of John H's report which indicated no additional meetings have gone dark. There was discussion regarding how to make changes to the World Directory, how we currently indicate secretaries, representatives and co-secretaries in SCINA's

directory. Joe S. noted he had recently received information for a new meeting on a very old form that had been sent to our old San Francisco address.

- f) Literature: No Report
- g) World Services: Jan F. reported that SCINA's delegates to the World Services Conference needs to be submitted to World Services by March 19. Geroge L. will be assembling and finalizing this list by our March meeting. At the Conference NAWS will be voting on:
  - rewriting the book, Nicotine Anonymous to reflect gender neutrality
  - rewriting the steps and traditions to also reflect gender neutrality
  - make changes in the book so that it refers to nicotine addiction rather than smoking
  - elect new officers for a 3 year commitment,

The conference will also conduct workshops on these issues and have a marathon meeting.

- h) Bylaws Committee: Michael P. reported he will be presenting the SCINA job descriptions next meeting.
- i) Events Marc S. reported he is looking for a chairperson for the Picnic. He would like to have 2 cochairs, one representing the north and one representing the south.

  The flyers are out for the retreat in June. Gary M., and Brenda F. are the co-chairs. Participants can sign up for \$40 and pay the balance in a second installment later. Brenda asked for suggestions for meeting topics. Joe S. suggested methods of meditation.

  SCINA will be hosting the World Services conference next year. Marc asked what his committee's role would be. Jan will contact Nicholas and let Marc know.

## 9. Old Business-

George L. reported he had started on a rough draft of a proposed pamphlet as was discussed at the February meeting. Jean F. asked him to complete the draft and have the officer's review prior to the March meeting. It should be presented at the March meeting with the intent of sending it to the World Services Conference as a proposed pamphlet.

## 10. New Business

George L. asked for a list of those going to the Conference, he asked everyone to ask at their meetings.

- 11. Birthdays: The group congratulated Marc S. on his first year and Brenda F. with 12 years nicotine free.
- 12. <u>Commitments for next meeting</u> Mary D. agreed to present Tradition 3 at the February meeting. Mary P. will bring the refreshments.

The meeting adjourned at 12:00 PM.

Minutes as corrected at the March 17, 2002 Meeting Respectfully submitted, Mary Polychrome, Secretary.

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