

NICOTINE ANONYMOUS INTERGROUP
MINUTES for October 20, 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. Opening: Marc S. opened the meeting at 10:10 with the Serenity prayer.
2. Introductions: The 19 attendees represented meetings 3, 9, 16, 22, 23, 47, 52, 84, 85, 93, 160, 163, 164, 186, 194, 229, 231, 233. WAS YOUR MEETING REPRESENTED?
3. Traditions: Jean L. shared on Tradition 10, Nicotine Anonymous has no opinion on outside issues, hence the Nicotine Anonymous name ought never be drawn into public controversy. This is a difficult tradition because it is so easy to let outside things slip into our meetings. It is important to keep aware what are Nicotine Anonymous materials and program and what are not.
4. Chairperson's Report: Marc S. thanked the group for trusting him to Chair the Intergroup meeting. He thanked Mary D. for the refreshments and for all the assistance she has given the new Santa Clarita meeting. He thanked Jean L. for the orientation to his new position. The picnic was very successful with 85 attendees plus friends and family.
5. Secretary's Report: Mary P. read the minutes of the, September 15, 2002 meeting. They were corrected and it was moved and seconded that the minutes be approved as corrected. The motion passed unanimously.
6. Treasurer's Report: Jean L. presented a tentative financial report. There are still some inaccuracies in it and she requested one more month to fine-tune it. She has added a line to reflect the Events and Literature funds. Ty K. has submitted a financial report and inventory for the Literature fund. Gary M. submitted a revised accounting of the retreat report, which addresses questions brought up at the last meeting. Jean L. will amend the July 2002 treasurer's report to reflect the corrections.
It was noted that last year the Beverly Hills meeting 001 donated \$1,225 to SCINA, making them our largest donor in the year. It was discussed and agreed upon that Marc S. will present them with a certificate of merit in gratitude for their generosity. It was also noted that acknowledgement should also be made to the second largest donor, the Fullerton Saturday afternoon meeting 084.
7. Seventh Tradition: The seventh tradition was observed.
8. Committee Reports
 - A. New Meetings: Gary M. reported he is working with a few people to get a new meeting in South Orange County. Marc reported the Santa Clarita meeting began with the 5 members from Chatsworth. But now they have attracted 5 new people. It is so exciting when someone new shows up.
 - B. Public Outreach: Liz T. needs our tax ID number to place public service ads in the newspapers. Joe S. will get the number to her. Liz also reported that Carnival Cruise Lines will be offering 6 "stop smoking" Caribbean Cruises next year. She will contact them to see if they will stock some of our literature or business cards.
 - C. Hospitals and Institutions: George L. reported that Mary D has been able to arrange for 2 panels to be held every 6 weeks at Kaiser's Bellflower facility. There will be a Wednesday night and a Thursday day panel every 6 weeks which will make presentations to the smoking cessation class. Mary D. shared that going on a panel is like planting a seed. We don't always get a response right away but every time some one comes to Nicotine Anonymous as a result of the panels it is such a joy. She passed around a volunteer sheet for panels. George L. also reported he is still looking for volunteers for the Tuesday night Salvation Army panel in Long Beach.

- D. Communications: Mary D. commented on an October "Reader's Digest" article that mentioned Nicotine Anonymous as a resource. We are getting some calls from this reference as well as people who met us on the Internet.
- E. Meeting Directory: Marc asked for a volunteer to take responsibility for the meeting change book. Mary B. volunteered to do so.
The Wednesday night meeting in Orange at St. Joseph Hospital has gone dark. There was a request for 50 more directories to be printed up every month.
- F. Literature: Ty K. thanked Jean for her assistance in getting his name on the signature list for the Literature account. He submitted a financial report which indicated he spent \$464 on literature and chips this month but the brisk sales today will replenish the account.
- G. World Service: Jan F reported on the World Services Board meeting in Chicago. They finally finished the editing of the book and it will be printed soon. Remember that "7 Minutes" is our point of contact with World Services. Be sure to subscribe and if you have a subscription extend it to three years.
The World Services Conference will be in April be sure to register early and register often.
Joe S. noted that World Services is experiencing a reduction in donations.
Marc. S. and John N. presented a proposal to purchase caps with the Nicotine Anonymous logo to sell as a fund raiser. John N. is willing to underwrite the purchase and the caps could be sold at meetings and the World Services Conference. There was discussion regarding anonymity and color of cap. It was moved, seconded, and approved to proceed with this project.
- H. By Laws Committee: Mary P. reported that she will proceed with getting a set of written job descriptions for each SCINA committee chair.
- I. Events: Steve H. reported the picnic was a rousing success. John N. reported on the Marathon Meeting SCINA's next event. It will be held November 23, 2002 from 7:00am to 11:00pm at St. Luke's Church, 2000 W. Valencia Blvd in Fullerton. There will be a meeting every hour on the hour. Come and share your experience. A sheet for volunteers to host an hour was passed around.
Jean L. reported the World Services Conference Planning Committee was still looking for a chair for decorations and hospitality.

9. Old Business

Marc S. reported he has copied the Intergroup Information sheet and he will send it out in the month's mailing.
George L. presented the wording the new pamphlet "Keep showing up". It was reviewed and suggestions were made for revision. George asked for a volunteer to produce the revised version. Joe S. agreed to do so.

10. New Business

It was announced that one of our tireless past volunteers, Phil Peyrot died several weeks ago. Marc will bring a condolence card next meeting.

Mary B. shared about the success her meeting has had with collecting for gift subscriptions of our newsletter "7 Minutes" Jan F. asked Mary if she would write about her meeting's experience and submit it to "7 minutes" for publication

11. Birthdays: The meeting congratulated Mary D. for 16 years Nicotine free.

12. Commitments for the Next Meeting: Mary D. will present Tradition 11 at the November meeting and Liz T. will bring refreshments.

13. The meeting adjourned at 12:03 pm.

Minutes as corrected at the November 17, 2002 meeting
Respectfully submitted Mary Polychrome, Secretary

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