

**NICOTINE ANONYMOUS INTERGROUP
MINUTES for November 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. Opening: Jean L. opened the meeting at 10:10 with the Serenity prayer.
2. Introductions: The 19 attendees represented meetings 1,8,9,12,16, 22, 23, 52, 85, 93, 160, 163, 164, 184, 185, 194, 198, 229, 231. WAS YOUR MEETING REPRESENTED?
3. Traditions: Mary D. shared on Tradition eleven, "Our public relations policy is based on attraction rather than promotion; we must always maintain personal anonymity at the level of press, radio and films." People get confused about anonymity. We aren't supposed to be a secret society the public doesn't get to know. The tradition is talking about personal anonymity. We are not trying to get our own names in the newspaper. We want people to know about our program so we do try to get our program in the media. We have let the "Trouble Shooter" and addiction professionals recommend us in newspaper interviews.
4. Chairperson's Report: Jean L. reported that Chairperson Marc S. was unable to be here because of a death in the family. Sympathy cards were circulated for Marc and for Phil Peyrot's wife. Jean thanked Liz T for the refreshments. Marc will be at Intergroup in December. He has concerns regarding his business needing more of his attention. We may need to reconsider the Chairpersons position then.
5. Secretary's Report: Mary P. read the minutes of the, October 20, 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. submitted the September and October 2002 financial reports. After discussion it was moved seconded and approved that the reports be accepted as submitted. The motion passed with one abstention and one against. It was agreed upon that Jean L and Gary M would review and rectify past reports based on Gary M's retreat account report. This would alter the reports but would not alter any of the final balances.
7. Seventh Tradition: The seventh tradition was observed.
8. Committee Reports
 - A. New Meetings: Gary M. reported he sent out 2 new meeting packets, one to El Cajon and one to a person who is moving to Atascadero.
 - B. Public Outreach: Liz T. reported she had received a contact from a therapist who was looking for a young people's meeting. Stella mentioned that young people attend the Beverly Hills meeting. Discussion indicated we would gladly support any young people who want to start their own meeting. Jean L. suggested we place notice of our 4 yearly events in the recovery magazine "Steps" at a cost of \$25.00 each. It was so moved, seconded and approved. Jean L also reported we had received a request for a panel at Castle Substance Abuse Center in Los Angeles. Joe S. stated we need to set the date for "Carry the Message Day" This yearly event tries to get our name out in the public eye. We ask meetings to go out in a group to distribute our flyers and business cards. Keep the task simple so you will be able to restock the cards or flyers during the year. Place them at doctor's, dentists, libraries and any public places or bulletin boards which will accept our information. It was moved seconded and approved to set the date for February 1, 2002. The event will be discussed in December.
 - C. Hospitals and Institutions: Mary D. reported we have panels in Orange County and now we have picked up a couple in Bellflower/Downey for a year. Bob and Eva E. are doing the Thursday day panels and George L. and Mary B. are doing the Wednesday Night panels. We received a request from the McKay Treatment Center in Sylmar for a panel every month. Doug H is having difficulty finding volunteers. Greg B. shared about the panel he recently went on with 7 others at All Fellowship Anonymous in South Central LA. Greg went through the Kaiser Smoking Cessation Program in 1998 and so it was particularly fitting that he can go on these panels.

- D. Communications: Mary D. reported the hotline will let people know which meetings will be dark due to the Thanksgiving and Christmas holidays.
- E. Meeting Directory: Jean L. reported for John H. that there were no new meeting and none went dark last month. We need mailing information for Westwood 007, and Palm Desert, Portola Community center meeting.
- F. Literature: Ty K. submitted a financial and inventory report for the literature. He ordered 10 new world services directories, which were revised in September. This leaves us with 15 outdated directories in stock. The meeting approved throwing out the outdated directories.
- G. World Service: Jan F. reported that Nicotine Anonymous official newsletter "7minutes" can be ordered and if you buy a 3 year subscription it will come at a discount. Also our Nicotine Anonymous books are available on audio tape.
- H. By Laws Committee: Mary P. reported she has not received the set of written job descriptions for each SCINA committee chair from Michael P. and so she is asking all committee chairs and past committee chairs to submit these descriptions to her.
Jean L. asked for consideration of adding a statement to the bylaws that would indicate who is to chair the meeting in the absence of the current chair. George L. indicated this is already in the by laws on Page 5, PP4.. It would be the secretary.
- I. Events: Steve H. reported the Marathon Meeting will be held Nov. 23, 2002 at St. Luke's Church in Fullerton. It will go from 8:00am to 10:00pm.
Mary D reported her group, 016, will be hosting their 9th annual Nicotine Anonymous post holiday dinner, Wednesday January 8 at 6:30 at the Sizzler in Fullerton with Surprise Guest Speakers.
Nicholas V. reported that the World Services Conference will be held April 26-28 in Santa Monica at the Doubletree Hotel. SCINA is the hosting Intergroup. The registration form is now ready and should be copied and distributed to your group. The Conference Planning Committee is as follows: Joe S., treasurer; George L., Literature Table; Doug H., Marathon Meeting; Marc S., Merchandise; Gary M., Registration, Jean L., post conference activities; Jenny McC., Decorations Committee. Frank S. and Stella P. volunteered to be co-chairs for the Hospitality committee. The Planning Committee will meet the first Sunday of every month starting January 5, 2003. at Nick's home at 3832 Berryman Ave Mar Vista, 90066 at 10:00 am. (310-391-3020 or conferencechair@nicotine-anonymous.org.)

9. Old Business

Joe S. presented the revision of the pamphlet "Keep Coming Back". It was moved and seconded to approve the pamphlet. The pamphlet was read and numerous suggestions for revision and editing were made. Joe will make the revisions and bring the pamphlet back in December for a vote.

10. New Business

Joe S. presented a proposal to develop a newcomer packet similar to a packet given out at a San Francisco meeting. The packet includes an information sheet 4 of our pamphlets, a directory, and the groups phone list. The packet could be assembled and made available at the Intergroup's literature table. It was moved and seconded to approve this proposal. Discussion revolved around whether meetings should assemble their own packets or if a pre-assembled packet is more efficient. It was agreed upon to discuss this item further in December.

11. Birthdays: The meeting congratulated Doug H. for 18 years Nicotine free.

12. Commitments for the Next Meeting: John N. will present Tradition 12 at the December meeting and Mary P. will bring refreshments.

13. The meeting adjourned at 12:10 with the Serenity Prayer in honor of Darlene Grey and Charles Williams who died recently of smoking related illnesses.

Minutes as corrected and approved at the December 15,2002 meeting.
Respectfully submitted Mary Polychrome, Secretary

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