

**NICOTINE ANONYMOUS INTERGROUP
MINUTES for December 15, 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: There were 16 attendees. Was your meeting represented?
3. Traditions: George L. shared on tradition 12, "Anonymity is the spiritual foundation of all our Traditions, ever reminding us to place principles before personalities." It is a violation of this tradition to use our names at the level of press radio and films and it is just as much a violation to withhold our name from those in the fellowship. We can ensure our humility by being sure to let the fellowship have access to our name. Joe S. shared that the NAWS Web site does not use personal names but officer titles.
4. Chairperson's Report: Marc S. thanked the group for the bereavement card. He stated that he has been retired for 5 years and when he took the position of SCINA Chairperson. He did not realize that he may be working again and traveling frequently. He pledged to fulfill the commitments with the World Services Conference planning and the Santa Clarita Meeting but SCINA may have to consider having back-up for the chair should he become too busy. Jan F. suggested we wait another month until Marc's employment situation is clearer. Marc. Reported he had a plaque made for Group 001 to acknowledge their donations and he will attend their meeting and present it to them.
5. Secretary's Report: Mary P. read the minutes of the, November 17, 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. reported she met with Gary M. regarding the accounting for the retreat and they will meet with Joe S. to complete the treasurer's report. Grant D. asked about the responsibility of an Intergroup Representative when the group does not donate to the Intergroup. It was discussed and suggested SCINA send out the suggested job descriptions for group officers which was drafted several years ago. Jean L added that although we encourage groups to make donations to SCINA it is not required that they do so.
7. Seventh Tradition: The seventh tradition was observed.
8. Committee Reports
 - A. New Meetings: Gary M. reported he sent out a new meeting packet to the Kaiser facility in Downey. The contact there wants someone to work with them to start a meeting. Mary D. shared we had a meeting there in the past that went dark for lack of attendance. We now are sending 2 panels to their smoking cessation program. She advises them to send people to Nicotine Anonymous meetings in the community where attendees can meet persons with some success rather than struggle to start a new meeting there.
 - B. Public Outreach: Liz T. reported she has contacted the Pennysaver regarding placing notices of our meetings. There is a charge of \$15. They no longer do free public service notices. Marc S. reported he had been able to get a public service spot for the Santa Clarita Meeting on a local radio station and in the Santa Clarita local paper. Marc and Liz will place a notice in "Steps" regarding Carry the Message Day.
 - C. Hospitals and Institutions: Mary D. reported that the 2 panels we are sending to Kaiser in Bellflower are doing a super job. Mary has sent a letter to all the meetings to request volunteers for volunteers for panels. She is beginning to get a good response.
 - D. Communications: Mary D. reported she expects to receive increased calls to the Hotline after the holidays.
 - E. Meeting Directory: Marc S. presented John H's report. There were no new meetings. We need address information on Meeting 007 and 232.

F. Literature: Ty K. submitted a financial and inventory report for the literature. Ty asked for clarification regarding charging for the SCINA Bylaws. It was determined that there is a charge for the NAWS Bylaws but the SCINA Bylaws should be provided at no charge.

G. ~~World~~ Service: Jan F. reported that World Services is working with a new consultant on our Web page.

H. ~~By Laws~~: Mary P. distributed a first draft of Committee Chair job descriptions and asked for comment.

I. Events: Marc S. reported for Steve H. and thanked John N. for the work he did on the Marathon Meeting.

9. Old Business

Joe S. presented further discussion regarding the development of a Newcomer packet which was discussed at the November meeting. The packet would be a folder which includes a welcome letter and the pamphlets "Introducing Nicotine Anonymous", "Nic-A The Tools and the Program", "To the Newcomer and Sponsorship", and "Tips for Gaining Freedom from Nicotine". There was discussion. Marc S. agreed to look for a folder for this packet.

10. New Business: None

11. Birthdays: The meeting congratulated Gary M. and Frank S. who both have 4 years nicotine free.

12. Commitments for the Next Meeting: George L will present Tradition 1 at the January meeting and Joe S. will bring refreshments.

13. The meeting adjourned at 12:00 PM with the Serenity Prayer

Minutes as corrected at the January 20, 2003 meeting
Respectfully submitted Mary Polychrome, Secretary

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