

NICOTINE ANONYMOUS INTERGROUP MINUTES For February 16, 2003

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. Marc S. opened the meeting at 10:10 a.m.
2. The 16 attendees represented meetings 1, 9, 12, 16, 23, 46, 47, 52, 84, 85, 93, 94, 154, 164, 186, 194, 198, 229, 231, 234. WAS YOUR MEETING REPRESENTED?
3. Traditions
George L. shared on tradition 2, "For our group purpose there is but one ultimate authority-a loving God as He may express Himself in our group conscience. Our leaders are but trusted servants; they do not govern." This tradition is designed to keep ourselves out of the way. God is the authority that governs us all. Some people say we talk about God too much. We couldn't possibly do so. God hasn't missed a meeting yet.
4. Chairperson's Report: Marc S reported he attended Beverly Hills meeting 01 and presented the plaque in appreciation for their contribution. They had 45 attendees at that meeting including 18 newcomers. They are going to attach the plaque to the rostrum in front at future meetings. Stella P. thanked SCINA on behalf of the Beverly Hills meeting.
5. Secretary's Report: Mary P. read the minutes of the, January 19 2003 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: The treasurer submitted a financial report reflecting the balance January 31. Donations and receipts which were submitted at the January meeting will be reflected on the February report. We will not make a donation to NAWSO until after the conference. We need to pay the hospital for past rent. It was moved seconded and approved to reimburse Marc for \$60 to cover the cost of the plaque. The retreat will be funded out of SCINA's general account as long as the World Services conference is using the events account. Jean L. will keep track of the retreat funds within the SCINA account. It was moved, seconded and approved that the treasurers report be accepted The motion passed unanimously.
7. Seventh Tradition: The seventh tradition was observed.
8. Committee Reports
 - A. New Meetings: Gary M. reported he followed up on one kit sent out last month. A new meeting has begun on Tuesday night at Laguna Woods.
 - B. Public Outreach: Marc S. reported for Liz T. that we have received information from Patience Mc., a member who has done a lot of work for Nicotine Anonymous in the past, regarding the placing of free notices in the newspapers. She is willing to bird-dog notices for 6 months in the LA Times and the Toluca Times. She submitted suggested copy as follows: "Nicotine Anonymous, ongoing support for anyone with a desire to stop smoking,. Over 40 meetings weekly in Southern California. No dues or fees. Call 800-642-0666 or www.nicotine-anonymous.org." Michelle suggested that the copy refer to "smoking or using nicotine". With this one change it was moved seconded and approved to place this copy in the LA Times. A slightly longer copy for the Toluca Times was read, and revised. It was moved seconded and approved to accept the copy as follows: "Nicotine Anonymous, open to all who have a desire to stop smoking or using nicotine in any form. Nicotine Anonymous, a non-profit fellowship based on the 12 steps, provides ongoing support in over 40 weekly Southern California meetings, including several throughout the San Fernando Valley. No dues or fees. Call 800-642-0666 or www.nicotine-anonymous.org." Mary D. commended Patience for her willingness to donate her expertise to this project.
There was discussion regarding wording for the announcement in STEPS magazine. It was decided to just announce Nicotine Anonymous is having a World Services Conference with the date, location and WEB site.
 - C. Hospitals and Institutions: Mary D. reported we presented panels at Kaiser in Orange County January 28 and 29,. February 20 and March 20 there will be one in Orange, and in Mission Viejo on March 18. Kaiser gives us a panel list for 6 months and Mary D. and Gary M get them covered. Liz T. has a panel coming up on February 20 in the San Fernando Valley with persons preparing to be addiction counselors. Bellflower has scheduled panels January 22 and 23rd and February 26 and 27th. Niles reported that Little Company of Mary's Monday night meeting had a panel at Kaiser in Harbor City. George L reported that Ty K will no longer be able to do the second Tuesday of the month panel at the Salvation Army in Long Beach and so volunteers are again being requested. Steve H. reported he had received a call from someone at Phoenix house requesting a panel. Mary D. will follow up on this.

- D. Communications. Mary D. requested everyone to let her know of any meeting changes so the hotline is giving out accurate information.
- E. Meeting Directory: Emil L. read John H's registrar report. There were meeting information changes to meetings 12,16,27,85,90,94,232 and 234. No meetings have been added and one meeting went dark, 008 in Canoga Park on Thursday. Contact information is needed for the Secretary or Representative for meeting 154 in West Hollywood.
- F. Literature: Ty K. submitted a financial and inventory report for February reflecting a balance of \$309.02.
- G. World Service: Jan F. reported that World Services had a board meeting in San Leandro last week. Due to the resignation of Dale, the Secretary Elect, the publisher of "7 minutes, Kathryn has agreed to fill out her term. Be sure and subscribe to "7 Minutes" and if you know anyone who doesn't have a subscription buy them one too! The pamphlet "Keep coming back" which SCINA submitted to World Services has been sent to the literature committee. There has been a mailing requesting meeting confirmation. Please respond to ensure your meeting remains in the World Services Directory. The WEB site is up and operating. It's really cool, check it out.
- H. By Laws: Mary P. read a draft of the Committee chair task descriptions. There were corrections and comment. Mary will revise and bring the document back next month. It was also requested that wordings for SCINA officers also be added.
- I. Events: Steve H. reported on his meeting's efforts on behalf of "Carry the Message Day". George L. reported his meeting distributed flyers and cards to 3 Long's Drugs and Hoag Emergency Clinic. Steve is looking for someone to chair the picnic in September. Check your meetings to see if anyone is willing to volunteer.

Nick V. distributed a revised World Services Conference flyer and asked all representatives to take them to their meetings. The Cruise after the conference will be after 3:30 on Sunday. They will provide a soda and soft drink bar. We need to provide a maximum of 50 persons so reserve your space early. Please take to your meeting the conference chair and volunteer list to solicit volunteers. Jenny Mc., Decorations chair has purchased material and will be grateful for any volunteers. Stella, Hospitality Chair is a soliciting volunteer. George L. Literature Chair will be requesting material for the table. He has 7 volunteers and could use more. Doug is still looking for volunteers to lead a marathon meeting. Marc S. asked for approval for the wording for the T-shirts. Hats are being donated by John Neal. They will be sold at \$10. A letter opener was also circulated that is being donated and will be put in the registrant's packet complements of SCINA. Gary M. reported that he currently has 6 persons registered. Joe S. turned in 5 more registrations, which have been received. There was discussion of parking costs and locations. These will be clarified. Nicholas reminded everyone of the planning committee meetings at his house on the first Sunday of the month.

Mary P. submitted a flyer for the retreat June 7 and 8. Please take copies and distribute the flyer at your meetings. The retreat will include an evening barbecue and sing along around the fire on Saturday night and a Sunday morning mediation workshop.

9. Old Business

Last month we selected delegates to the World Services Conference as follows Gary M. Jean L, John N. Roger F. Nicholas V. Joe S. Doug H., Jenny Mc, George L. Mary P, Marc S. Niles R. Ty K. It moved seconded and approved to add Emil L and Mary B. to the list of delegates.

Mary B. commented her meeting continues to take up a donation for a gift subscription of "7 Minutes" The subscription is given to those celebrating a birthday. So far they have been able to give 10 subscriptions. This has proven to be a popular and easy way to boost circulation for "7 Minutes"

10. New Business: None

11. Birthdays: The meeting congratulated Marc S on 2 years and Niles R on 5 years nicotine free.

12. Commitments for the Next Meeting: Mary D. will present Tradition 3 at the March meeting and Jean L. will bring refreshments.

13. The meeting adjourned at 12:15 PM with the Serenity Prayer

Minutes as corrected at the March 16 meeting.

Respectfully submitted Mary Polychrome, Secretary