

NICOTINE ANONYMOUS INTERGROUP MINUTES For March 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. convened the meeting in memory of Jean Harper a very active member from Chatsworth who passed away recently. Marc shared how she brought him to Nicotine Anonymous.
2. The 25 attendees represented meetings 1,3,9,12,16,23,37,46,52,78,84,90,93,164,186,194,198, 206, 229, 231,233
WAS YOUR MEETING REPRESENTED?
3. Traditions
Mary D. shared on tradition 3, "The only requirement for membership is a desire to stop using nicotine." This tradition keeps us from being too restrictive about who can belong. It allows us to have people from all walks of life in our program. Emil added that this tradition has helped those who have not yet quit smoking to come to meetings until they do quit smoking. If we had a lot of rules and regulations half of us wouldn't be here.
4. Chairperson's Report.
Marc S. reported that he has visited 3 meetings this month. He has now attended half of the SCINA Meetings. We are getting terrific cooperation from the meetings. Patience in Sherman Oaks has provided 14 volunteers for the Hospitality committee for the Conference. Lynn in Chatsworth has sold 8 T-shirts.
Please be thinking of a replacement for the chairperson starting in May. Marc S. will be unable to continue to serve due to his employment. The bylaws state that the Secretary will conduct the meeting in the absence of the Chairperson. So we could have Mary P conduct the meeting in May, June and July and then elect a new chairperson in August or next month the group could elect a new chair person to serve out Marc's term. Marc promised to serve through the conference. He thanked everyone for all the help and advice and for their dedication to informing the meetings of what is going on at SCINA. He stated it has been an honor to serve SCINA.
5. Secretary's Report: Mary P. read the minutes of the, February 16, 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 February treasurer's report was submitted but in the absence of the treasurer it was moved and seconded to accept the treasurer's report and hold off on approval until the April meeting. The motion passed unanimously.
7. Seventh Tradition: The seventh tradition was observed.
8. Committee Reports
 - A. New Meetings: Gary M. reported there were no requests for new meetings.
 - B. Public Outreach: Liz T. stated that the wordings approved at the February meeting will be placed in the newspapers.
 - C. Hospitals and Institutions: Mary D. asked Liz T. to share about the panel held in the Valley for substance abuse counselors. Liz said Patience Mc. and several volunteers went. It was very well received and they said they would like us to maintain contact with us so we could do a yearly panel. Joe S. reported that the V.A. in Long Beach gave all their medical staff our business card and a meeting schedule at a monthly meeting. Mary D. reported we continue to do the Kaiser and Mission Viejo panels. George L. reported he continues the Bellflower panel. The Thursday morning panel is in need of volunteers. The Tuesday panel at the Salvation Army in Long Beach has changed to 6 PM and volunteers are always needed.
 - D. Communications. Mary D. reported the hotline callers are receiving more and more calls from people who saw us on the Internet.
 - E. Meeting Directory: Emil L. read John H's registrar report. Meeting Information changes were posted for meetings 46, 85, 88, 93,154, 164, 206, 229, 234, There were no new meetings and no meetings went dark. We need mailing information for the secretary or contact person for meetings 7, 46, 90, 93, 154, 198.
 - E. Literature: Ty K submitted a financial and inventory report for the literature. The chips will be increasing in price a nickel each. Since we are already marking the price up by 10 cents he recommends we not increase our

prices for the chips but watch the bottom line for the next few months to determine if we need to raise our prices.

- F. **World Service:** Jan F. briefly described the agenda for the World Services Conference. Registration will start Friday at 3:00PM, The gratitude meeting is at 8:00PM. On Saturday the business reports will be at 9AM and workshops starting at 11:45 till about 6PM. On Sunday there will be a sunrise meeting at 7AM, followed by discussion on the voting items and voting starting at 8:30 to be followed by the Spirituality Brunch with Roger F. as speaker then the Cruise will finish the day at 3:00 PM.

Now that the Web site is up we are starting to receive orders for books and literature from around the world. We received 63 orders off the Internet in February. Forty three of those were from new contacts. Joe S, stated that World Services will be creating a new position to manage the WEB site and report to the officers if you know anyone interested in that position. Please contact World Services.

Jan also reminded everyone that there will be a need for new people at the World Services Officer level. Please talk to her if you are interested in serving at that level.

- H. **By Laws:** Mary P. reported the wording for the Committee Chairpersons and the Officers job descriptions will be submitted next month

- I. **Events:** Steve H. reported he is still looking for a chairperson for the picnic in September. Two parks were suggested for the picnic. Veterans Park is not appropriate. The chairperson will secure the location and develop a flyer. Mary P distributed the flyer for the Retreat to be held June 7 & 8 at Mission San Luis Rey. Please take copies and distribute the flyer at your meetings. The flyer is on the Web site. There is 1 registration so far.

Nick V. reported everything seems to be in place for the Conference. Stella reported she has a number of volunteers for the hospitality room. Stella is also getting volunteers for the literature merchandise and registration tables. Doug H still needs 9 volunteers for the marathon meetings which will run from 3pm to 7pm on Friday, 7AM to 6pm on Saturday and 9 to 10 on Sunday. George L. circulated a list of volunteers to staff the literature tables and he needs a few more. He has submitted a request for literature to NAWSO. The date of the next Conference planning meeting will be April 6 at Nick's house. Marc S. reported the Conference T-shirts and the Events Staff shirts are available. Those who would like to take shirts for sale at your meetings can do so. Gary Marsh reported there are 38 registrations at the moment. Joe submitted a financial statement. Showing a balance of \$3,500. The hotel bill should come due soon. Doug H. asked if we should give chips at the marathon meeting? It was decided to not do so. There will be a 7th tradition collection at each meeting.

9. **Old Business:** Marc read the list of delegates to the Conference. It was moved seconded to elect 3 alternates in case someone is unable to attend. Liz Thome, Frank Spencer, George Orduna were so elected. The motion passed unanimously.

10. **New Business:** Greg stated he has a friend working at Salvation Army Safe Harbor. They need information about Nicotine Anonymous for their smoking cessation program. It was suggested to send them a new meeting packet Gary M. suggested a copy of the chair and officers descriptions be sent to the meetings. He also suggested we develop a placard mentioning "7 minutes" to display at meetings to boost subscriptions. George L. stated he had received a flyer from a smoking cessation product. It was agreed upon that this was an outside issue.

11. **Birthdays:** The meeting congratulated Tita on her birthday. Tita shared on the influence of Jean Harper on her recovery.

12. **Commitments for the Next Meeting:** Tita will present Tradition 4 at the April meeting and Marc S. will bring refreshments.

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

Minutes as corrected and approved at the May 18, 2003 meeting.

Respectfully submitted Mary Polychrome, Secretary