

Augustine Fellowship of Central Arkansas

INTERGROUP MEETING

January 9, 2021 via Zoom at 2:30 PM

OPENING – Serenity Prayer

READING –

“Service is a vital part of the growth in recovery; it gives a sense of giving back what we have been given. Through sharing our experience, strength, and hope we see that recovery truly works. Groups that lack the willingness to do service may falter or stagnate. The use of service for many of us has helped to overcome the hardships of withdrawal and has given us an opportunity to stay sober. Service is not a requirement or burden; it is a joy and satisfaction.”

*From the How to Start an Intergroup Document, S.L.A.A. FWS,
not conference approved*

READING: TWELVE TRADITIONS OF S.L.A.A.

Check-Ins

I. Minutes from the last meeting – July 11, 2021, given verbally by IG

Treasurer/Sec

Financial Report - Pending (will be added later)

Delegate Report - Given verbally (will be added later)

II. Written Reports

• Saline County –

- **Financial:** \$125 on hand
- **Attendance:** Average 7-9

- **Group Conscience/Business Meeting:**NA
 - **Group Health:**Group is healthy and thriving. We still attempt to social distance and attendance has been fairly constant. We are attempting to cycle more members to lead.
- **Little Rock - LG IGR**
 - **Financial:** \$1700+ w/\$#180 that needs to be deposited, averages about \$250 a month in person and via Venmo. Is current year to date in contributions to CHISV.
 - **Attendance:** Monday and Saturday are highly attended
 - **Group Conscience/Business Meeting:** Upcoming January 30, 2022, does have a trial going testing out having newcomers in separate orientation then returning to the meeting on Saturday only
 - **Group Health:** Groups have a good rotation of chairs,
- **North Little Rock - NLR IGR**
 - **Financial:**
 - Cash: \$550
 - Venmo: \$97
 - *Last payment to IG was \$15 in November. Planning to make another payment of \$30 this month. Donates \$15 a month to FWS (which is matched)*
 - **Attendance:**
 - Wednesday 7pm meetings (in-person): 6-10 weekly
 - Wednesday 6pm 12 step workshop (zoom): 2-4
 - Friday 7pm (in-person): 1-3
 - Tuesday (suspended)
 - **Group Conscience/Business Meeting:**
 - Since the last IG meeting we have relaunched in-person meetings on Friday evenings at St. Luke's. Tuesday meetings have not resumed. Business meetings on the first Wednesday of each month. **Action (Shane): Add Business Meetings to the calendar**
 - **Group Health:**
 - There have been some encouraging steps in group health in the last few months.
 - There is an emphasis on sobriety and honesty in meetings and multiple members continue in long-term sobriety
 - There are several examples of sponsorship in the group. Though a lack of willing sponsors in one area where we need to grow.

- From my perspective there's an emphasis on understanding and applying steps.
 - Service has increased. Most are willing to chair meetings. The responsibility of opening the doors for meetings is shared. Most group service roles are still filled by me though. And I hope that can change.
- **Conway Group -**
 - **Financial:** \$378.00 (will give \$150 to church and \$150 to the IG)
 - **Attendance:** Tues and Fri averages around 4-6
 - **Group Conscience/Business Meeting:** Had a G.C. where we focus on the core documents in the Friday meeting (schedule is on the calendar)
 - **Group Health:** We need better participation in chairing meetings, lots of participation and sharing, several out of state members participating
- **Secretary/Treasurer -**
 - **Current Balance:** \$373.34
- **Delegate -** See below

III. Old Business

1. **Debit Card, Financial Issues, Ownership of the Bank Account for IG, separate from LR Group (Resolved?)**
 - a. **Debit Card -** Resolved and in use
 - b. **Action:** Ben and Scott need to coordinate a time to go to the bank
 - i. Separate the IG and LR accounts
 - ii. Set up online banking
 - iii. Have a recommendation concerning establishing a Tax ID, Co-Signers, Etc.
 - iv. **Completion Date:** March 6, 2022

IIII. New Business

1. **ABM** – Set for Second week in August 2022. Need to approve expenses to and from for the delegate. Deferred to March 6, 2022 meeting for vote. **Action** – Group Reps will ask for a “second pass” for contributions to cover expenses after the next meeting.
2. **Monthly Contribution to IG Request** – Would the groups consider a group conscience to set a minimum monthly seventh step contribution to both the IG and FWS (take part in the Lifesaver Program). **Action** – Group Reps where possible hold a group conscience meeting to discuss making a monthly contribution to both the IG and FWS/Lifesaver Program.
3. **Zoom Purchase to Yearly** – **Action:** Treasure will purchase an annual subscription
4. **Venmo Account** – **Action:** Treasure will set up a Venmo account which will allow each group to make direct deposits to the IG account
5. **Shane’s Status** – will continue to finish his term

NEXT MEETING: March 6, 2021 , 2:30 PM via Zoom

CLOSING – Serenity Prayer

Summary of 2021 ABM Agenda IFDs/Motions
August 6, 2021

| | # of the Motion/IFD | Motion or IFD | Result of the Vote | Approved or Not Approved |
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| 1 | 21n01/20-01 | Item for Discussion (IFD) Add the document ‘The Blessings’ to the list of Eight Core Documents of S.L.A.A. increasing the list to nine. | | See ABM Minutes for summary of discussion |

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| 2 | 21n02/20-02 | Item for Discussion (IFD) Publish the Twelve Steps of S.L.A.A. in Simplified English for use by members as they practice the steps. | | See ABM Minutes for summary of discussion |
| 3 | 21n03/20-03 | Item for Discussion (IFD) Discuss the amount of literature submitted to the Conference in recent years. Specifically, if there is too much on the agenda for the Conference to read and evaluate it thoroughly. | | See ABM Minutes for summary of discussion |
| 4 | 21n04/20-04 | Item for Discussion (IFD) The creation of a book, The 12 Steps and 12 Traditions of S.L.A.A., was discussed at the 2007 ABM. The manuscript for that book is close to completion with twenty-two of the twenty-four Steps and Traditions completed. The manuscript is submitted here for review by the delegates. It is hoped the current draft will be shared with Intergroups and as many Fellowship members as possible for feedback. Note that six chapters were submitted for review at the 2019 ABM. | | See ABM Minutes for summary of discussion |
| 5 | 21n05/20-05 | Item for Discussion (IFD) To create a pamphlet on Outreach Calls to sell as a resource for S.L.A.A. The title of the literature is 'The Importance of Making Outreach Calls'. | | See ABM Minutes for summary of discussion |
| 6 | 21n06/20-06 | Item for Discussion (IFD) The Conference Diversity Committee (CDC) is seeking discussion and feedback on the CDC Diversity Statement. This brief text is intended to express our Fellowship's position on inclusion of members from all backgrounds and perspectives, as we work toward our common purpose of sobriety. | | See ABM Minutes for summary of discussion |

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| 7 | 21o07/19-04 | <p>By-Laws Motion <u>ENTER the new wording, using "strikethrough and underline" format, into the section of the By-Laws proposed to be changed. (This is the same text as above, with a horizontal "strikethrough" of the words proposed to be removed, and with the proposed new replacement words underlined.)</u></p> <p>Article III – MEMBERSHIP Section 3 – Delegate Members Delegate members are persons who are elected by the Intergroup and general members to attend the Fellowship-Wide Services Conferences and vote as representatives of the Intergroup and general members at such Conferences. Each delegate member shall hold membership as long as she or he <u>this member</u> remains qualified for membership, as described in Article V, Section 5 of these By-Laws.</p> <p>Article X – INDEMNIFICATION OF DIRECTORS AND OFFICERS "Any person threatened with or made a party to any action, suit or other proceeding by reason of the fact that she or he <u>this person, her or his</u> their testator or in testate, is or was a Trustee, Officer, employee or other agent of the Corporation or is or was Trustee, Officer, employee or other agent of another organization in which the Corporation directly or indirectly owns or owned shares or of which the Corporation is or was a creditor and in which she or he <u>this person, her or his</u> their testator or in testate, served at the request of the Corporation, shall be indemnified by the Corporation against all liabilities and expenses, including counsel fees reasonably incurred by her or him <u>this person</u> in connection therewith, except that no indemnification shall be provided for any person with respect to any matter as to which she or he <u>this person</u> shall have been adjudicated in any proceeding not to have acted in good faith in the reasonable belief that the action was in the best interest of the Corporation; provided, however, as to matters disposed of by a compromise payment by such person, pursuant to a consent decree or otherwise, no reimbursement either for said payment or for any other expenses in connection with the matter so disposed of, shall be provided unless such compromise shall be approved: ... The Board of Trustees may from time to time authorize the payment by the Corporation of expenses incurred by any such person in defending any such action, suit or other proceeding in advance of the final disposition of such action suit or other proceeding, upon receipt of an undertaking from such person to repay such payment if she or he <u>this person</u> shall be adjudicated to be not entitled to indemnification under this Article X, or if the matter involved shall be disposed of by a compromise payment with respect to which she or he <u>this person</u> shall be entitled to indemnification under this Article X.</p> | 39-11-3 47-5-0 44-7-1 | Approved Binding on the Board |
| 8 | 21o08/19-05 | <p>Item for Discussion (IFD) The service brochure is simply to highlight a variety of service areas the S.L.A.A. Fellowship has to offer. The brochure has sections to address service for Newcomers, Service in a Meeting, Service within Intergroup and Service Committees. The back panel with the pyramid is the most detailed information breaking it down similar to that of the CSM (conference service manual).</p> | | See ABM Minutes for summary of discussion |

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| 9 | 21n09/20-07 | <p>Motion</p> <p>A joint committee of the CLC and BOC (amended to) BPDC will review the 2018 Conference Approved literature and the State of Grace as edited by the BOT to revise the current version to reflect the tone of the 2018 Conference Approved Literature.</p> | <p>35-25-1 26-37-2 39-19-4</p> | <p>Approved as amended</p> <p>There was a Challenge to Group Conscience Vote: 44-18 indicating that the final vote was the group conscience</p> |
| 10 | 21n10/21-01 | <p>Item for Discussion:</p> <p>To proceed with preparation of Anorexia 8-9 Booklet for publication.</p> | | <p>See ABM Minutes for summary of discussion</p> |
| 11 | 21n11/21-02 | <p>Item for Discussion:</p> <p>The 50th Anniversary Basic Text Subcommittee (50-BTS) of the Conference Literature Committee (CLC) is submitting this IFD to determine <u>what changes to make</u>, if any, to the S.L.A.A. Basic Text for a 50th Anniversary and/or 2nd Edition.</p> | | <p>See ABM Minutes for summary of discussion</p> |
| 12 | 21n12/21-03 | <p>Item for Discussion:</p> <p>The 50th Anniversary Basic Text Subcommittee (50-BTS) of the Conference Literature Committee (CLC) is submitting this IFD to determine <u>how to make changes</u> to the Basic Text. A few examples are provided showing three versions of edits; none (original), lightly edited, heavily edited.</p> | | <p>See ABM Minutes for summary of discussion</p> |
| 13 | 21n13/21-04 | <p>Item for Discussion:</p> <p>The Conference Literature Committee and the UK Intergroup request that the following literature relating to the S.L.A.A. H.O.W. way of working the S.L.A.A. program be approved. 'HOW Step and Sponsorship Guide'</p> | | <p>See ABM Minutes for summary of discussion</p> |
| 14 | 21n14/21-05 | <p>Item for Discussion:</p> <p>Article III – MEMBERSHIP Section 3 – Delegate Members Delegate members are persons <u>members</u> who are elected by the Intergroup and general members to attend the Fellowship-Wide Services Conferences and vote as representatives of the Intergroup and general members at such Conferences. Each delegate member shall hold membership as long as she or he remains qualified for membership, as described in Article V, Section 5 of these By-Laws.</p> | | <p>See ABM Minutes for summary of discussion</p> |
| 15 | 21n15/21-06 | <p>Item for Discussion:</p> <p>Increase total democratic involvement in ABC/M by eliminating the delegate registration fee and instead establishing a suggested donation. This item includes a formula to calculate the suggested donation.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● No Intergroup should be prevented from having representation at the ABC/M due to cost. ● Improve our alignment with the democratic intent of the Concepts. | | <p>See ABM Minutes for summary of discussion</p> |

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| 16 | 21n16/21-07 | <p>Item for Discussion:</p> <p>The CLC is asking the Conference for approval to proceed with current projects list in the attachments.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. CLC-054 Sex and Love Addiction on the Internet 2. CLC-068 Anorexia 10-11-12 3. CLC-073 Making the Most of Meetings | | <p>Not addressed Moved to 2022 ABM</p> |
| 17 | 21n17/21-08 | <p>Item for Discussion:</p> <p>To Create a Conference Committee dealing with fantasy in connection with sex and love addiction.</p> | | <p>Not addressed Moved to 2022 ABM</p> |
| 18 | 21n18/21-09 | <p>Item for Discussion:</p> <p>Discussion about current and future issues regarding recovery materials (audio and visual) posted to the Internet.</p> | | <p>Not addressed Moved to 2022 ABM</p> |
| 19 | 21n19/21-10 | <p>Item for Discussion:</p> <p>In 2020 the BPDC (Board Publishing and Distribution Committee) Chair was tasked by the BOT to populate a working group to conduct a diagnostic review of our current literature process, from creation/inception at the CLC level (Appendix H process) and draft revisions, to final Board publishing (Appendix I process). In response, the BPDC Chair organized the Literature Creation, Editing and Publishing subcommittee (the LCEP) made up of 2 CCC members, 2 CLC members, 2 BOT and 2 former BOT. The Chair would like to offer our report to the Conference for discussion and to circulate several potential solutions to issues that will be raised in certain IFD's/Motions regarding literature on this year's ABM Agenda. These potential solutions are presented in the draft Flow Chart in the Attachments.</p> | | <p>Not addressed Moved to 2022 ABM</p> |
| 20 | 21n20/21-11 | <p>Item for Discussion:</p> <p>Provide the PDF version our S.L.A.A. Basic Text (in all available languages) for free on the FWS website.</p> | | <p>Not addressed Moved to 2022 ABM</p> |