Augustine Fellowship of Central Arkansas

# INTERGROUP MEETING

November 4, 2023,

**OPENING - Serenity Prayer** 

**Attending:** 

## **Service Reading:**

"Service is a vital part of the growth in recovery; it gives a sense of giving back what we have been given. We see recovery works through sharing our experience, strength, and hope. Groups that lack the willingness to do service may falter or stagnate. It has allowed us to stay sober. Service is not a requirement or burden but 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 - Review Here

Approved as submitted

## **II. Written Reports**

- Saline County
- Little Rock
  - Women's and LGBTQ Group
- North Little Rock
  - o Financial:
    - Last payment to IG was \$15 on 11/3/2023.
    - Current available balance is approximately \$375.
  - Attendance:
    - Wednesday: 7 average

- Friday: 0-2
- Group Conscience/Business Meeting:
  - Our last business/group conscience meeting was held on the first Wednesday of October. No new business was discussed.
  - Our next business/group conscience meeting is scheduled for November
    8. It is on the agenda to discuss removing the Friday meeting from our schedule.
- Group Health:
  - Sobriety
    - Members show a commitment to supporting eachother in sobriety and are regularly claiming new sobriety chips.
  - Steps
    - The steps are core to our meeting discussions.
  - Service
    - Most members are serving as meeting and some with other roles serve the IG.
  - Spirituality
    - Connection to our Higher Power is central to our group discussions.
  - Sponsorship/Meetings
    - Sponsorship remains an area for growth. Our available sponsors are few.
- Conway Group
- Secretary/Treasurer

Current balance Simmons Bank \$390.78 plus \$50 cash from workshop donations

Transactions since last meeting:

Sept. 28 deposit from LR group for workshop \$200.00

Oct. 4 deposit from NLR group \$15.00

Oct. 21 deposit from LR group quarterly \$270.00

Oct. 29 payment to Haley for food at workshop \$297.68

Nov. 2 Eventbrite deposit \$50.46

Delegate

### **III. Old Business**

- A. Primary Relationships in Recovery Workshop update:
- **B. New Searcy Group Update**
- C. New NWA Group Update

#### **IV. New Business**

## a. 2024 Budget

Zoom \$150, Godaddy \$200, Delegate?

- **b.** Newsletter Schedule
  - i. Post minutes to IG Page as PDF
  - ii. Update from Workshop?
  - iii. Holiday Party?

**NEXT MEETING:** January 6, 2023, immediately following the 7 a.m. Little Rock meeting.

## Addendum - Delegate Report (submitted after the meeting from Akelia C)

2023 S.L.A.A. Annual Business Meeting (This report was forwarded from Gil H. & edited by Akelia C.)

## **Motions that passed:**

- I. A motion passed UNANIMOUSLY to enact the Literature Creation, Editing, and Publishing subcommittee (LCEP) process to create Conference Approved Literature from the initial proposal through the Board of Trustees publishing. The current process is detailed in Appendices H and I in the Conference Service Manual.
- II. A motion was passed to revise and publish A State of Grace (ASOG) to correct typos, add an index, and replace the currently printed text as described in the attachment to the motion (see attachment) once the current inventory is exhausted.

III. A motion was passed to publish the "Twelve Steps of S.L.A.A. in Plain Language" for use by members as they practice the steps.

IV. A motion passed to adopt the following as Core Documents of S.L.A.A.: "What is Anorexia in S.L.A.A." excerpted from the Anorexia Sexual, Social, Emotional pamphlet, and the 50 Questions from the "Are You Anorectic" section of the Anorexia pamphlet.

## Motions that did not pass:

- I. A motion did not pass for Approval of the book for Publication, A Framework for Living: The Twelve Steps, The Twelve Traditions, and the Twelve Concepts of Sex and Love Addicts Anonymous. The general comment is that the steps and traditions are ready for publication, but the concepts still need work.
- II. A motion did not pass to publish the "Making the Most of Meetings" Pamphlet to sell as a resource for S.L.A.A. members.
- III. A by-laws motion did not pass for the Conference Literature Committee Representative to become a voting member at the Annual Business Meeting.

#### Other Discussions:

- I. Comments and suggestions were received on the text of the "Sex and Love Addiction on the Internet" Pamphlet. General comments and suggestions include:
- A. This is great, but there should also be focus, tips, and advice on healthy usingonline devices, sites, and apps.
- B. title issues. Show a little bit more hope in the document.
- C. Comment on terminology maybe use "digital sex and love addiction."
- II. The 50th-Anniversary Basic Text Subcommittee (50BTS) of the Conference Literature Committee (CLC) is submitting this IFD to the Conference so the fellowship may review edited chapters one through eight of the S.L.A.A. Basic Text and provide feedback on the proposed edits. It felt to me that there was a split between voting members who feel that Chapter 1, in particular, has gotten a lot more than light edits and has gotten a bit sanitized and voting members who feel that Chapter 1, in particular, should stay the same, including some of the strong language and detailed expressions of acting out behavior.
- III. Comments and suggestions and suggestions were received from delegates on the proposed edits to the pamphlet Anorexia: Sexual, Social, Emotional.

IV. There was a discussion on the importance of sobriety in the writing and editing Of conference-approved S.L.A.A. literature. The S.L.A.A. conference should consider suspending the new publishing or editing of any S.L.A.A. literature until some sobriety requirements have been established for the CLC and contributing writers and editors. It felt to me that there was a split between voting members regarding any proposed sobriety requirements for members of the CLC. Some felt this would slow down the already challenging publication process of new literature.

#### **Statement from Delegate 2023**

First, thank each of you for your service and continuous dedication to S.L.A.A. Going to the ABM was truly amazing and I thank you for the opportunity to witness and serve at such a grand level. The statement "place principles before personalities" was clearly demonstrated during the entire ABM. Our daily general sessions had you (the intergroup) in mind. As your delegate, I can assure you that I voted according to what I believed to be the best for each motion, raising concerns when necessary. I feel confident that S.L.A.A. is in good hands with our new board. The fellowship is doing well financially and always looking for ways to improve. There was over \$2,000 raised for the fellowship at the live auction. Please know that committee service is strongly encouraged, and suggestions are welcomed. Any material or information from the ABM will be passed along during the next intergroup meeting. I am also open to questions and/or feedback via email or phone.

-Akelia C