

Oct 1, 2017 Minutes, Los Angeles ACA Intergroup

In attendance: Libby, Guy, , Ashook, Phil

Agenda: Position reports (Web site, Literature/Co-sponsorship, ACA Email, Treasurer)

Website report:

A. Statistics for the Month of September, 2017: 2,770 Views with 919 Visitors. Last month, August: 2,263 Views with 875 Visitors. I will be bringing tonight charts showing the visitor numbers and the country's that have been visiting our site for the past year.

B. Upgraded website to latest version of WordPress and upgraded the Website's Theme to the latest version. Updated various plugins and made minor improvements to the site.

C. Marty S., through an intermediary, reached out to me via telephone. Marty is one of the original contributors to the BRB. I spoke to him for about 2 hours. He has a new article that he wants us to post on the website. His intermediary sent me a pdf of the article. The article is about how to get to the heart of recovery. I asked Marty S. to flesh it out a little more before I will post. I will speak to him on **October 4th** for followup.

D. I now have the contact information for Don C. Don C. is the webmaster for www.acaconvention.org. I will be reaching out to him next week regarding asking him to join us at Intergroup and to get permission to harvest information off of his website. His website appears to not have been updated since 2016.

E. I was able to telephone and speak to the owner of the blog: <http://adultchildrenaca.blogspot.com/> I told him what the Intergroup was doing and wanted him to join us. I also asked him for permission to post various articles on our website. My takeaway from this conversation was that he was non-committal regarding my requests for him to join us. He did not have issues of us copying various articles off of the website.

F. I donated 25 Clipboards to FMR. I was going to use cardboard to create them, but realized it took too much time. Found clipboards at 99 Cent Store and used them. Treated them as miniature billboards. Glued website and Co-Sponsorship Flyers to back of each clipboard. Delivered clipboards to Denise E. at Signal Hill. Was told by Denise that clipboards were well received at retreat. Hope to create more for next year.

G. During September visited meetings at Signal Hill and LA Farmers Market. Please see my previous emails sent regarding results.

H. I am making the request to add two other websites to our links list. They are: Main Page: <http://shrink4men.com/> and Main Page: <http://outofthefog.website/> . These two websites have been instrumental in my recovery and I feel the information they have will help others.

I. Denise E. sent me various emails, containing flyers, for ACA Activities in SoCal. I have posted them in the Events Section of our website.

Additional: Received email from Denise E. stating that she would gather information on meetings in O.C., Ventura, San Diego, and provide it to us. I think we should go ahead with this. Can we

send Libby's Template to Denise and have her fill it out? There is a fear of mine that the information quality will go down. Denise states she will only update every 6 months.

I feel that we should do everything in our power to be of service to ACA Members in Southern California. We will probably step on some toes of embedded ACA Groups, but I feel that the newcomer is the one that we should be serving.

Discussion:

Libby: Let's make it clear to the newcomer which is official ACA literature and which is outside literature not of interest to ACA. We need to find a way to back up the site when we have the means.

Ashook: State that it's non-ACA endorsed?

Guy: We already have a disclaimer but can find ways to make it more noticeable.

Motion: We'll read Marty's article when he makes it available.

Libby and Guy to find time to attach info on website and co-sponsorship network on literature to be sold.

Literature Report

Tabled because Ed not here

ACA Email

1) Alexandra from Glendale and Pasadena meetings was told we can sell Yellow Books for \$9 and Red Books for \$14.

2) Western Region update: Western Region drafted and distributed By-laws. They held their meeting on 9/16/17. They distribute agendas, minutes, representative registration and ballot proposals on Google Drive. Libby to distribute WSO Ballot proposal to members.

3) Denise E. sent flyers for three upcoming events, Libby to distribute to members:

A. Workshop For Women Oct. 19, 2017 Encino, CA

B. Orange County ACA Intergroup Recovery Seminar Oct. 21, 2017 Buena Park, CA

C. ACA Cruise Oct 22, 2017 Santa Cruz Island, CA

4) Denise wants us to post OC meetings but can only update list every 6 months.

Discussion: We feel it's a disservice to the newcomer if it's only updated every 6 months. Better for them to look on World Service website.

5) Libby noted that she is not sure if meeting is happening at the Unurban Café Sat. at 10. Called and barista didn't know. Also, does Weds. Torrance meeting want to be listed? It's not on WSO.

Discussion: Agreed that the meetings we list in the LA directory should be listed on WSO.

Treasurer's Report

Ashok started a binder and reached out to Ed and Libby for info on financial transactions. Noted that Sunday night meeting plans to make an intergroup donation.

Libby asked Guy to check into status of Check #3627 \$40 from Torrance and whether it was cashed.

Discussion of how to handle payments since Intergroup has no bank account. Money to be recorded and passed on to SHARE! to defray \$25 monthly rent.

Intergroup decided to pay \$18 from June sponsorship workshop to SHARE! for October rent.