

January 2018 – Los Angeles ACA Intergroup Meeting on 1/7/18

In attendance: Bianca, Libby, Guy, Ashok, Patriciaa, Chris, Albert, Rose

Treasury—Ashok

Currently we accept cash or checks made out to Los Angeles ACA Intergroup.

From July 10 to Nov. 3, we received \$273 in cash, \$100 in checks. There have been six contributions from ACA meetings. Intergroup also took in \$18 from a sponsorship workshop and \$50 from literature sales. The Intergroup paid \$118 in rent to SHARE!, of which \$32 is still owed for the period. Current cash reserve is \$255. A cash payment of \$30 for domain registration was paid to Guy in December.

Discussion: A meeting rep contacted Intergroup to ask for more information on budget and how to make donation. Guy suggested to send her Ashok's report on finances. Rose suggested that there be a Hospitals and Institutions budget, but this will have to wait until the Intergroup has more income. Rose and Ashok agreed to work together on researching the possibility of receiving meeting payments via Paypal or Venmo. What would it take to have a bank account?

Budget: In 2018, the Intergroup is committed to paying \$25/mo. Rent and \$80 for hosting fee (due in March.) Discussion by Guy, Albert and Rose that \$80 is a very good price for the services included.

Intergroup storage

Guy bought a padlock and hasp . Ashok will install it with his drill on file cabinet drawer. Guy will be refunded for padlock and hasp at the February meeting.

Meetings report:

Bianca – Wants to start new meeting for Spanish speakers. Currently ACA has only one Spanish meeting in Pico Rivera. Rose suggested the Hope Center at Sawtelle and Washington has a Spanish room.

Patriciaa said she was elected GSR today and many meeting members did not understand what Intergroup is. Discussion on how to educate fellowship on the role of Intergroup.

Guy shared the materials from the “Becoming Your Own Loving Parent” workshop held in December, including affirmations handout booklet and small mirror for loving oneself.

ACA Announcements:

All members encouraged to spread the word about the following:

Flyer for Sunday 1:15 pm Affirmations book meeting in San Fernando Valley (distributed)

Los Angeles Intergroup and its website, SoCalACA.org

WSO - Seeks applicants for part time job and volunteers.

WSO - World Convention Toronto - end of April

Spring Mountain Retreat – Camp de Benneville Pines – end of April

Literature

Patriciaa suggested passing on the 30% discount to meetings as an incentive for them to participate in Intergroup. Libby committed to researching prices to make a decision on this in February. Patriciaa expressed interest in possibly being Literature rep.

Regional

Guy is currently the Regional rep and engaged with helping with its website. This position will be available for others to participate as well if there is interest

World Service Rep

Unanimous election of Patriciaa as World Service rep. Rose agreed to be alternate. Patriciaa wanted to know if the Intergroup can send her to Toronto for the business meeting, but it is not in the budget this year.

Website (socalaca.org)

Guy reports that the website has had 7,828 unique visitors in 2017, including those from other countries. Guy updated online info: Sunday night time change in Pasadena; new meeting in Santa Fe Springs; Venice meeting is defunct; Weds. Step study in Torrance. Guy will meet with Fall Mountain Retreat this month to see about beefing up their web presence.

Outreach

Rose suggested that Intergroup members have business cards. Guy shared the 1/4-page flier he has been using, and she said she would tweak it and bring to next meeting.

Rose suggested a social media presence such as Facebook. Intergroup members wondered whether that was promotion, and would it protect privacy? Rose to research this and report back in February.

Items for February meeting:

Discuss what literature to buy and what discount to offer meetings.

Discuss Co-sponsorship Network and who may want to continue managing it.

Discuss Paypal, Venmo and bank account possibilities.

Intergroup time: Is there a better meeting time when more people could attend (Saturday)?

Social media presence

NEXT INTERGROUP MEETING TO BE HELD SUNDAY FEBRUARY 4, 2018

Los Angeles ACA Intergroup 2017 Accomplishments

Service to Los Angeles ACA fellowship

Published monthly meeting directory and SoCalACA.org website, resulting in meeting growth and more website visitors.

	January 2017	December 2017
# meetings	41	46
# unique visitors to SoCalACA.org	402	549

Raised awareness of local ACA events including two workshops and two retreats

Distributed reduced-rate Red Books and Yellow books

Hosted a workshop offering “The 12 Steps in 12 Minutes” and created a Co-Sponsorship Network to encourage sponsorship

Reached out to Marty S., who wrote the ACA Identity Papers, and lives in Los Angeles

Did outreach with a “Resentment Piñata” at the AA-Alanon Foothills Roundup. Inside the piñata were ACA Promises. Sold 5 Red Books and 6 Yellow workbooks.



Service to global ACA fellowship

Raised awareness of World ACA Conventions and important ACA news (such as job and volunteer opportunities)

Reached out to other Intergroups, especially to encourage them to develop a web presence

Joined new Western Regional committee

Service to Los Angeles Intergroup

Established monthly meetings with elected positions and regular communications to fellowship

Studied how other Intergroups operate to get ideas

Accepted 4 donations from meetings