

ACA SoCal ACA Intergroup, Feb. 5, 2023

In attendance: Libby, Guy, James, Marc, Vincent, Koach

Opened w/ Serenity Prayer

Treasurer's Report: Paypal balance: \$300.92 (received in last month). Plan to start a new spreadsheet for 2023. Bank Balance is \$1,643.89. Intergroup made \$2,000 donation to WSO.

Western Region has changed its name to ACA Region Connecting the World. Guy was involved with the website for a while. Intergroup voted to wait and see what happens to the Region.

James proposes: Whatever money we receive beyond six-month reserve be donated to WSO.

Discussion: Guy wants more six months reserve. Guy would like to have option to support meetings and local events such as Fall Mountain Retreat. Plan to vote on this proposal next month.

Website: Guy reports 1975 visitors in January (up 634 from previous month.) Guy regained access to edit the website, update plug-ins. Plan to post Treasury Post, take down splash page.

Intergroup Meetings: Guy wants in person. James doesn't want to drive. Koach is intergroup rep for BIPOC reparenting meeting is from Rhode Island so we can have a home base and would love a hybrid meeting. Easier to take minutes from home.

Convention Jan. 27 & 28: Huge success. Six meetings on Friday night, speakers were from Thousand Oaks area, estimated 300 people in attendance, 6 pm meeting had 10 people who had never been an ACA meeting before. Standing Room only. Gave books to newcomers. A woman flew from South Dakota to attend. Vincent & James were speakers at 11 pm meeting. Info table at the end of the hall. Bill Dalton brought banners from World Service and gave away literature. James contacted other AA conventions to see if we can appear them. People came from Camarillo, Sunland, Long Beach, Pasadena. Sunland meeting took a group conscience and donated literature. At least 3 people came from Farmer's Market 7 pm meeting (started in person on first of the year).

James feels the easiest way to carry the message is to be guests at AA conventions. James drew ACA speakers mostly from Thousand Oaks.

Guy suggested partnering with CoDA, also wants to do a Teddy Bear picnic.

Possible ACA convention in Los Angeles: James discussed with Bill, who liked the idea.

Meetings: How to get an up-to-date meeting list: Marc feels he can help. Travelers can find active Zooms—remove if we don't have contact info—if we can't get on the meeting ourselves. Driving force between us at the new people—need to stay on top of lists.

Marc suggested Focus on So Cal meetings – Guy said he can add Zoom and other meetings –

Develop a protocol before we remove a meeting—If your meeting is still in effect, this is the info we need --

Koach, Guy and Marc agreed to reach out to meetings about Meeting Directory updates.

For now, continue to email out existing list. Change number codes to Days of Week. Goal: Update list monthly from WSO. Next month: Discuss which meetings to include on website

Fall Mountain Retreat: Guy will reach out to them.

Books for therapists: Libby wrote to information@acawso.com to find out if they still offer free Red Books to therapists.

New Business: New member Debra A had trouble getting to the meeting, update the info on the Zoom. Guy will update that.

Long Beach Thurs. 7 pm, has decided not to go back to in-person, only 2 minutes shares, too many people—going really well—

Sat. 1 pm Mens meeting – 10 to 12 people

Farmers market get 9 to 13 people

Thurs. 8 pm at Westside Alano can get 25 people – regular there since Jan. 2014

Mon 7:30 pm at Westside Alano

BIPOC meeting is healthy w/ lots of newcomers

On SoCal website, for specific meetings—Men only meetings – is there is a tab for BIPOC meetings?

Ended w/ Serenity Prayer