

ACA SoCal ACA Intergroup, March 5, 2023

In attendance: Libby, Suanne S., Stephen G, Debra, James S., Beth, Lisa M, Grace M., Marc C., Anja, Clementina, Kit, Leba, Cathy, Ashok, Melissa, Linda

Opened w/ Serenity Prayer

Treasurer's Report: Paypal balance: \$348.77 (received year to date). Plan to start a new spreadsheet for 2023. Bank Balance is \$1,316.55, Paypal 280.64, cash \$43, total 1,640.13.

World Service Report: Quarterly Delegate meeting attended by Stephen. Soon there will be a **video volunteer Day**. A live Chat room will be available. Also looking at a **virtual Field Trip**. Many groups are struggling with **collecting 7th traditions**. Delegates mentioned having a hard time recruiting treasurers. There is a **WSO committee on changing WSO structure** to be discussed at Annual Business Conference (ABC). Members are having trouble getting to a physical location for meetings/conventions. Some ideas: Have a World Conference live event every two or four years? Advantage of having conference online. The **spiritual inclusion committee** is discussing what is spirituality, how to be inclusive around spirituality in literature. Further details on this are available on WSO Slack channel and in the WSO Traveler. Spiritual@abcwso.org for more info. Family of Tony A. is not willing to give permission for Tony A.'s 12 Steps w/o copyright payment, so they are working on an alternative with new spirituality in mind. Concepts 2 & 6 are being looked at to make it . Also **Name Change Committee** is evaluating costs, legal implications and how to bring ACA fellowship together to discuss. Volunteers need to help with this. Info: namestudy@acawso.org. Social media committee is looking at how to spread the word of ACA on Facebook as an info site only without comments to announce events, point to ACA WSO etc. info@acawso.org. All meetings are encouraged to have a Delegate at the Quarterly meetings to help make ACA more responsive to members.

Western Region: No further updates about new ACA Region Connecting the World. There is a Greater Western Region (Lisa & Cathy) – Western states—Wyoming, Colorado, California. Has a Bank account with \$5,000. At publishing committee, no longer hurting. Lists a P.O. Box that accepts donations.

Financial donations: James proposed sending \$1,000 to WSO. Anja: Half on books for meetings and newcomers, and half to WSO. Stephen: Is region active? Ashok: How much to WSO, Greater Western Region and revisit every three months. World Services policy is for three months reserve. Debra: Motion to give \$500 to WSO. James against sending \$ to Greater Western Region, they support So Cal ACA. Stephen proposes sending \$800 to WSO and \$200 to Greater Western next month if it seems like they needed. Approved \$800 to WSO.

Prudent reserve: Intergroup decided \$500.

Rent: SHARE! rent for \$25/monthly, includes Zoom account, mailbox, possibility of in-person meeting, storage for literature. Seems like a good deal.

Income: We should

Literature: Anja said that two members couldn't afford literature—its important to get into the work so relief can be found. In the past, we marked up literature. Anja's book cost \$65 in Canada. Proposal: Sell at a particular price. Giving literature to the needy (below poverty level?). The newcomer is the most important person walking into the room—I feel they should be given one, as I was. Suggestion that we

come up with a scholarship program for literature and someone can take charge of it—Intergroup can contribute a certain amount every month but limit per month – could request donations of literature, use current reserve. Suggestion to create a policy is going to be difficult to do—let's think about selling it at cost to groups and let the groups decide what to do—not at the Intergroup level. There is an electronic version of the Red Book which is copyright protected. Table discussion until next month.

Website: Guy reports 2008 visitors in February (up 30 from previous month.) Guy to continue working on Dashboard

Intergroup Meetings: To be hybrid – online or inperson available.

Spring Recovery Camp is having a workshop on the Promises. Stephen would also like to do the workshop at SHARE! Please contact acastephen44@gmail.com if interested at

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: Marc shared a list of updated meetings Tuesday to Thursday. Still need to hear from Koach and Guy on how their meeting updates are going.

Fall Mountain Retreat: Guy will reach out to them.

Books for therapists: WSO still offers free Red Books to therapists.

Meetings updates:

Tuesday Sunland still on Zoom

Thursday Glendale has 30 people, a lot of newcomers

Friday 6 pm, 9605 Figueroa – meeting was postponed due to oldtimers AA marathon

Friday Pasadena 15 ppl

Sunday candlelight going strong

Saturday Farmers market well attended evening meeting, 1 pm mens' meeting still going

Zoom -- Monday Moonglow & Wellness Wednesday

Saturday mornings 8 am, also Step meeting (about 30-40 ppl) on the East Coast

ACA Women's Recovery Network has 60-70 meetings, at least once a day—they have a Zoom intergroup

Tuesday Together Group in Woodland Hills is starting a Step Study on Thursday coming soon.

Ended w/ Serenity Prayer