

Nicotine Anonymous Intergroup Minutes for Nov. 19, 2000

Corrected minutes of the Southern California Intergroup of Nicotine Anonymous meeting held on Nov. 19, 2000, at White Memorial Hospital, 1720 E. Cesar Chavez Ave., Los Angeles.

Nineteen people were present for the SCINA pre-meeting discussion of the World Service meeting. We began with the Serenity Prayer and then Joe S. informed us that the Nicotine Anonymous World Services meeting date had been changed and no SCINA member had been notified. The WSO officers discussed the need for some audio-visual materials and the need for a book of meditations. Joe said he was told that World Services would meet next on Jan. 13, 2001. SCINA's meeting of February 18, 2000 would thus be the next time for us to be updated on what World Services is doing.

Jan F. opened the regular SCINA meeting at 10 a.m. with the Serenity Prayer. The delegates, their numbers now swollen to 22, introduced themselves, identifying the groups they represented and detailing their sobriety length.

Jean L. read Tradition 11 and discussed it for us, with some emphasis on the results of anonymity being a more humble member.

Officers and Committee Reports

Chairperson, Jan F. She said she would have some things to say but no formal report.

Secretary, George L. His report was read by Annette. The minutes were then moved, seconded, and approved as corrected.

Treasurer, Annette L. The Treasurer's reports for the months of September and October were presented on paper and it was moved, seconded, and approved to approve both. The 7th Tradition was observed. The Chairperson asked that both the September and October reports be included in the next mailing.

New Meetings. Gary said he had inquiries on 3 possible new meetings. And Mary D. handed out a leaflet on a new meeting in Pasadena.

Public Outreach, Joe S. said that Nicotine Anonymous literature was available but not widely circulated. He urged the various delegates to get the N.A. literature into places like libraries, hospitals, halfway houses and other such locations. He suggested that SCINA not wait for next year's Great American Smokeout to start carrying the message of Nicotine Anonymous to the public. After some discussion, it was moved, seconded and carried to designate the last Saturday in January as "SCINA Carrying the Message Day" and that we all make plans now to spend some portion of that day passing out flyers, and business cards -- January 27 -- in libraries, hospitals or any other appropriate places. He offered to make special flyers for individual areas

Hospitals and Institutions. Mary D. told the delegates how H&I used to be and suggested some ways for it to be renewed in SCINA. Heather volunteered to assume the H&I chair.

Communications. Mary D. said all of the hotline days are staffed and that call volume was holding steady each day.

Meeting Directories. John H., absent. Gary said that John has the directories under control and that he has been doing a great job making sure everything is in order.

Literature. Jim L. said he has no books and very few pamphlets. He said he is still waiting for an order that should have arrived two weeks ago. He's still pursuing it. He said he tried to go to Union Bank and get on the account but the lady in new accounts said the papers needed to be signed by two people in order for it to be effective. He said he would need a bank statement each month so getting the signatories on the account is vital.

Old business:

World Service meeting. Already done.

Marathon Meeting. Gary said it went well and the turnout for it was solid. Several newcomers to Nicotine Anonymous attended. About half of the \$209 realized in SCINA's marathon was scheduled for St. Luke's Church, 2000 W. Valencia Drive, Fullerton, which rejected the offer.

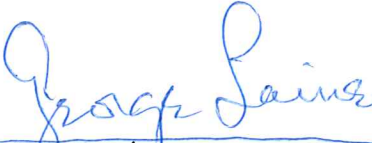
New business:

Chairperson Jan F. said she wanted to add an item to the agenda, establishing an assistant to the treasurer so that SCINA would always have at least one person at meetings capable of discussing finances.

Also under new business it was moved, seconded and approved to reconsider last month's ban on underwriting the cost of refreshments.

Commitments: Jean L. agreed to bring refreshments for the December 17 meeting. Jeff agreed to handle Tradition 12.

Dated Nov. 19, 2000


George Laine, secretary