

Nicotine Anonymous Intergroup

Minutes for Dec. 17, 2000

Corrected minutes of the Southern California Intergroup of Nicotine Anonymous meeting held on Dec. 17, 2000, at White Memorial Hospital, 1720 E. Cesar Chavez Ave., Los Angeles.

Jan F. opened the regular SCINA meeting at 10:05 a.m. with the Serenity Prayer. The members, numbering 14, introduced themselves, identifying the groups they represented and detailing their sobriety length. Another member arrived as the introductions continued.

Jeff read Tradition 12 and discussed it for us, with the focus on how anonymity produces a more humble member. Ultimately, Jeff concluded, humility becomes the emphasis for this Tradition. Several delegates added their perspectives on the Tradition.

Officers and Committee Reports

Chairperson, Jan F. She said there were several areas in which she needed to make comment but would reserve that for later. She said the Intergroup needs to decide what it will do about the Easter holiday since Easter falls on the third Sunday, April 15. A motion was made, seconded and carried to move the Intergroup meeting to the fourth Sunday, April 22.

Secretary, George L. The minutes were moved, seconded, and approved as corrected.

Treasurer, Annette L. The treasurer said she was still pursuing the job of signatory on the literature but would have it wrapped up shortly. Not so easy is the situation with the mail with the Post Office saying SCINA cannot use the Postal Service for the forwarding of mail. Using P.O. Rule 6 to underline their position. Annette says we're stuck with it. She said the Post Office at Santa Monica Blvd. and Purdue is not that difficult to access and so Mike volunteered to go there, pick up the mail, and get it to Annette.

Public Outreach, Joe S. discussed the January 27 "SCINA Carrying the Message Day" and handed out flyers, and business cards for distribution in libraries, hospitals or any other appropriate places. He urged members to go back to their groups and try to enlist individuals in leafletting the various locations.

Hospitals and Institutions. Heather, who had volunteered to assume the H&I chair, was absent.

Communications. Mary D. was absent but another member reported the hotline was fully staffed.

Meeting Directories. John H., absent. Another member noted there is a recurring need to update the directory.

Literature. Jim L. said he had ordered a large amount of literature and that it had finally arrived. He said he would get it in order and have it ready for sale.

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Old business:

World Service meeting. Joe S. said the next meeting is scheduled for Jan. 13 in Marina Del Rey and he hoped some other L.A. people would attend. He said a key question facing the board is how much Nicotine Anonymous should pay for video services for the World Services office. Joe is preparing a bid package for the clerical functions of the World Services Office. Once this is approved by the World Services Board, it will go out for bid. Annette added that World Services would be willing to pay a little more for the service in order to get a "person to do it right." Address for the Jan. 13 meeting is the Marina Center in Venice, 17201 Washington Place (at Washington Blvd.) in Marina Del Rey. Joe S. said SCINA needs to be looking for World Service officers and candidates.

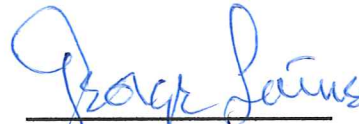
New business:

Motion to create a permanent By-Laws Committee was discussed for a few minutes, then tabled.

Two birthdays were observed -- Jim L. and Annette L.

Commitments: Joe S. agreed to bring refreshments for the January 21 meeting. Michael agreed to handle Tradition 1 at that meeting.

Dated Dec. 17, 2000


George Laine, secretary