

Nicotine Anonymous Intergroup Minutes for Jan. 21, 2001

Corrected minutes of the Southern California Intergroup of Nicotine Anonymous meeting held on Jan. 21, 2001, at White Memorial Hospital, 1720 E. Cesar Chavez Ave., Los Angeles.

Jan F. opened the regular SCINA meeting at 10:02 a.m. with the Serenity Prayer. The members, numbering 18, introduced themselves, identifying the groups they represented and detailing their sobriety length.

Mike read Tradition 1 and discussed it for us, with the focus on how unity is essential to make sure Nicotine Anonymous continues to grow. Mike said that the Tradition's emphasis on each of us being "a small part of a great whole" was key to the continued success of NicA.

Officers and Committee Reports

Chairperson, Jan F. She said there were two areas which she felt required her attention this month. One was to adequately update the sign-up sheet so that SCINA has a good read on who is taking responsibility for the member groups.

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

Treasurer, Annette L. The treasurer was not in attendance and it was moved, seconded and carried to hold her report until the February SCINA meeting.

The 7th Tradition was observed.

New Meetings: Gary reported that he had received no calls asking for inclusion in the SCINA meetings directory.

Hospitals and Institutions. Our 800 business cards and other literature is to be left at area hospitals and other locations on "Carry the Message Day" on Jan. 27.

Public Outreach, Joe S. discussed the January 27 "SCINA Carry the Message Day" and again said that flyers, literature and business cards are available for distribution in libraries, hospitals or any other appropriate places. At one point, Joe said that the need was never greater and that "there are millions of smokers in California who don't even know we exist." He also suggested that each SCINA member be urged to carry the business cards and some other literature for placement in the Stop Smoking Centers at locations such as Rite Aid and Sav-On and any other drug stores that might display them.

Communications. Mary D. reported the hotline is routinely busy and said that something is working since so many people are getting our number.

Meeting Directories. John H., absent but Gary said the directory is regularly updated whenever we give John the necessary changes. Jeff said he'd like to see E-mail addresses used in the directory.

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Literature. Jim L. was absent. Mike handled the chips and the literature for Jim. There were some questions about pamphlets that are not in stock and Mike said he'd find out what is missing and why.

World Service meeting. Joe S. noted that the WSO has issued a profit-loss statement showing that income for 2000 was down although donations were on the increase. Literature sales also registered a decline last year. Joe said all this happens when other costs are rising, especially travel expenses. A proposed pamphlet on abstinence from nicotine was eliminated. Also no progress on efforts to put together a videotape. A discussion was held on SCINA being responsible for the NAWSO post office box. A motion was made "to have SCINA take responsibility for accepting and forwarding all WSO mail for the next 10 years." The motion was made by Joe S., seconded by Mary D. and the motion passed.

Old business: Tabled motion on forming a permanent by-laws committee was reintroduced. There was no discussion and the motion was again tabled.

New business: Members were alerted to the need to begin assembling delegates to the World Service Conference April 27-29 in Berkeley. It will get additional attention at the February SCINA meeting.

Discussion of a possible retreat for 2001. Jean L. agreed to chair a committee on this subject.

Jeff inquired about the Outreach Committee. He wanted to know who is Steven P. on that committee.

Birthdays: Phil and Mike both celebrated Nicotine Anonymous birthdays.

Commitments: Steve H. agreed to bring refreshments for the February 18 meeting. Fran agreed to handle Tradition 2 at that meeting.

Dated Feb. 10, 2001

George Laine, secretary

