

Nicotine Anonymous Intergroup

Minutes for Feb. 18, 2001

Corrected minutes of the Southern California Intergroup of Nicotine Anonymous meeting held on Feb. 18, 2001, 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 19, introduced themselves, identifying the groups they represented and detailing their sobriety length.

Fran read Tradition 2 and discussed it for us, with her focus on how we gain strength and unity of purpose by relying on the God of our understanding. She said that because we are all trusted servants in Nicotine Anonymous, we must rely on our Higher Power for direction.

Officers and Committee Reports

Chairperson, Jan F. She reminded all in attendance that because of Easter our April SCINA meeting would be on April 22 instead of April 15. And she noted that the deadline for delegates to declare for the World Service Conference in Berkeley is March 27.

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

Treasurer, Annette L. The treasurer was not in attendance, but Joe S. made a report.

The 7th Tradition was observed.

New Meetings: Gary reported no calls.

Public Outreach, Joe S. said the January 27 "SCINA Carry the Message Day" was a huge success with lots of reaction wherever SCINA people went. Jeff reported that he had one turndown but that generally the message was well received. Jeff and Joe discussed how it could have been made better and Mary and Preston both offered their observations. Joe said that the need for volunteers to work on a program for a public access TV channel was being addressed. Joe urged that a mailer to 200 people picked at random from some area phone book could cost \$40 but might produce a big return. Under discussion, Steve said it might not be worth the money and several members asked if it wasn't a violation of the 11th Tradition. Asked to vote on that question, 3 said it did violate the 11th while 12 said it did not. On the mailing itself (and the \$40 expenditure), 11 said yes while 4 said no.

Hospitals and Institutions. Steve reported for Heather with info from Mary.

Communications. Mary D. reported our hotline is busy and said plenty of referrals are the result. She also noted that an article about Nicotine Anonymous in the Thursday edition of the Orange County Register had produced 19 calls to the hotline on a Thursday with 11 more on Friday and 9 more on Saturday.

Meeting Directories. The Kaiser meeting in Downey needs to be included in the SCINA directory.

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Literature. Jim L. said that he had \$150 to \$200 worth of literature on order but that it hasn't arrived yet. He said he was struggling to get the books and pamphlets that members have ordered. He said he sold out 50 of our Big Books in two months.

World Service report. Joe S. explained that SCINA would be the recipient for all NAWSO post office activity through a PO Box in Huntington Beach, CA. And he explained some of the reasons for SCINA's new role in NAWSA. He said that the national body put the organization's headquarters in Harrisburg, PA.. He said he has been begging the people in New York to go to Harrisburg and see why things aren't working out. Joe said he is now getting some things from New York but that it looks like it is going to be increasingly a SCINA project. Joe indicated he will be working for NAWSO. The new mailing address for all Nicotine Anonymous business is 419 Main St., PMS #370, Huntington Beach, CA 92648.

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

Several members indicated their intent to attend the World Service Conference April 27-29 in Berkeley.

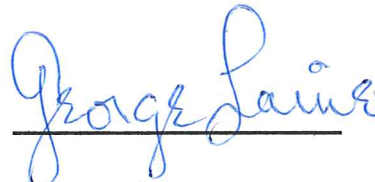
Discussion of a 2001 retreat. Jean L. said she has narrowed the site selection to just one, a location in Yucaipa. She said the date of June 2-3 has been placed on hold for SCINA and the Saturday-Sunday overnighiter would cost just \$53 per person. The facility requires a 30 percent nonrefundable deposit on the grounds. The location is past Redlands.

New Business: Joe said it would be a wise investment to send copies of the Twelve Steps and Twelve Traditions book of Alcoholics Anonymous to all new members of the NAWSA Board. He made a motion to that effect and it was seconded and carried.

Birthdays: Neil celebrated his N.A. birthday and we sang to him.

Commitments: Fran agreed to bring refreshments for the March 18 meeting. Gary agreed to handle Tradition 3 at that meeting.

Dated March 4, 2001

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "George Laine". The signature is written in a cursive style and is positioned above a horizontal line.

George Laine, secretary