

- SLAA INTER-GROUP MEETING MINUTES –
- 13 OCTOBER, 2007 –
- The Crypt, Adelaide St, Bondi Junction.

1. OPEN WITH SERENITY PRAYER -

God grant us the serenity,
To accept the things we can not change,
Courage to change the things we can,
And wisdom to know the difference.

2. PRESENT - INTRODUCTION / IDENTIFICATIONS – Jessica, Peter GD, Yvette, Virginia, Shareen

Apologies from:
Peter H (secretary)
Melinda (International Rep)
Mel (Literature)
Todd (Sunday)

3. READ TRADITIONS - done

4. CONFIRM MEETING MINUTES FROM PREVIOUS MEETING - ACCEPT / AMEND (Our March Inter-Group moved that we do not re-read previous meeting minutes in Inter-Group).

Accepted without amendments: Moved Peter, Seconded Yvette

5. CALL FOR NEW BUSINESS

- Lifeline Workshop – Peter GD SEE 8 BELOW.

6. BUSINESS ARISING -

- Website Development see Peter GD's letter attached. Confirm letter – all agreed see Web Site Report below.

- Webmaster – discussion re guidelines for sobriety for webmaster position: Peter GD said he would get hold of copy of Intergroup Starter Kit which gives suggested guidelines for sobriety for service holders.

Does Webmaster answer correspondence?

Necessity for two people at any one time to have passwords and codes to access site: they would be the Webmaster and one other person.

Decision: sobriety for Webmaster would be minimum of 3 months and have held a service position.

Moved Peter GD, seconded Yvette

7. GENERAL BUSINESS -

- **REPORTS:** there are no attachments – all emailed reports are copied & pasted GR's - **11 meetings -**

• Sunday Anorexia – no report. Donation \$50 to Intergroup.

• Mon pm The Rocks – Jessica: numbers good – average 25, recent positions filled – Treasurer – Alistair. Speaker meeting – always looking for speakers to chair – speak to Peter GD or Jessica.

- Men's Tues – Peter GD: Numbers continue to be quite steady at around 10. All service positions have been filled, except for literature person. Rent is paid to 20 November.
- Tue Potts Point – no report.
- Women's Tue – no report.
- Wed pm Erskineville: informal report from Jessica – all going well, \$50 donation to Intergroup
- Wed Waverley – no report.
- Thursday night – no GR.
- Fri pm Waverley PS – Shareen:
The meeting is going well, numbers are about 25+.
All positions are filled except Group Representative.
No donation this week as we haven't had a group conscience for a couple of months.
No decision on whether to have our meeting listed on website yet.
- Sat 10am Bondi Junction - Yvette: 20-50 people, struggling with service positions, punctuality, maintenance of room, group strong financially – donating \$300 to IG
- Sat pm Newtown - Mel: **NEWTOWN SAT NIGHT GR REPORT**
Numbers up to 30 on 1 night, averaging 25. Good mix of old timers and new comers. Rent increase from \$30 to \$40 last month, and expect to recoup that from trad 7 for the moment. Looking for treasurer person, but all other service positions filled.
Special item GC on the 24th August voted a unanimous YES to including our meeting time and address on the www.slaa.org.au website when it goes up.
1 person expressed interest in the new “webmaster position”. Details passed on to Peter D.

INTERGROUP POSITION REPORTS

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Chair – Shareen

All is going well thanks to support of secretary and other fellow intergroup members who participate well in the intergroup process. Many thanks.

I am resigning from chair as of this month- October. I have enjoyed the position and believe the experience has much enhanced my recovery. Thank you for allowing me to be of service.

As per protocol, I am willing to share the information and experience I have gained in this role to help the new chair person take over this position. (end of report)

Shareen will be handing over position due to her work commitments. Shareen will attend next Intergroup to hand-over to next appointment, so Nov will be her last meeting. GR to mentions at meetings that Intergroup is looking for a new Chair – someone with secretary experience or from IG. Shareen has chaired for a little less than a 12 months

Secretary - Virginia relieving for this meeting -
Peter H apologies.

Literature – Mel sent apologies and her report follows:

Position

I have spoken with Yvette about the literature position. She has had difficulties fulfilling this role lately because of competing responsibilities. So I am happy to take up the position of Literature person formally (if IG agrees), till Feb 2008, when I would like the option of stepping down if another person is interested in taking up the position after that.

I will be away during the month of December, and Yvette has agreed to fill in as literature person for this time. Spread the word!!

Convention

We sold \$1238 of literature over the two days, so thanks to everyone who helped staff the table.

Lit funds

Cash balance last month @1/09/07	\$151.86
Normal Literature sales	231.60
Convention sales	1238
Less HOW photocopying for convention	-46.50
Less US Literature order	-1057.22
Less US order(shipment)	-269.51
Less US order (Int transaction fee)	-6.60
CASH BALANCE@12/10/07 (not in treasury)	\$241.63

Lit Stock Value

New to Sydney SLAA literature list are the little AA books (12x12 & little big book), so groups can now order these through me. I did manage to do a stock take in August, and the value of ALL literature then (excluding 1x” conference folder guide”, 38 blank cassettes & a box of old slaa cassettes) is: **\$4304.**

Nearly half of this amount is tied up in banners, journals and bronze chips which don't sell that often, and there is about \$2,000-\$2,500 of stock which roughly turns around every 3 months.

Have ordered more basic stock PLUS more of the CD's and 10 new 10year journal books which sold out at the convention. The order should arrive in 3-4 weeks.

ISSUES:

- 1) There is a “SLAA Conference Guide” book in with the literature. Can IG advise me if this is stock or belongs to Sydney IG?
- 2) There is a box of slaa FWS cassette tapes, taped from US conventions in the 90's, As well as 38 unopened blank cassette tapes. Considering there are new CD conference shares available now, I doubt very much that these tapes will be resurrected for listening, especially if they stay in a dusty box in the back of my car!! Does IG have any suggestions for these AND the 38 new blank cassette tapes?
- 3) Heaps of banners and chips, so am asking meetings to consider buying banners if they don't have them yet (or need replacing). Also meetings could

consider buying a collection of chips to celebrate “milestones of recovery” in their meeting. (end of report)

Some discussion about:

old cassette tapes of US meetings – all agreed these could be given away for free.

GR’s to encourage groups to purchase sobriety chips for members

Yvette to act as Literature person in Dec when Mel is away.

Mel to be formerly appointed Literature person till Feb 2008.

Treasurer -

1. Financial Report

Balance reported at last meeting (Aug 07) \$1,686

Donation The Rocks Monday 200

Donation Old Randwick Saturday 200

Donation Kings Cross Tuesday morning 50

Net Convention proceeds 452

Meeting list copying -8

Donation Waverley Wednesday 250

Donation Waverley Friday 120

Balance as of 12 October 2007 \$2,950

Less unpaid accounts:

Domain registration -20

Phone line costs -83

Web hosting -85

Available cash as of 14 July 2007 \$2,762

Recommended: That the accounts for payment listed above be authorised.

2. Public Liability Insurance

I have not progressed this matter but will do so over the next month.

3. Convention Financial Report - This is attached. (end of report)

AUGUSTINE FELLOWSHIP

2007 NSW CONVENTION

FINANCIAL REPORT

	This year	Budget	Last year
	\$	\$	\$
Registration	2,451	2,187	1,397
Raffle & piñatas	152	200	117
Venue hire	(220)	(200)	(100)
Food	(1,509)	(1,377)	(649)
Sound & light equipment hire	(253)	(210)	(210)
Room dressing & piñatas costs	(109)	-	-
Laptop hire	(35)	-	-
Printing & stationery	(25)	(30)	(30)
Contingencies	-	(100)	-
TOTALS	452	470	525

The original budget has been adjusted for the actual attendance.

Registered attendees by home branch:

Waverley Wed, Fri & Sun	21	9
Bondi Thurs & Sat	13	9
Rocks	10	7
Newtown	8	6
Adelaide	5	3
Erskineville	3	-
Byron Bay	2	-
Kings Cross	2	-
Cairns	-	2

Canberra	1	-
Glebe	1	1
Katoomba	1	2
Lismore	1	-
Umina	1	-
Cremorne	-	1
Dee Why	-	1
Murwillumbah	-	1
None given	12	19
TOTAL	= 81	= 61
Average registration per attendee	\$30	\$23

Reconciliation to banking:	
Profit above	452
Room hire paid by Intergroup	220
Intergroup expenses paid from Convention receipts (8)	
Banking	= 664

SESSION ATTENDANCE	
Sat am From Fear to Faith	43
Sat pm 1st session main room Withdrawal	30
Sat pm 1 session 2nd room "We made a decision . . ."	24
Sat pm 2nd session main room Challenging Anorexia	42
Sat pm 2nd session 2nd room Unity Service Recovery	17
Sun am Building Relationships etc	31
(end of report)	

Convention made a \$452 profit, 81 people registered.

Meetings List Coordinator –

Please note change of contact from phone number to email address

Telephone Coordinator –

Apologies from Matina

International Representative –

Apologies from Melinda

Mail Box Report –

Resolved to get smaller mail box next year.

Web Site Report- Peter D

1. Site Development

The bulk of site development is now complete. If you haven't done so already, you can preview the site at <http://s1s11426.staging-zeus.netregistry.net/>.

The remaining issues are:

φ There's a restriction on the length of page names (to 15 characters) on the site guide at the left of each page so some of our page names are truncated. I've confirmed that this is a limitation of the software. The only way around it would be to download the source code, amend, and upload back to the site. Melbourne offered some assistance from an IT person; I will see if he can help. If this doesn't work, I'll have to think up names with the 15 character limit.

φ I don't have a list of all those meetings that have agreed to list their meeting on the site but am getting this.

φ FWS has a limit on the quotation of its content, so I need their approval to quote the "FAQ". I've asked for this but it has yet to arrive. If it doesn't soon, I'll have to rewrite this section.

φ The logo is a bit wonky. FWS has a new logo and I'll try to obtain a copy of it.

2. E-mail Addresses

These need activating but as far as I'm aware there is no bar to doing so. I'll attend to this across the next couple of weeks.

3. Webmaster

I remind Intergroup that we agreed to fill this position this Saturday. (end of report).

SEE MINUTES NOV 07 FOR FOLLOWING AMENDMENT-

4. CONFIRM MEETING MINUTES FROM PREVIOUS MEETING -ACCEPT / AMEND (Our March Inter-Group moved that we do not re-read previous meeting minutes in Inter-Group).

Amendment required to last months minutes:

Nigel was unanimously welcomed at Website Coordinator. This is his preferred title.

Virginia to send amended minutes to Peter H, all agreed

8. NEW BUSINESS DISCUSSION -

Anonymity with Email: discussion: all correspondence to be sent to addresses in BCC box in email set up. Agreement for Secretary to send Intergroup office bearers an updated list of email addresses as it changes periodically.

Lifeline workshops – Lifeline would like to have someone from SLAA to attend workshop. All in favour agreed Peter GD would attend.

Intergroup minutes on website: passed unanimously.

9. CLOSE MEETING WITH THE SERENITY PRAYER -

++++++ **MEETING CLOSED AT - 1:15pm** ++++++