

Central Office (CO) Representatives (COR) Meeting Minutes – updated 11/15/19

11/10/19

2019 Board of Directors X = present

X Chair, Leonard L	Vice-Chair, VACANT
X Treasurer, Bonnie N	X Secretary, Andrea W
X Literature, Gil M	X Communications, Jeff L
X Member at Large, Joan S	X Janice E, member

Staff X = present

Office Manager, Scott L	Volunteer Coordinator, Joe R
Newsletter Editor, Judy G	Call Forwarding Coord Craig A + Chad W
District 22 Liaison, VACANT	Dist. 22 Convention Liaison, Rob R

**COR's present:**

David C, 5 Cities AG  
 Margo R, Serenity Group AG  
 Marni S, Women's Big Book Study CA  
 Lisa S, Liv-in The Steps LO  
 Ellen S, Open Door LO  
 Margo R, Village Group OC  
 Kimberly L, Pioneer Group SL  
 Kenny S, Sunday Eve Rap Group SL

8:45am Leonard L called meeting to order, followed by the Serenity Prayer and reading of the 11<sup>th</sup> Tradition.

**Reports from Officers and Staff:**

**Secretary's Report:** Andrea W disseminated copies of the 10/13/19 minutes and mentioned an update suggested by Leonard. Motion to approve minutes as corrected from Joan S, Janice E second, approved unanimously.

**Chair's Report:** Leonard reported that Janice E has an accounting background and is willing to serve on the Board. The Board approved her to fill the board vacancy at the 11/9/19 CCCOI Board Meeting. Leonard nominated Janice E to the vacant board position; Ellen S seconded the motion, approved unanimously. The COR's acknowledged the new addition to the board and Janice was welcomed. Leonard reported that Bob R. was looking at a solution to the phone system and online schedule so that office volunteers can be scheduled and reminders will be sent to the volunteer before their shift. Some volunteers forget about their shifts and this is the reason that sometimes they do not show up. Andrea W mentioned Google calendar as a possible solution. The 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Weds of each month from noon – 3pm office volunteer shift is open. There is a 6-month sobriety requirement and it is at least a 6-month commitment – training is provided. Please announce at your meetings.

**Treasurer's Report:** Bonnie N reported that the group donations received for Jan-Oct totaled \$22,711.20, which is \$2627.38 higher than that period last year. As of 10/31/19, bank balance was \$6530.93, Prudent Reserve is \$15,914.06 and Petty Cash is \$100. Birthday Contributions were \$739, which was \$101.35 higher than last year. Discussion about line item Printing Meeting in a Pocket, which should be classified as an expense instead of as income. Bonnie will correct. Motion to approve

treasurer's report as corrected by Joan S, second Kimberly L, approved unanimously. Bonnie attended the 10/12/19 Bridging the Gap (BTG) Workshop as well as did 17 people. Scott, the Office Manager, helped at this event and 6 new females and 3 new males volunteered to write to incarcerated inmates.

**Literature Chair Report:** Gil M reported literature is fine at CO and that Big Books are usually the first item to run out. He asked whether to keep ordering more literature and what the status of the CO move is. Leonard stated that CO is unsure if we will have to move, so we are conducting business as usual until we know anything further. We are on a month-to-month lease, as our 5-year lease has not been renewed.

**Communications Chair Report:** Jeff L circulated the new meeting directories and Nameless Newsletters (NNL). Discussion about the resources available for meetings and members on the sloaa.org website ensued, as did discussion about the Meeting Guide app and link to sloaa.org. Everyone is encouraged to visit the sloaa.org website to familiarize themselves with the upcoming events, meeting change forms and other valuable local resources. For a list of specifics on and directions to the Speaker Meetings, be sure to click through to find the exact week of the month. Click through for additional information is necessary. The Meeting Guide app is beneficial when traveling outside the area to locate meetings. Changes to the print directory occur every 2 months, but the online changes take place immediately. The need for print directories has decreased so Jeff will take 100 copies of the meeting directory to Prado Shelter and will continue to evaluate the number of directories printed.

**Member at Large Report:** Joan S attended the 5 Cities Fri noon meeting and was asked to lead the meeting. She thanked the group for their donations and they enjoyed learning how their contributions are being used. Joan S will continue to mention the resources available on sloaa.org and the Meeting Guide app for travel at the meetings that she attends.

**Call Forwarding Coordinator Report:** Not present, but Leonard gave an update. Sharon H has stepped down after 25 years of service. She has stayed sober for the whole time that she has been of service. Craig A and Chad W are the new call forwarding coordinators. The call-forwarding person takes the phones after hours when CO is closed.

#### **COR Discussion:**

Lisa S mentioned that some meetings do not contribute to Central Office. Discussion occurred - as members, we have the right to ask questions and to keep asking questions until we are satisfied with the answers that we receive or that changes are made. She will continue to raise this issue at the meetings that she attends. Andrea gave Lisa the pamphlet Where Money + Spirituality Mix with the suggested meeting contribution matrix to the different AA entities. Each meeting has autonomy to change the suggested percentages to the entities by group consensus voting.

Kimberly L stated that the Alano Club will have marathon meetings until midnight on Thanksgiving Day.

Kenny S shares financial information at his meeting and mentioned that it is important to know how our meeting contributions are being utilized. It is important that we are role models for the newcomers and maintain the integrity of how money is handled. He shows people how to use the sloaa.org website and Meeting Guide app. The response has been great.

David C posts the treasurer's report on the meeting bulletin board. He showed how the Meeting Guide app connects to the sloaa.org website.

Having no other items to discuss, motion to adjourn by Joan S, second Jeff L, all in favor. The meeting was closed at 9:45am with the Responsibility Declaration.