

APPROVED MEETING MINUTES

NCDA Intergroup – October 24, 2009

Seven (7) Members Present:

Al (acting chair)

Lynda, Ann, Connie, John T., Julia

Rochael (Secretary)

Reading & Sharing on Tradition 10

Introductions / Attendance / Check-Ins

Announcements: October 24 (“Surviving the Holiday Season”), San Francisco, St. James' Episcopal Church 4620 California Street (b/t 8th & 9th Aves.), 1:00 - 4:00 pm (\$15).

Approval of Minutes and Agenda: M/S/P to approve minutes as corrected (5:0:1).

Committee and Board Reports:

Treasurer (Paula) – not present.

Event Treasurer (Paula) – not present.

Literature (Julia) – nothing to report; literature is in storage.

ISR (Al) – Al went to the GSR meeting two weeks ago. People who are committees gave their reports. Al is on the literature committee; reviewing the Currency of Hope. Reading six stories from Currency of Hope at a time and seeing if they are in conflict with the Traditions and Concepts. Found some that are in conflict. Will take some stories out, will fix some. New 7th Tradition statement recommended from WSC which has more explanation of what the WSC and WSC office does and why the funding is important. Al has money to return (\$227.19) from WSC trip; will give check to Paula.

Library Liaison (Rochael) – Room reserved for October, November, and December.

Prosperity Times Editor (Wade) – Not present. Wade wants articles on Sponsorship for next Prosperity Times. Deadline for articles: December 1, 2009.

Vice Chair (Al) – Nothing to report.

Chair (Melissa) – Not present.

Storage Guardian (Lynda) – Had help retrieving and returning items to storage before and after Do DA Day. Has organized the storage locker – one side is Do DA Day and one side is for Winter Lights. In the back are old records. Lynda purchased a ladder to get up to the storage space (the locker is the upper space); will donate it to IG. Will leave the ladder in the storage space. Lynda is making a sheet with directions of how to get to the storage space, the procedure to go through. Better to always have help when you're going there since you have to hand items down.

Phone Guardian (Lynda) – Going well. Rochael gave meeting list requests to Lynda that arrived in the mail box. Lynda sends out welcome letter and Prosperity Times, which has a copy of the meeting list.

E-Blast (Ann) – Sent out e-blast right before Do DA Day which also had notice of events coming up. Will send another one around November 1st. E-list up to date (through Constant Contact). About 425 people on the list. May want to have a line on registrations for DDD and WL that people could sign up for E-List by adding their emails.

Web Guardian (Jacob) – Not present.

Tape/CD Guardian (Al) – Al has them today. Al ordered the CDs from the WSC. Will have them the next meeting. If meetings want them, they need to be ordered through Glenn K rather than the WSC.

Secretary (Rochael) – Nothing to report.

Event Coordinator (Ann) – Will discuss Winter Lights location under new business.

Co-Event Coordinator (Melissa) – Not present.

Mailbox Guardian (Rochael) – Checked mail – current as of 10/17/09. Sent bills and 7th tradition donations to Paula; gave meeting list requests to Lynda. One final DDD pre-registration showed up last week, was post marked 9/23/09.

7th Tradition and Break

Unfilled Service Positions:

Prosperity Times (Wade) – Wade would like to continue as PT editor but would like someone else to take over the maintenance of the physical meeting list. Julia would be willing to do the meeting list. Should we separate out the meeting list into a registrar position. Motion (Rochael) for Wade to continue as PT editor for another year; seconded (Connie); 6:0:1. Motion passes.

Motion (Ann) to create a position called “Registrar” that tracks NDCA meetings. Seconded (Rochael). Discussion. Currently meeting updates can be emailed to registrar@ncdaweb.org. Julia could ask Jacob to have the email sent to her rather than Wade. (6:0:0) Motion passes. Motion (Rochael) for Julia to be Registrar. Seconded. (6:0:0). Passed

Old Business:

Chips. Chips are in storage. Issue: What to do with the chips we have in storage? Motion (Lynda) to keep the chips in storage, do nothing with them for now. Seconded. (6:0:0).

New Business:

Winter Lights Location (Ann) – Film Centre (where we’ve had the event the past two years) has increased in price. Facility rental now would be \$3000. Other options: Fort Mason Conference Room. Available February 14th. Fort Mason is \$1750 + \$250 (cleaning & furniture) + \$150 security. Motion (Rochael) to move to Fort Mason; seconded. (6:0:0). Motion (Rochael) to have it on February 14; seconded. Discussion. Friendly amendment (Lynda) to have March 14 as our first choice and February 14 as second choice. (5:0:1).

Prosperity Times (Julia) – Do we print more copies? Do we make more of an effort to make the PT more available to meetings who don’t have IG reps? Tabled until we have Paula here and may get some input from Wade.

How to handle the situation in meetings when someone is breaking a tradition (Al) – Rochael shared with Al the Sixth Tradition / Crosstalk Statement that we used at Do DA Day. A meeting could choose to adopt a crosstalk statement that says who will interrupt if there is someone breaking a tradition.

Taking a break for the Serenity Prayer when the IG meeting gets tense (Lynda) – Lynda suggested that we do this. We will discuss under the Group Inventory.

Group Inventory:

- How we’re functioning as a group, i.e., how do we interact when we meet at IG meetings?
- How is IG meeting the needs of the general membership?
- First area of focus – how do we interact with each other? Lynda suggested that at any time during the IG meeting that anyone could ask for a pause and/or the Serenity Prayer in the meeting, not just the chair. Could we add a line to the script to clarify this: “In order to support us in our serenity, productivity and recovery, it is the group conscience of the NCDCA IG, that anyone attending this meeting can ask for a moment of silence or the Serenity Prayer at any time.” Motion (Lynda) to add this sentence to the script after the Serenity Prayer in the script. Seconded (Julia). Discussion. (6:0:0).
- Do we want to invite people who have been part of IG and who have left to give input? Two people who come to mind are Jenny L and Janet who were on IG last year. Do we have excessive turnover? Have we attempted to find out why members are not doing service at the IG level?
- We could individually ask members who don’t come to IG anymore why they don’t come anymore and report back in November.

Executive Summary:

- Wade needs article on Sponsorship for Prosperity Times. Deadline for submissions: December 1st.
- Intergroup is doing a group inventory and is looking for input on how to increase representation at IG
- Winter Lights will be held at Fort Mason. Dates forthcoming.

Next Intergroup Meeting: November 21, 2009 (the third Saturday instead of the fourth b/c of Thanksgiving).

Personal Shares

Promises / Adjourn

Rochael S. - Your Humble Secretary Servant