

MINUTES - SAA WOMEN'S

Zoom Teleconference at 1:30 PM CT, Sunday, 4 June, 2023

(All times are US Central Standard Time unless noted otherwise)

1. Call to order time: Time by chair Deborah A
2. Silence for the addict who still suffers, Serenity Prayer
3. Roll Call (Secretary): Dan B, Nefertiti, Kristie, Phillip, Deborah, TJ.
4. Excused Absence(s): Erin
5. Readings
 - a. Vision statement: "To carry the message of recovery to the (woman) sex addict who still suffers and to support the (woman) sex addict who continues in her journey of recovery"
 - b. Our Mission:
"To produce, support, and financially assist women-only retreats, workshops, events, activities, and initiatives focused on sexual addiction recovery; to support the women's outreach initiatives of other SAA groups; and to provide information, encouragement, and financial assistance for individual women to participate in these events."

1. Call for additions to agenda (additions, motion to accept or amend):
 - a. Dan asks for Zoom account to be added
2. Motion to accept Minutes from May 2023 meeting. Kristie, Dan seconds.
3. Motion to accept agenda. Dan motions, Kristie seconds. Minutes approved.
4. Email Voting Results: NA

Presentation:

Phil B from the ISO - provided an updated on the ISO and Lifeline Appeal as part of the *Global Awareness initiative Giving Hope a Voice*. Vision - global resource for recovery and help groups carry the message.

- Finance update - SAA has recovered from 2022 financial crisis where \$250,000 shortfall, incredibly donations arrived and ISO broke even!
- Executive Director and Finance Manager stepped down. Two positions were not replaced due to the shortfall in funding.
- Life-line (monthly donations) and one-off donations are declining. Lifeline donations keep SAA stable. Group donations have dropped.
- To prevent crisis - a \$15,000 donor match challenge has been established

- 2023 40+ public information and communication with professional communities. Example projects
 - Google ads, state conferences, national (USA) conferences, mailings to professionals (USA), presentations to non-saa orgs, newspaper ads.
 - Have a library of documents/ templates
- Critical projects - improved meeting search page on international website, *getting lots of complaints. Volunteer level has been used, but it needs to be professionally re-written.
- Want to put meeting search on SAACConnect, which also has chat rooms
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5. REPORTS

- a. Treasurer's Report (Kristie) - changes - granted scholarship for one woman to attend convention. Balance \$1346.
- b. Website Report (Deborah) - text size had been increased for web browser uses, but this impacted phone users and they were unable to decrease the text size. Text size has been decreased again as browser users are able to zoom to improve readability.
- a. Intergroup Communications Committee Liaison Report - vacant
- b. Women's Outreach Committee Liaison - vacant
- c. LGBT Outreach Committee Liaison (Nefertiti KG)- no updates
- d. Telemeeting Intergroup [TIG] report (Deborah)- no updates
- e. Other reports?

6. Urgent Business

- a. New chair - Kristie to be acting chair for JULY.
- B. New secretary - Kristie for July - and will ask in the meeting for a note taker
- c. WIG name - Q2 what should our new name be?
 - i. BACKGROUND - People are intimidated by the fact it's called "intergroup," due to the business language. May be off-putting to newcomers who might otherwise join. Perceived as too formal, official, intimidating. Options suggested - "Women in Gratitude", Women International Group is an option, then we wouldn't have to change url or email because the acronym is still WIG.

Iv. Motion to send a separate email to ask WIG members for feedback on the name. Nefertiti motions and dan seconds Deborah to write and send out.

E. ZOOM account. Last meeting August. So need to replace before then. \$150 per year. Kristie and Dan to discuss and will bring options to next meeting.

7. On-going Business

a. NA

8. Tabled Business

a. Website - shall we put service positions on the website with a short write-up of the role and end date?

b. include info on COSA on website?

F. Website, agreed in May that saawomen.org is now our only website URL. Dan mentioned that there is an existing URL for WIG which included the word 'international'. This has been tabled for a meeting after the group name has been chosen.

9. New Business Tabled:

Funding available for 2024 projects. Does WIG want to apply?

15. Close with the "we" version of the Serenity Prayer at 3.35pmEST

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