

September MINUTES – SAA WOMEN’S InterGroup

Zoom Teleconference at 1:30 PM CT, Sunday, 3 September, 2023

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

1. Call to order time:
2. Silence for the addict who still suffers, and the ‘we’ version of the Serenity Prayer
3. Roll Call (Secretary): Mike K, Dan B, Kristie, Deborah. Thea
4. Excused Absence(s): DanB left early
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.”

6. Minutes and agenda:
 - Motion to accept Minutes from August 2023 meeting. Motion Kristie, seconds Thea, approved
 - Motion to accept agenda. Motions Dan, seconds Mike. Agenda approved.
7. Email Voting Results: NA

8. Reports

- Treasurer's Report (Kristie) no changes since August
- Website Report (Deborah) not able to create any new pages so going to reach out to others in fellowship.
- Intergroup Communications Committee Liaison Report – vacant
- Women's Outreach Committee Liaison – Thea - they would like to hear from us and hear what we've been up to and sending love and support.
- LGBT Outreach Committee Liaison (Nefertiti KG)
- Telemeeting Intergroup [TIG] report - Vacant
- Other reports?

9. Urgent Business

- Secretary - Kristie can do October if able to attend.

10. On-going Business

- Free Conference Call. Do we want to use this going forward?** Twin Cities creating own Zoom account and interested in sharing it in the furtherance of women having participation in the fellowship, might be a future option. Thea to investigate. WIG October will be on FreeConferenceCall using same details. .
- Are we an InterGroup?** Yes. In 18 March 2023 the Board was asked to 'Affirm what is an IG. The Board declined to answer, and will not question the parameters of any group wishing to describe themselves as an IG. WIG are an Intergroup. A separate discussion was held over why WIG article cannot be published in the Outer Circle, OC Editor explained that the OC will not contain any details from meetings or IG - this includes WIG.
- Website - ISO needs a "compliance assessment" - volunteer needed.**
Action - Deborah to forward email to Thea. Thea to investigate.
- Funding available for 2024 projects. Does WIG want to apply?** Currently WIG have no projects which could be put forward. Action - Deborah to email out list of projects funded in 2023 to WIG as examples of projects which can be funded by

ISO.

11. New business

- **a. Create workshops to help men make meetings safe for women.** It was agreed there is a need, based on discussions, questions and stories from women in the fellowship. At the next meeting we will look at next steps ie will we set up a separate group to drive actions or hold these discussions within the Committee meeting. Ideas discussed - panel shares and q&a, webinars, invite both men and women to hear women's experience of mixed meetings and what they found welcoming. Questioning on name of workshop - safety can mean either is the meeting safe for our sobriety (will we leave with stronger sobriety than we arrived with), or physical safety. WOC are proposing quarterly workshop series. This could be a joint event - benefit would be announcement to the Grace List, and collecting emails from attendees for future contact. Kristie was involved in a panel discussion in 2022 and would be keen to be involved in other retreats as a panel member. Action - Kristie to contact women on previous panel meetings to discuss possibility of taking this forward.
- **b. Create workshops or literature for healthy sexuality, sober dating.** ISA meetings have felt there is a lack of support in SAA as a whole to promote and encourage healthy sexuality and sober dating and instead SAA is focused on stopping behaviours. ISA meetings have specifically asked for people to support ISA meetings. It was discussed that these scenarios are 'chicken and egg' - the meetings need sober people with experience to be involved in service at the meeting but there needs to be interest for people to attend the meetings to learn about the subject. It was decided that items 11a and 11c would be taken forward. 11b could be reconsidered if WIG is asked to be involved in the future. Item not tabled for October.
- **c. WIG women's only retreats.** WIG has done virtual retreat or could sponsor an in-person retreat. Discussion overlapped with item 11a.

12. Business tabled for next meeting

- WIG led workshops on welcoming women to mixed meetings, and organising a virtual retreat.

13. Kristie motion to close meeting. Agreed. meeting closed at 3.28 EST

14. Close with the “we” version of the Serenity Prayer at TIME

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