

January MINUTES (draft) – SAA WOMEN’S InterGroup

Zoom Teleconference at 3 PM CT, 4PM EST, 9PM UK.

Sunday, 7 January 2024

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

1. Call to order time: 3PM CT by Deborah
2. Silence for the addict who still suffers, and the ‘we’ version of the Serenity Prayer
3. Roll Call (Secretary): Deborah, Kristie
4. Excused Absence(s):
5. Readings:

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"

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:

- a. Motion to accept Minutes from December 2023 meeting. Motion to accept Kristie, seconds Deborah. Approved.
- b. Motion to accept agenda. Motions Kristie, seconds Deborah. Agenda approved.

7. Email Voting Results:

- a. Two people voted. June most popular month. Suggested topics - Sponsorship, welcoming women in mixed groups, and pros/cons of going

to mixed meetings with men. Panel format.

8. Reports

- a. *Treasurer's Report (Kristie)* - **No change**
- b. *Website Report (Deborah)* - **No change**
- c. *Intergroup Communications Committee Liaison Report* – vacant
- d. *Women's Outreach Committee Liaison (Thea)* -
- e. *LGBT Outreach Committee Liaison (Nefertiti KG)* -
- f. *Telemeeting Intergroup [TIG] report* - Vacant
- g. Other reports?

9. Urgent business

- a. Elect a secretary - discussion was that as it is a very small meeting it is simple for the Chair to write up notes, and send out with the new Agenda for next meeting. This will change if someone comes forward to take on the position.

10. On-going business

- a. **ISO needs a website “compliance assessment”** - Need a volunteer to conduct the assessment - details in appendix A below. **Deborah completed.**
- b. **Online retreat:** update from Poll:
 - i. See above
 - ii. Dates June was popular for the two people who filled it in.
 - iii. Ask for volunteers to organise the event. Only two people in the meeting and one from poll who was interested in helping out. Kristie has taken steps - set out in item iv
 - iv. Resources to organise retreats - Kristie reached out to Dan B because we thought he had resources to help guide us on how to set up a retreat. He sent a workshop format that he runs every year

in person, the topic is 'back to basics'. Kristie tested the workshop format with two friends and it went well. She will connect more with DanB to find out who put on the last WIG online retreat. Deborah mentioned that the Women's committee SAAUK are putting on a day retreat in May, and is sure that they would share their experience to help us set up an event. Deborah has informed them of the WOC workshop series.

- c. **Women panel events with Kristie:** update - no response yet from emails sent.
- d. **Create workshops to help men make meetings safe for women.** No discussion.

11. New business

- **WOC workshop series** - a number of questions have arisen from December and January meetings:
 - Who is the WOC's intended audience? Mixed or women-only?
 - When is WOC looking to hold events?
 - When are they advertising to Grace List etc.
 - When do they need details of our retreat? What details would they need?

12. Business tabled for next meeting

- a. tbd

13. Deborah motion to close meeting. VOTE Agreed. meeting closed at 330pm CST

14. Close with the "we" version of the Serenity Prayer

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Appendix A

This assessment is for ISO to ensure that the SAA message remains true to the Twelve Steps and Twelve Traditions. We should check that our website adheres to policies on 1) copyright 2) use of trademarks 3) link to the ISO websites. There is a useful checklist for local websites, some of which applies to our website - this would be a good place to start. Links are in Appendix A.

Webpage compliance assessment documents:

The direct links to the four files are:

Local website checklist -

https://saa-recovery.org/wp-content/uploads/2016/07/Local_website_checklist.pdf

Policy on copyright and fair use -

https://saa-recovery.org/wp-content/uploads/2016/07/Policy_copyright_and_fair_use.pdf

Policy on Links from the ISO Websites -

https://saa-recovery.org/wp-content/uploads/2016/07/Policy_linking_from_ISO_website.pdf

Policy on use of trademarks -

https://saa-recovery.org/wp-content/uploads/2016/07/Policy_use_of_trademarks.pdf