

March MINUTES (draft) – SAA WOMEN’S InterGroup

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

Sunday, 3 March 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, Thea and 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 February 2024 meeting. Motion to accept Kristie, seconds Thea. Approved.
- B. Motion to accept agenda. Motions Thea, seconds Kristie. Agenda approved.

7. Reports

- C. **Treasurer's Report (Kristie) - no change**
- D. **Website Report (Deborah) - no change**
- E. **Intergroup Communications Committee Liaison Report – vacant**
- F. **Women’s Outreach Committee Liaison (Thea) - info on workshop series, see bottom of minutes**
- G. **LGBT Outreach Committee Liaison (Nefertiti KG) - NA**
- H. **Telemeeting Intergroup [TIG] report - Vacant**

I. **Other reports? NA**

8. **Urgent business**

J. **NA**

9. **On-going business**

K. **Create workshops to help men make meetings safe for women.** Suggestion for future discussion eg what topics/ advice would be included? What resources are currently available. - Deborah suggests it be a mixed event for participants and speakers. How do we want to take this forward? Agreed - no one available to take this forward at this time, do not include in April agenda.

L. **Online retreat:**

- i. Resources to organise retreats - Kristie ask DanB who put on the last WIG online retreat. No-one available to organise retreat, will keep on agenda for April in case of interest.

M. **WOC workshop series** - Thea updated:

- At the present time, the intention is to invite women only.
- The spring panels will be scheduled for April 16 at 8:00 pm Central time and April 20 at 9:00 am Central.
- We will be sending out announcements to the Grace list as part of our mid-month announcements in February, March, and April.
- In response to 'who can use the grace list: "Any SAA member can request an announcement by emailing: grace@saa-recovery.org using the subject line: PROPOSED GRACE ANNOUNCEMENT. If time-sensitive (retreat, speaker, etc.) please allow enough time for WOC approval prior to the event." To be included in March, an announcement would need to be approved at WOC's March 2nd meeting. (For 4/15, approve on 4/5. Then in May, we resume our regular 2nd Saturday meeting schedule.

10. **New business**

N. **Request for funding to support Puget Sound Intergroup by:**

- Provide funding to allow Puget Sound Intergroup to set up an in-person women's only meeting to cover rent, literature etc. \$XXXXX cost to be found before next meeting. WIG emailed the meeting contact but have had no response.

O. **Pay for an individual to attend a 'No Human Power' retreat in April - \$380 *** to add to this agenda item** - if this person intends to use their experience for women-only events. Email sent but no response received.

P. **Previous examples of WIG/WOC giving out money** - how to advertise, what guidelines etc. eg keep track of which women had applied to make sure it was different

each year, sometimes sent a cheque to the individual or send cheque to the organising committee. **Thea** - to find WOC guidelines. In 2023 WIG sent money to ISO.

- Q. **WIG to buy own Zoom account** - update on 2-way verification process because the zoom account has to have a phone number to verify with a code. So that's not a workable solution. No quorum (not enough people to vote). **Deborah** to create a free zoom account for WIG - if it needs a phone number then account will not be set up.
- R. **WOC workshop panel.** WOC have decided to repeat the well-received sponsorship panel held this past fall (out of 12 attendees two are now sponsoring). We hope that the WIG will be involved by helping to announce the event and by attending the event.

Most importantly, we hope 1-2 WIG members will participate as panel members and/or will enroll others to do so. Panel members are women SAA members who have served as sponsors and are willing to share their ESH about sponsoring. (How did you start sponsoring? What challenges have you encountered and how did you handle them? What are the rewards of sponsoring? What advice would you give to someone thinking about sponsoring?) Each panelist would prepare a 5-7 minute share and the panel would answer questions. **Deborah** to send email to WIG list to ask for participation.

11. **Business tabled for next meeting**

- S. Roles available for WIG. No discussion.

12. Deborah motion to close meeting. Kristie Agreed. Meeting closed at 3:36 CST.

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

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