

Southern California Underearners Anonymous Intergroup Mtg
Minutes – December 2023

CALL TO ORDER:

- Meeting called to order at 12:24pm by Chair (Norm) with 3rd Step Prayer
- Sandra (Timer) managed one minute timed meditation
- SCUA Purpose Statement read by Jeff S.
- Tradition Two Short form read by Lynna
- Guide for Participation read by Norm

ATTENDANCE:

1. Norm -Chair and acting treasurer (until Jonathan S. steps into chairperson role tentatively in January)
2. Jeff S – Saturday 9am Step and Speaker meeting; today is his LAST MEETING!
3. Lynna – Rep from Tuesday Artists in Prosperity in-person mtg
4. Sandra – Rep for Sunday Bipoc Shining & Receiving, may be taking this on for a 6 month commitment
5. Kate – Intergroup Scribe
6. Harold who will probably be voted in as Jeff S.'s replacement starting in January
7. Becky E – Website Manager
8. Jonathan – Rep from Tuesday Online Artists in Prosperity

LAST MONTH MINUTES:

Minutes submitted and approved

BY-LAWS:

SUMMARY OF DECEMBER BY LAWS DISCUSSION:

- January discussion should begin by resuming discussion on what outreach would mean and how best to summarize that in the by-laws

DETAILED MINUTES OF DECEMBER BY LAWS DISCUSSION

- Motion made to shorten discussion to 10 minutes, just for this meeting to make time to discuss upcoming Candlelight and Promises event
- 10 minute timed discussion begins
- Review of By-Laws progress and starting place

- Per November minutes, began with Scribe XVI, subsection B and confirmed decision to delete it.
 - Per November minutes, create new section, tentatively labeled Section XVII – Attendance and Outreach Officer
 - Initial edit reads: Offer tracks attendance using the minutes to identify unrepresented SoCal Meetings at Intergroup and follows through outreaching to meetings that are not represented at monthly outreach meetings.
 - Concerns raised include:
 - What will the Attendance and Outreach Officer do with this data?
 - Make a plan to outreach to unrepresented
 - What will the A & O officer do via outreach?
 - Do unrepresented meetings even know what Intergroup is?
 - Is there a shorter version of the meeting-closing text that could be shared when weekly meetings are running long?
- Time elapsed with a plan to resume discussion in January on what outreach would mean and how best to summarize that in the by-laws

OFFICER REPORTS

CHAIR (Norm) – Chair would like to hand off responsibilities to a new person and focus on being treasurer. Jonathan is open to taking commitment starting January, but cannot start earlier for personal reasons.

TREASURER (Norm) – Reports that Chase is totally static, with a balance of \$8240.27; PayPal balance is \$1129.71. Total balance: \$9369.98, some of which Norm would like to pay to the world service level as appropriate. Norm also reports that PayPal dinged several donations because they were marked as Gifts but NOT “Friends and Family”

WEB MANAGER (Becky) – Offers amends for the event recordings not be updated on the site yet; reports she is learning new software to create a single audio file and compress it until it is small enough to be added to the site.

SCRIBE (Kate) – Offers amends for imperfect minutes from November, and reports intention of distributing cleaner minutes by the end of the week (12/17/23) for all incomplete meetings.

LITERATURE INFORMATION OFFICE (Jeff) –

GSR (Ruby) – Absent

EVENT COORDINATOR – Vacant

OLD BUSINESS

- Discussion of Candlelight and Promises event
 - Plan for event is based on existing template, updated for 2023
 - MC is confirmed as Helen
 - Speakers are still being lined up
 - Norm: 1, 2 & 3
 - Jeff: 4, 5, & 6
 - Sandra: 7, 8, & 9
 - Lynna: 10, 11, & 12
 - Jeff is asked to speak on one of the promises (tbd)
 - Speaker seekers will coordinate offline to ensure all 12 speakers are arranged
 - Norm confirms that he will not be stopping & starting recording so web manager will only get a single file for uploading
 - Schedule is per existing template, ending with 2 minute shares until 8:55pm
 - **Chair position:**
 - Jonathan is asked about his availability to step into chair position
 - Jonathan and Norm confirm they will connect this week to discuss requirements, but tentatively, Jonathan believes he will be able to take it on starting in January
 - **Recordings on website**
 - Web manager's report indicates that it is in process
 - Norm offers his assistance this week

NEW BUSINESS

- Discussion of how best to contact the webmaster
- Discussion of Candlelight and Promises event
 - Logistics discussed
 - Event approved, date set

GOOD OF THE ORDER:

- Topics of discussion for December meeting
 - The following New Business topics came up in August's meeting, but we ran out of time to address them. The September meeting was dedicated to planning the October event, and the October event did not have complete minutes, so the below information is a re-posting of the info from the August minutes. They are listed chronologically, in the order they came up, NOT in order of importance or urgency:

1. Format needs revising to include instructions to attendees to put in the chat:
 - Their name
 - The meeting they represent (name and time)
 - Phone number
2. Why are we sitting on so much money in the prudent reserve?
3. Why aren't we making payments to World Service?
4. We are unclear on the current situation at the World Service level because our GSR has not attended in June or July. Should we elect a Co-GSR in order to gain clarity in this area?
5. SHARE (an LA-based facility) wishes to communicate that they have space for meetings; what – if anything -- should the web manager do with this information?
6. It is not clear whether SHARE's offer comes with any requirements to conform with SHARE policies which might conflict with the 12 Steps and 12 Traditions. Is it worth investigating further before answering question 4, above?
7. Someone contacted the website manager to ask about starting a new meeting; she told them to attend today's meeting. Is that the appropriate answer, or is there a better one she could offer?
8. The website currently only accepts 7th Tradition donations through PayPal. Should the site offer alternative ways to make this payment, and if so, what? And how would that information be added to the site?

- **Takeaways**

- **For everyone:**

- Remind people to use Friends and Family setting when using PayPal for 7th Tradition Donations
- Share Event coordinator vacancy
 - “The events coordinator helps the intergroup to plan events throughout the year by scheduling, delegating responsibility to other representatives or UA fellows, and finding speakers. The events coordinator would not be solely responsible for putting together events and would receive support from the intergroup.”
 - Interested parties should attend the next intergroup meeting to learn more.
- Read the Intergroup Purpose Statement at your home meeting:

- The primary purpose of Southern California Underearners Anonymous Intergroup is to carry the message to the under earner who was still suffering and to communicate at the meeting level. Our intentions are:
 - To guide the groups and financial affairs, according to the traditions of Alcoholics Anonymous
 - To hold workshops and special events
 - To create and maintain a meeting directory
 - And to help SCUA continue to prosper.
- If necessary, fix the formatting in the Amendment Procedures section so clauses have letters, not bullet points

CLOSING:

Chair closed meeting at 1:48pm. Next meeting Intergroup Meeting on 1/13/24 from 12:15 to 1:45 pm.