

**Southern California Underearners Anonymous Intergroup Mtg**  
Minutes – November 2023

**CALL TO ORDER:**

- Meeting called to order at 12:18pm by Chair (Norm) with 3<sup>rd</sup> Step Prayer
- Jonathan (Timer) managed one minute timed meditation
- SCUA Purpose Statement read by Lynna
- Tradition Two Short form read by Jeff
- Guide for Participation read by Norm

**ATTENDANCE:**

1. Norm -Chair and acting treasurer (until Jonathan S. Steps into chairperson role in October)
2. Tarun – Friday 7pm Huntington Beach Waves of Prosperity meeting, subcommittee member on upcoming Zoom event
3. Lynna – Rep from Tuesday Artists in Prosperity in-person mtg
4. Jonathan – Rep from Tuesday Online Artists in Prosperity
5. Sandra – First time attendee & rep for Sunday Bipoc Shining & Receiving
6. Jeff S – Saturday 9am Step and Speaker meeting and timer

**LAST MONTH MINUTES:**

Minutes submitted and approved

**BY-LAWS:**

**SUMMARY OF AUGUST BY LAWS DISCUSSION:**

- December discussion should begin at the last section of Scribe (A) and the topic of adding a new commitment to the By-Laws

**DETAILED MINUTES OF AUGUST BY LAWS DISCUSSION**

- 15 minute timed discussion begins
- Review of By-Laws progress and starting place
  - Per October minutes, began by re-visiting the question of taking attendance, and whether it needs to be written into the by-laws.
  - When last discussed, different methods had been brought up:
    - Someone should take attendance
    - Have attendees put their name and meeting in the chat, which is automatically saved

- Meeting scribe (Kate, ABSENT) had last expressed concern that she could not both take minutes AND keep attendance
  - Suggestion of making attendance a new commitment to be held by a specific person
    - Basic details are always in minutes
    - Compiling a report would not be complicated
    - Separate person's role?
- The By-Laws contain language about the consequences of attendees missing multiple meetings, and quarterly reports on attendance, but is there any point in keeping that language if there's no mechanism for taking attendance?
  - Also: What are goals of taking attendance?
    - To ensure all meetings have representation?
    - How does that information get used?
  - Should someone taking on an Outreach commitment?
    - Attend meetings that are not sending a rep
    - Follow up to make sure they can find the link, etc.
- Motion made to conclude Scribe section with A, remove the remainder of the existing text under Scribe and then resume discussion with topic of new commitment/position to be added under Scribe, called attendance and outreach
  - Motion passed, Chair made notes in the document

## **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) –

**WEB MANAGER** (Becky) – ABSENT

**SCRIBE** (Kate) – ABSENT.

**LITERATURE INFORMATION OFFICE** (Jeff) – Offered amends for not following up on calling Danny as discussed in previous meeting. Report also initiated a brief discussion of where things stand on the world service level, and the hope that once the confusion is resolved, there will be updated literature to share.

**GSR** (Ruby) – Absent

**EVENT COORDINATOR** –

## **OLD BUSINESS**

**NOTE:** October meeting did not have complete minutes so old business from previous month was not introduced. See Good of the Order for outstanding old business.

## **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 7<sup>th</sup> 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 7<sup>th</sup> 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.