

MELBOURNE SLAA INTERGROUP

MINUTES OF MEETING 29/3/08

CORA GRAVES CENTRE, ST KILDA

Present: Patrick (Sec), Michael R (Chair), , Susanna, Sean (Minutes), Paul K, Kelly, Paul

1. Matters from Minutes of 23/2/08
  - a. Sean apologised for lateness of Feb minutes-computer problems
  - b. Re HOW Packs: Rod has started to put together a CD of HOW questions only, not answers.
2. Treasurer's Report
  - a. Apology from Treasurer; she will forward details to Patrick
3. Meetings Reports:
  - a. Sunday has defaulted to being a men's meeting; About 8/9 attending; men find it good; some women have been reluctant to go and avoid the meeting; newcomers found the location of the meeting intimidating; Suggestion: provide a mobile phone contact on list.
  - b. Monday Going well, averaging 10+; George is Sec. Some regulars have dropped off;
  - c. Tuesday 8 – 10 present: the “usual suspects”. One member expressed concern at being followed by a visitor after the meeting
  - d. Wednesday Going steady; varies from 2 – 7;
  - e. Thursday Carsten opens; varies 4 - 10
  - f. Friday closed for the present; venue became unavailable; no replacement venue as yet; No secretary at present; **Patrick to speak to Manager at St Kilda Drop-In centre** re use of that site(site of Wed meeting.)
  - g. Saturday consistent with 20+
  - h. The importance was highlighted for newcomers or latecomers to have accurate details or indicators of exactly where the relevant meetings are- which room, which door etc
  - i. Comment:
    - i. There appear to be drop-offs in members after the HOW 30 questions
    - ii. There appears to be a “brick wall” after 2/3 years with a drop-off in members
4. Public Information Drive
  - a. Completed and posted on Thursday before Easter with 78 letters sent out with information about SLAA, mostly to Rehabilitation Centres, other addiction services, and other 12 step groups.

- b. Thanks and congratulations to Susanna for masterminding it with help from Patrick and Tracey
- 5. Literature (Susanna)
  - a. ½ order came from USA (pamphlets), ½ order missing (15 books)
  - b. Susanna has tried following up with SLAA USA but no success so far. Phone numbers seem to have changed.
  - c. Susanna has handed over the issue to Paul.
  - d. Susanna still accessing Handbooks more expensively from OzRecovery.
- 6. Melbourne Convention 07
  - a. Patrick has edited a CD of the 3 guest speakers
  - b. CD available from Patrick
- 7. Website
  - a. Monthly report received from Sydney
  - b. It is getting regular hits
- 8. Phone:
  - a. Jane monitoring the message bank. It has been quiet recently.

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Unable to be minuted was a certain amount of uproarious laughter by all members present.

Amendment

Forwarded via email from Tracey to Patrick

9. Treasurers Report

\$175 in Intergroup Account

\$270.82 in St Kilda SLAA group account

\$158.10 cash at hand, not including what was taken at last night's meeting – this was handed over to Michael to give to Steve

Susannah has been paid back for her literature expenses

The figures above have taken into account the \$250 to be sent to Sydney SLAA for insurance costs. I will organize that during my time off.