

***SATURDAY NITE LIVE GROUP  
STEERING COMMITTEE AND BUSINESS MEETING  
MINUTES***

***AUGUST 13, 2011***

The Group Secretary opened the meeting with a moment of silence followed by the Serenity Prayer.

A member read the short form of the AA Traditions.

The Group Secretary called Steering Committee roll.

The Group Secretary read the minutes, there was a motion made to second the minutes, a second was made, and the group was in favor of passing the minutes.

The 7<sup>th</sup> Tradition basket was passed.

***STEERING COMMITTEE REPORTS***

**GROUP CHAIRPERSON:**

(John H.)

Made direct contact with San Jose PD and two Lieutenants on our beat. They have been informed of specific problems and we hope to meet soon.

Need to update the IGCD to include a Website Committee.

We still need to find records in past Business Meeting minutes for votes that have taken place so that we keep the IGCD up-to-date. Several members remember voting on items that are not reflected in the IGCD to date. The Group Chairperson and Group Secretary will continue to search through Business Meeting documents.

It has been noticed that many of the responsibilities covered in the Secretaries Workshop are not being done by meeting secretaries before, during, and after meetings. Things like getting a greeter, cleaning the parking lot, cleaning the room, and taking garbage out to the dumpster. It has also been noticed that SNL has the reputation of becoming a bit of a "harvest shelter." We need to discourage doing things that attract that kind of environment, like making this a place for dropping off excessively large amounts of food or allowing things like bikes, shopping carts, and luggage in the room.

The meeting secretaries also need to let the chairperson know what the meeting "format"

is well *before* the date they are scheduled to chair a meeting. Notice of the format should be given at the time secretaries schedule a chairperson for a meeting, typically a week in advance. It is understood that last minute arrangements are sometimes made.

The tradition of SNL and that of old-timers in AA is to *ask* what the “format” is when scheduled to chair a meeting and then *follow the directions* given by the secretary. We are alcoholics and members of Alcoholics Anonymous. We don’t do what “*We want*”....our program doesn’t work that way. We follow the format of the group conscious that comes out of our Business Meetings.

**\*\*\*News flash\*\*\***

**~~John H. said a BAD word from the podium.—~~**

**~~Alcoholics (known to be childlike) were heard laughing and seen pointing fingers.—~~**

Only AA approved literature and/or event flyers are supposed to be posted in the room. We need to be responsible for remembering that our primary purpose is to carrying the message of *Alcoholics Anonymous* and nothing else. We are not a community center, we are an Alcoholics Anonymous group.

.....Comments on notes from the Suggestion Box.....

If you have expressed that the room is not being cleaned, be personally responsible for cleaning the room and perhaps encourage the meeting secretary to join you. Members have pleaded, “We want more cow bell!”

.....Group discussion followed.....

One member expressed concern about 30 days not being enough as a requirement for secretary positions. Another member felt it was more so an issue of desperation and willingness to carry out secretary responsibilities. The Meeting Coordinators have been doing a really good job. It was asked that you please call them if you have issues. They are committed to their responsibilities and will show up to deal with any issues that arise where you need support. Their contact #'s are posted on the side board next to the secretaries desk.

**GROUP SECRETARY:**

(Sheila D.)

1. Time was spent ensuring that both the IGCD and Chronology are up-to-date. All Business Meeting minutes for the years of 2009, 2010, and 2011 were reviewed. All of these minutes were cross referenced to both the IGCD and the Chronology to ensure that both reflect the group conscious to date.
2. The updated IGCD, Chronology, and business minutes are posted on the side board as well as on the SNL website @ [www.saturdaynitelive.org](http://www.saturdaynitelive.org)

“THANK YOU!” to members holding past service commitments of ALL types. Your hard work has been noticed and you have made this seamless. I’m learning a lot.

3. Steering Committee #'s have been updated and posted in the room next to the secretary’s desk. Please let me know if I need to make any changes.
4. Meeting secretary contact phone #'s have been updated, e-mailed to the Group Chairperson and Treasurer, and are available for the four Meeting Coordinators today.
5. Office Supplies have been restocked and the Secretaries closet was cleaned.

**TREASURER and CO-TREASURER:** (Kim A.)

We had an income of \$5,762.96 Our expenses were \$5,828.32

GSR received \$700 Room improvement money came from future rent.

We made \$108.50 on the July dance which helped make up for our expenses.

Thank you Rachel for providing events that support the group. Some extra expenses take place in August like Insurance and we needed coffee pots.

**FINANCE COORDINATOR:** (Colleen) No report

**GENERAL SERVICE REPRESENTATIVE and ALTERNATE (GSR):** (Jennifer)

Jennifer went to Petaluma for a monthly district meeting where all the districts got together and discuss what’s going on in their areas. SNL was one of only 6 of the 12 representatives present at the meeting. Representation from SNL shows that we care about our individual sobriety, our group and AA as a whole. A vote was taken to put district level notes on a district and area level website. SNL got credit for this motion. More proof that we effect change for AA on a global level through our service commitments.

Jennifer was very pleased with our group effect on Alcoholics Anonymous!

**INTERGROUP REPRESENTATIVE and ALTERNATE (IRG):** (Jeremy)

Several copies of *The Coin* were posted in the room. Unity Day is coming up on August 28th in Milpitas. A flyer has been posted for “Take Your Sponsor to Lunch” day coming up The *In Our Own Words* play was a big success, bringing in \$9,000. Central Office needs help for diverter phone calls. They had just short of 800 daytime calls last month. Lots of those were for the play but they still need help.

DIVERTER WORKSHOP (1 year sobriety requirement)

First Congregational Church

1980 Hamilton Ave., SJ

3rd Saturday each month @ 10:00 AM

**HOSPITALS AND INSTITUTIONS REPRESENTATIVE (H&I):** (Ramon)

We support 25 facilities House of Grace needs a female secretary. This is a group for mothers with children. Maraposa needs women Pathways needs a secretary Jails need help

**PUBLIC INFORMATION/COOPERATION WITH THE PROFESSIONAL COMMUNITY COORDINATOR (PI/CPC):** (Jonathan)

The committee contacted a weekly DUI class held on Mondays and Wednesdays. They need people to carry the message. Anyone interested needs to attend a 10AM meeting held on the 2nd Saturday of the month at Central Office, 274 E. Hamilton Ave., Suite D

**BIRTHDAY COORDINATOR:** (Mara)

We're low on money for chips. Bring money or medallions to meetings or recycle in suggestion box to support group. The basket was passed to support purchases of chips. Money was given to coordinator.

**EVENTS and ALT-EVENTS COORDINATORS:** (Rachel)

We need volunteers to BBQ and to set up and clean up at next Saturday's picnic

**REFRESHMENTS COORDINATOR:** (Phil B.) (Absent excused) No Report

**FACILITY COORDINATOR:** (Tom B.)

Member contributions have helped with future plans in the room. Carpet removal will happen soon....within the week. The room will be shut down for a day or two for grout to cure. Notifications will be made. We saved \$900-\$1000 from contributions and labor offered by members. A vote was made on the option of blue or grey grout. The group voted and Blue passed. Tom will try his best for Big Book Blue.

**ANNOUNCEMENT COORDINATOR:** (Tom H.)

We need to check the minutes for announcement to raise hand if you are available to sponsor. Encourage people with concerns and/or suggestions to come to the Business Meeting if they want things changed. Tom let the group know that his position is up for election next month.

**GROUP ARCHIVIST:** (Gary) No Report

**RECORDING COORDINATOR:** (Wilimina)

People have been asking about how to get recordings. Reminded group that you can get recordings on internet.

**SPEAKER COORDINATOR:** (Mario) No Report

**LITERATURE COORDINATOR:** (Sarah) Bought more Big Books and 12 and 12's Will look into putting some 12 and 12's aside for the step study meeting. Will bring new cost sheets for the secretaries desk and book closet.

**FEMALE SPONSORSHIP COORDINATOR:** (Brandi) No Report

**MALE SPONSORSHIP COORDINATOR:** (Tim) Slips were up.

Phone numbers were accurate with all seven numbers written down. An improvement. We encourage you to put your hand out when you see someone using the sponsorship basket. You may be able to support them in some way right then.

Tim and Brandi have completed their commitment and thank the group for the service.

**SECRETARY WORKSHOP COORDINATOR:** (Chuck) No Report

**NOON MEETING COORDINATOR (8:30am, 10am, noon):** (John B.)

There have been problems with cleaning bathrooms. We need to ensure that secretaries clean the bathrooms. Pitch in and clean to support the secretary at meetings you attend.

**6PM MEETING COORDINATOR (2pm, 3:30pm, 6pm, 6:30pm):** (Geno)

He is also getting cleanliness complaints. Plans to work with Secretary Workshop Coordinator to ensure items are covered where we're been experiencing problems.

**EVENING MEETING COORDINATOR (7pm, 8pm, 8:30pm):** (Chris) No Report

**MIDNIGHT MEETING COORDINATOR (midnight and marathon meetings):**

(Jake) Jake's term is up and he thanked the group for time in the position. Expressed the need to review the Stop Program and who is on it (individuals not allowed in the SNL room). One particular female has been disturbing the group and members have requested that she be placed on the Stop Program list. John H. (Group Chairperson) will follow up on the individual mentioned. Currently only one person (male) is not allowed in this room.

## **OLD BUSINESS**

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Proposal to change the format for the Sunday Newcomers meeting.

After approval at the July Business Meeting, members (Ramon and Maddie) have been working very hard to put a new format together. A still in-progress version was supplied to the steering committee by e-mail, hard copies have been available, and a couple trail-runs have been conducted to iron out more details. The new format follows the World Service suggestions by having more participation from newcomers.

Group Discussion on the proposal took place.....

Changes are still being made and timing needs to be tested out by running a meeting straight through. There has not been time or approval to do this to date.

Members want to review the final draft before voting to accept the new format.

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**Per IGCD 6.2.1 (Meeting Agenda) stating a 5:30PM automatic tabling deadline....**

The Group Chairperson stopped and tabled discussion on “Old Business” until September’s Business Meeting.

The group ~~and Chairperson~~ agreed to allow the new format to be used during the next few Sunday (3:30PM) meetings starting tomorrow, 8/14/11, to iron out format changes needed.

The proposal will be discussed again at the next Business Meeting under “Old Business.”

## **NEW BUSINESS**

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Group Chairperson, John H., will use the Stop Program to follow up on the known individual (female) recently disturbing SNL meetings.

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**Proposal A:** Change election months for 4 secretary meetings to one month prior in order to balance elections throughout the year. All four meetings are currently elected in April, August, and December. The proposal will  
move election months to March, July, and November.

Effected Meetings:

Tuesday, 6PM

Wednesday, 8PM

Saturday, Noon

Sunday, Midnight

A motion was made to vote on the proposal. The motion was seconded.

A vote took place and *passed*. **Will be old business next month for second vote.**

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**Proposal B:** Close the room for a number of meetings during the year when SNL and other AA events are taking place to encourage participation in those events.

A motion was made to **accept the proposal**. The motion was seconded.

Discussion took place before a vote.....

Concerns:

SNL has a history of being known for having consistent meetings in the same place (IGCD 2.1, #1). Are we changing our group conscious of how we make AA available to the alcoholic?

Tradition 5: “Each group has but one primary purpose--to carry its message to the alcoholic who still suffers.” What if that “next” alcoholic shows up when our doors

are closed? Where will they go when they were expecting a meeting? Will they really go to some AA event when they're down and out but had the courage at least to get to a meeting?

No issues or problems were brought to the Events Coordinator when doors were open for events held on SNL grounds while meetings continued. If that's the case, why close the doors?

It was agreed to table the proposal until next Business Meeting.  
The proposal will be revised to address and reflect the comments of the group.

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**Proposal C:** Change meeting format to state that comments are restricted to AA members (Tradition 3) only.

Several pieces of AA approved literature as well as views from the founders of AA were used as supportive references.

Concerns:

Tradition 5 was referred to as a rebuttal.

Members were concerned about excluding "potential" alcoholics.

It was clarified that our tradition is that all are welcome to attend any "open" AA meeting, whether they be "potential" alcoholic, an addict, or what have you but that only alcoholics (members of AA) participate as stated in our AA meeting guide.

**Tabled for further for further discussion next month.**

**NEWLY ELECTED POSITIONS**

| <i>Position</i>                | <i>Name</i>                                       | <i>Phone Number</i> |
|--------------------------------|---|---------------------|
| Midnight Meeting Coordinator   | Kristopher  | 207-7364            |
| Male Sponsorship Coordinator   | Jason   | 408-466-5441        |
| Female Sponsorship Coordinator | Breanna A.  | 408-824-3699        |
| Monday 6PM Secretary           | TBA   |                     |
| Monday 8PM Secretary           | Rebecca   | 408-761-0770        |
| Tuesday 6PM Secretary          | Heather   | 408-310-2716        |
| Tuesday 8PM Secretary          | TBA   |                     |
| Wednesday 8PM                  | Lindsey   | 408-529-2432        |
| Wednesday Midnight             | Garrett   | 408-768-8084        |
| Friday Noon                    | Sheila  | 408-550-3039        |
| Saturday 6:30PM                | (Missed)<br>Repost next month for<br>partial term |                     |
| Saturday Noon                  | Glynnis   | 408-807-5127        |
| Saturday 8PM                   | TBA   |                     |
| Sunday 10AM                    | Eleanor   | 408-679-7362        |
| Sunday 3:30PM (Female)         | Crystal M.  | 791-4070            |
| Sunday 7PM                     | TBA   |                     |
| Sunday Midnight                | Nick A.   | 914-552-6629        |

### **WHAT'S ON YOUR MIND?**

- Several new topics introduced today.
- The topic of who participates is a hot topic not to be taken lightly. Think about it.
- Group was encouraged to attend newcomer meeting to experience new format.
- A reminder that the Sat. 8PM meeting is open to family/non-aa participation
- If you want to participate in this group, get to know the IGCD. It's a great piece that holds the traditions of our group together.
- Long time member wants to bring back a Group Conscious Meeting to review IGCD and bring back proposals to the Business Meetings.
- Suggestion to bring your own cleaning supplies, a few dollars spent (maybe in lieu of the basket if need be) can get you through a whole term of service as a secretary. Think of it as an opportunity to serve and give to your group.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Sheila D. (Group Secretary)