IG 12/16/17

Earl- opened mtg and call to order

Jennifer minutes

John D and Jon M correction; correct number of votes

Amalia- motions to accept minutes with corrections

John D seconds

12 accept

Earl- read 12th tradition; went around the room and everyone shared thoughts about tradition.

Earl- We still need a communication chair. And in the future we will have elections for delegates. And have elections for any open positions that have termed out.

Jennifer – I would like to discuss at this meeting or next a new co-secretary. My co-chair is not coming to meetings and is not able to fill in for me. I need that back up. So if we could elect someone or someone would volunteer to be co-secretary that would be great. Sarah hasn’t official resided, but not coming to meetings.

Dorothy- What does the position entail and what is the term?

Jennifer- I think the term is 2 yrs.

Earl- And have been in recovery for 1 yr.

John D- read from manual: ‘Co-secretary shall serve in the absence of the secretary in the event of an absence, incapacity or inability of the secretary. The co-secretary shall perform all the duties of the secretary. And may perform other duties requested by the secretary or chair’.

Dorothy- I’ll volunteer.

John D- It says- ‘the vacancy can be filled by a simple major vote at the meeting in which the vacancy occurred’. Do you think we need to mention this to Sarah before we do this?

Earl- I think Sarah would be happy as heck.

Jennifer- I think she would too.

PA- I move that Dorothy becomes the co-secretary

Kelly- seconds

12 accept

Earl- Let’s get with Sarah and thank her for her service.

PA- What about elections for delegates. I have 1 more year and April is gone. I want to mention that next year it is in San Antonio. It’s cheaper, so we might want to go with 3 delegates. May be 1-2 open positions.

Earls- Another open position is communication chair. And if any wants to run for my position you are very welcome.

Jon M- Is my position for 1 or 2 yrs (treasurer)?

Earl- It’s for 2 yrs. I think AJ is out as the co-treasurer.

Jon M- Isn’t April the co-treasurer?

Earl- AJ is still on the signature card. But we need a co-treasurer tentatively after this meeting.

Couples meeting issue:

John D- They didn’t really respond and it’s up to us. Sandy said if we don’t know anything about it we need to see the preamble. So we have the preamble for everyone to look at. This meeting is clearly in question (RCA preamble). Closing of preamble has RCA literature.

Earl- Definitely RCA litature.

Amalia- I would be in favor of it.

John D- I don’t see any difference between this meeting and the other meeting last week that we voted against. The motion is that we wouldn’t put his on (the website) because it’s RCA. So if we didn’t put his on the website, it’s unfair to keep this one on the website.

Jennifer- So is RCA any recovering couples like AA?

Earl- This meeting is specifically for sex addicts and sex and love addicts. In general RCA meetings are for any couple that has experience dysfunction in their relationship, communication, caring and commitment. This meeting and the other meeting deal with couples in the S-fellowships.

PA- I’m not for this, because it’s not a SLAA meeting. There is big controversy about people coming into SLAA meetings and saying they are an alcoholics. It’s breaking one of the traditions.

Jon M- My question is- do we have on website resources? If we had other resources on our website that were non-SLAA resources that may be of interest. Like links. One- I want to know what time this meeting is? I think it would be interest to some people.

PA- That should be on the RCA website.

John D- I think it’s clearly violating the tradition ‘we are not affiliated with any other movements or causes’. I don’t think we can list this meeting.

David- What about a resource section?

John D- We can do a resource section, but that will be a separate discussion.

Kelly- motions to remove this meeting from this meetings page.

PA – seconds

11 accept ; 1 abstain

Jon M- I make a motion for a resources page to be added.

Amalia- seconds

Earl: Any discussion?

PA- Are you just talking about a link?

John D- I think there is something on Fellowship Wide’s page. It’s the same thing.

Jon M- I think we need to put some kind of link on our website.

John D- Why don’t you let me come up with something and bring it back for approval.

PA- yes. So table it.

Jon M- treasurer report; see report; There’s a $8.25 credit for something

Kelly-That’s for overcharging us for postage.

Earl- The board recognizes this is a problem.

Jon M- I made $129.00 cash deposit. Those were the two increases. On the deductions the normal communications solutions, which is a monthly thing. But we didn’t have one last month, so we had two this month. It has gone up a little…I don’t know what that’s about. Debit card we did confirm that was literature. There was one last month and two all together for total $701.01. I sent a check for $165.62 to FWS.

And is that a normal AT&T charge?

Earl- We’ve got to do something about this. That’s extortion. All we do to do is get a google voice number. Unfortunately, we don’t even have the account information. We can’t even close it.

Jon M- So two people made a paypal deposit. Is that on our web page too? Is there a link to paypal?

Earl – Yes

Jon M- There is a 5% transaction fee for paypal contribution.

Earl- If we were non-profit it would be 2.5%.

John D- Recommend sending cash. George didn’t know. We need that 5%.

John D- In October we agreed to increase the delegate fund to $500. My personal opinion is we need to ramp that up so each month it goes up . Didn’t George want that $72.52 to go to the mail-out fund?

John D- yes. I move that we accept it after we make the change and increase the mail out reserves from the Sugarland men’s meeting (George is the treasurer). He sent more today. He sent $60.00.

Jennifer- seconds

No discussion.

12 accept

John D- There something else I want to discuss. I need to send out a message about the holiday meetings. The Sunday women’s meeting on Christmas Eve and New Years Eve? Are they going to meet?

Dorothy- We said we would announce it this week. I think Susan gets emails. So the understanding is that it will not happen. I’ll confirm this week.

John D- How about the Monday night women’s meeting?

PA- I ask the front desk and they said they are open.

John D- Ok so I’m going to say it’s open. Men’s meetings; Chapelwood is closing but we always meet outside. St Luke’s Crossroads will not be open. We can meet outside if it’s not too cold. Co-ed meeting on Christmas day will be open.

Kelly- So you’re going to send out a communication email about open meetings?

John D- I need to hear from Susan. I’ll send it out this week. And I can put it on the meeting schedule on the website in red letters ‘will not meet’.

Kelly- Nov. literature sales- see report; Diana Y. has volunteered to takeover for 2 mos while I’m gone.

John D- no report; Matt not here

David- bylaws, policies and procedures committee. Mike F agreed to help with that- he’s an attorney.

Earl- Project is a service manual. We have bits and pieces of it. We have Los Angeles’ manual.

PA- Game night at St Andrews on Jan 20. We’ve it booked.

Kelly- It’s a potluck. Make sure that’s on the flyer.

Earl- Sunny had to walk out. Does anyone indirectly have an update on the Spring Workshop? PA- no

John D- I don’t even know if they have a place yet?

Earl- Anything on the Women’s Retreat?

PA- no.

Earl- Any activities?

Amalia- Healthy Relationship committee report. We already have a no contact pamphlet or write out. We are discussing it. Right now the discussion is do we have enough now to do a pamphlet or do we add it to another pamphlet? May add to our Bottomlines pamphlet. Want to put out a blast out to get more members.

PA –CAC steps 4,5,6.and 7 our deadline for that is January to get to CLC, which is the literature committee. On target so far. We might need some stories for step 7 and step 5. The editor for The Journal needs stories from anorectics.

Earl- BOT committee- Ashly not here. We have the hotel. Down payment is made for actively working at the CCC and others to build a program. Any person or group who wants to put up an IFP or a motion think about it now, because the deadline is chipping away here in January.

Diana Y- What are you talking about?

PA- ABM

Earl- explains.

Earl – Any new business.

Jennifer- Are we going to send around a sign in list ever again?

John D- I did it twice. Was suppose to go to AJ. Still have them in my car. No one wanted them.

Jennifer- Earl, when you said we have a hotel and down payments have been made, are you talking about the ABM?

Earl- Yes and the date been set – I think it’s July 31 through Aug 3- in San Antonio.

Meeting adjourns with Serenity Prayer.