

CENTRAL VALLEY INTERGROUP BUSINESS MEETING MINUTES

DATE: 04/22/2019

Meeting was called to order by Michael L. @ 6:02 p.m.

A Moment of Silence followed by the Serenity Prayer.

Twelve Traditions were read by Anna N.

Attendees: Michael L. , Ada L., Philip S., Dan S., Lyda P., Terri S., Art L., Jim W., Norene A., Gail B., Ian R., Christina R., Anna N., Lyn R., Vicki B., and visitor, James form the Delta Intergroup

Tradition 4 – discussed by Norene A. – “Conscious awareness of other AA’s”

Chit Chat – none

Minutes: March 25, 2019 minutes - Phil made a motion to accept the minutes with corrections. Christina seconded. Minutes were approved with changes.

Treasurer’s Report (Interim Phil): Total cash balance as of April 20, 2019, was \$11,316.15. Mike L. brought up that he had been asked “Why does CVI have so much money? What do you plan to do with the money? Why does CVI not have a prudent reserve?” In response, he provided that DVI does not currently have a prudent reserve as it was not voted into the by-laws. It is, however, under discussion and research at this time. Revenue from fellowships varies monthly as contributions may be done monthly, quarterly, or not at all. With regards to what the funds are used for, the funds are operating funds that cover the cost of the purchase of literature and upfront costs for events, including Stanislaus County area events such as the Turlock Unity Day. Phil made a motion to accept the Treasurer’s report. Ada seconded. Treasurer’s report was approved.

7th Tradition: Taken.

GROUP REPORTS:

Gary M - 12 X 12 – Absent.

Bert C. – Beachwood – Absent.

Bert C. – Eye Opener – Absent.

Bert C. -Merced Men’s – Absent.

Ada L. – Freedom Weekend– The next event is a Chili Cook-Off this Saturday, April 27th at Beyer Community Park (near Horseshoe area) from 11am-4pm. Come on down for fun and fellowship. Pick Your Campsite and Fred B.’s House will be on May 11th from 11am -3pm. Freedom Weekend Campout will be June 20th-23rd at the River Ranch Campground in Toulumne County.

Mindy - Friends Coming of Age – Absent.

Gail B. - Gateway – We were in the red last month, but only because we had to pay our annual insurance premium. Otherwise doing fine. Group has changed its monthly Birthday Speaker meeting to the last Saturday of the month starting in April 2019. To commemorate they will be having a BBQ (meat provided) on April 27th. Please bring a side dish to share. Potluck starts at 6PM with Speaker (ZOE from Santa Cruz) at 7PM. Newest issue is for the group to determine whether to allow an NA meeting to use the facility for a meeting. Took this to the group members and they voted to take it to the landlord to add language to contract that would include “other 12 step programs to meet at that facility”. Also there was a 9 cent contribution listed from Gateway to CVI, which looks strange and she will look into it.

Dustin C. (Jeremy C. reporting) – Living Sober – Absent.

Christina R. – Surrender to Win - Meetings are well attended. Had their business meeting 2 weeks ago. New Secretary Bailey and Wednesday night women’s meeting chair is Amanda. Still looking for more women participation who have 5 years or more in sobriety to sponsor women from Nirvana.

Clifton J. – Modesto Fellowship– Absent.

Brenda S. (Norene A. reporting) – Northside – Attendance and finances are good. Had elections this month and all positions are filled. They will be doing some site improvements. Birthday speaker meeting this Saturday (4/27/19) will be Casey from Stockton.

Lyda P. - Oakdale – Things are going good. Birthday speaker meeting is the last Sunday of the month. New group Secretary is Lindsay with 5 years. Women’s meeting has moved to Wednesday at 9 am. We had a small loss last month.

Dan S. – Pass It On– Meetings are still at Ruth’s house. Nothing has really changed. Birthday speaker meeting on Friday, May 3rd with Karen with 10 years sharing her ESH. We will be having elections in May.

Stacie C. – Primary Purpose – Absent.

Mark B. -Principles Study Group– Absent.

Veronica B. – Language of the Heart– Absent.

Lyn R. w/ Anna (Alt CVI Rep)– Newman Happy Hour– Things are going well. Had elections and all positions are filled. Paid up rent thru the rest of the year. Starting planning for the next Unity Day. No date yet. Birthday Speaker meeting will be Friday, May 10th, at Presbyterian Church, 1107 Kern Street, with Christina R. (Stockton) sharing her ESH.

Jim W. – Serenity–Next Business meeting is May 7th. At last business meeting the discussion to change the 12 noon on Monday to an oPEN meeting was rejected and remains a CLOSED meeting. They added a 1 hour 9am Saturday morning meeting, which is well attended for a new meeting. Minimal resentments; thank you for God’s grace. Christina will be playing with the Serenity Softball team at the upcoming CVI Softball Tournament. Next Birthday Speaker meeting is Saturday, May 11th, at the First United Methodist Church.

Melissa M. (Art L. reporting) – Simply AA– Attendance is still down a little and for the first time in a long time our expenses exceeded our revenues, but we are still good financially. Treasurer reviewed last year’s 7th tradition and this dip in attendance is typical for this time of

year. Reminder that the Tuesday night Women's meeting is back. All of our meeting chair positions are filled. Birthday speaker meeting is Saturday, May 4th, with Vicki D. with 24 years. Potluck at 5:30pm, speaker at 6:30pm, with chips & cake at 7:30pm at the First United Methodist Church on the corners of Berkeley, Arbor and Main.

Bryan C. – Turlock Group – Absent.

TRUSTED SERVANT REPORTS:

Chadd – Outreach – Absent

Eran – Webmaster – DCM District 36 – Absent.

Ian R. – District Liaison – Missed the last District 34 meeting, but understand most of the discussion was about the preassembly voting. General Service Conference agenda items are a big deal. It is interesting to note that we have a very active district compared to others in our region, which is a good thing.

Ian R. – PI/CPC – Meets the third Sunday of the month from 2:30pm – 3:30pm at Northside Fellowship; we did go DARK on Easter Sunday. Had a good presence at the Turlock Unity Day 2019.

Christina Richie – Interim Events Committee Chair – Next event is the annual Softball Tournament on Saturday, May 4th at Beyer Park in Modesto. They will be using straight ASA rules. Legitimate Officials that know ASA rules have volunteered for the tournament at no cost to CVI. At this point we are anticipating 9-10 teams to participate. AA Members ONLY can play on a team and must be 18 years or older - no RINGERS allowed. For small fellowships not hosting a team, please let members know that there will be a “free agent list” from which teams can pull players for vacant slots.

Each team must have a minimum of four (4) girls on the team, playing on the field, and batting each inning. They may have to rotate through more than once in the batting rotation. The tournament will be a double elimination and championship game will not be limited to 7 innings. First aid will be in attendance. There will be only one non-AA family member allowed on each team. Lunch will be pull pork or hot dogs with sides, chips, & soda for \$7. Snack bar will also be available throughout the day.

City of Modesto is requiring special insurance to include them as an additional insured, but CVI apparently does have that kind of insurance. CVI still needs to look into that.

Ada L. – CVI NCCAA Liaison - Will be attending the April 28th Steering Committee meeting, where they will be voting on the rotation of the location Steering Meetings that have historically been held in Stockton, CA. The next conference is June 7, 8, and 9 in Rocklin, CA. Encouraged people to attend and register soon as registration is way down and needs your support. IF you cannot attend, you can provide a sponsorship registration for a newcomer and support the NCCAA. Our own Tiombe will be sharing her ESH on Saturday at the 3:30pm panel. Debbie Davis is the main speaker for Friday night.

Phil S. - H&I – Finally got his ID processed so he can go to CHCF. Need people to go to SRC and Public Safety facility. Monthly meeting is the fourth Wednesday of the month at 7pm at the Alano Club on Herndon in Ceres, CA.

Phil S. - Literature – Office purchased a new printer last month. Good on chips. Back room is a mess. Got information on the possibility of expanding literature section into a 3rd room, which will increase monthly costs from \$255 for two rooms to ~\$350-365 for all three rooms.

Clifton J. (Phil reporting) - Hotline – Still need people to assist with the HOTLINE. You must have 6 months sobriety, have a phone and know how to use it. For questions, please contact Phillip at (209) 918-9160. Phil and Big Dave are working double shifts so HELP is needed on the HOTLINE for the following:

Sunday – 6pm – 10pm

Tuesday – 6pm – 9am

Thursday – 9am – 12 noon

CVI Office Openings are:

Either Thursday OR Friday from 12 noon – 5pm

Saturday 12 noon – 5pm

Vicki – Al-Anon – Absent.

Old Business -

- 1) Questions –
 - a. Do the CVI By-laws indicate whether there is a suggested percentage of approval to indicate “substantial unanimity” (i.e. greater than 50% - simple majority, two-thirds majority, etc.). Bylaws do not indicate any percentage. If we had a controversial item, how would we determine the direction or motion? Also bylaws only indicate that a quorum is only four (4) people, which is very low and should be revisited. NOTE: Our bylaws have an amendment that changes to the bylaws must be approved by $\frac{3}{4}$ of the representatives in attendance. 12 Concepts references substantial unanimity, which is usually $\frac{2}{3}$. Appendix 10 talks about the 3rd Legacy procedure.
- 2) Why doesn't CVI have a prudent reserve? Discussion with regards to the topic of the “prudent reserve.”
 - a. Dan S. asked “why didn't we have a prudent reserve? Maybe we should have a few months set aside to cover general expenses.”
 - b. Phil – “It isn't in the bylaws and we have never had one. It has worked fine this way. The “in and out” of funds from one account to another can be tedious to have to “dip” into a prudent reserve account if funds get low.”
 - c. Ian – “ It would be nice to have a savings account with 3-4 months of operating expenses. I have been at fellowships where we had this and it really was not that difficult to manage. It is suggested in various literatures that we have a prudent reserve. Many intergroups do not have office type expenses, but larger areas (Orange County for example) had paid staff running the office. The need will vary by area. Prudent reserve should be liquid (cash) assets only and set aside in a separate account (i.e. savings account).
 - d. Mike L. asked visitor, James from Delta Intergroup, if they had a prudent reserve and he said “no they are not in a financial position to do that.” This will be discussed more at a later time.
 - e. Ad Hoc Committee (Christina and Norene) to investigate substantial unanimity and prudent reserve.
- 3) Noreen A. – Reminder that Bud A. will have 60 years of sobriety in April and on May 19th at the Harvest Hall in Modesto from 1 pm – 3pm there will be a gathering to

celebrate his birthday. SHHH – it's a secret. Please bring a pie (no rhubarb or mince meat) or peanut butter or oatmeal raisin cookies. We also need napkins and coffee supplies.

New Business –

- 4) Due to Clifton's physical condition, Phil nominated to return as the coordinator for the HOTLINE. Gail first motion; Christina seconded. Motion passed.
- 5) Gail (Gateway) volunteered to supply the Bounce House for the Softball Tournament. However, Gail is working that day and will not be able to attend the event. Liability requirements must have an employee that is 18 years or older in attendance and supervision of the Bounce House. Someone would get a "volunteer employee" to do this.
- 6) Ian announced the 4th Annual Unity and Service Conference that will be in Pleasanton, CA July 19th-21st. Fliers available.
- 7) Terri mentioned that the May CVI meeting will be on Memorial Day. Last year the attendance at the CVI meeting was low on this day and suggested to move it to the prior week on Monday, May 20th. Christina first motion; Lyn seconded. Motion passed.
- 8) Phil made motion to reduce funds from the CVI Events Bank account to \$100, just to keep the account open. Event expenses would just be paid out of the regular CVI bank account. Christina seconded. Motion passed.
- 9) Christina mentioned that Ruth is looking into the costs for insurance policy for contents and liability for the office. Events would need additional insured indemnification which would be event and date specific to the facilities.

Phil motioned to adjourn the meeting at 7:25pm. Ada seconded. Meeting adjourned and Responsibility Statement was read.

I am responsible
When anyone, anywhere, reaches out for help,
I want the hand of AA always to be there
And for that: I am responsible.