

## CENTRAL VALLEY INTERGROUP BUSINESS MEETING MINUTES

**DATE:** 12/23/2019

**Meeting was called to order by Mike L. @ 6:05 p.m.**

**A Moment of Silence followed by the Serenity Prayer.**

**Twelve Traditions were read by Eric R.**

**Chit Chat** – Mike L. talked about the elections – available seats are the CVI Chair, CVI Co-Chair, Treasurer, Events Chair, and Outreach.

**Attendees:** Dan S., Melissa M., Philip S., Terri S., Mark B., Chadd H., Lyda P., Jessica J., Norene A, Bert C., Jim W., Ada L., Mike L., Bryan H., Lois R., Christina R., Jim G., and Eric R.

**Tradition 12** “*Anonymity is the spiritual foundation of all our traditions, ever reminding us to place principles before personalities.*” – discussed by Chadd H.. – Anonymity is respect for another human being. It means we practice honesty, humility, compassion, tolerance, and patience with everyone, whether we like them or not. Putting principles before personalities teaches us to treat everyone equally.

**Minutes:** Christina R. motioned to accept November 25, 2019 meeting minutes. Ada L. seconded. Minutes were approved.

**Treasurer’s Report (Interim Phil):** Total cash balance as of December 20, 2019, was \$8,386.73. Contribution’s from fellowships remain lower than expected. Norene A. made a motion to accept the Treasurer’s report. Lyda P.. seconded. Treasurer’s report was approved.

**7<sup>th</sup> Tradition:** Taken.

## GROUP REPORTS

**Chadd H. - 12 X 12** – Broken heater in the room in which they meet, so please dress warmly this time of year. Next business meeting is the 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday in January.

**Bert C. – Beachwood** – Full state of officials and resentment FREE!!

**Bert C. – Eye Opener** – Everything is doing well.

**Bert C. -Merced Men’s** – Everything is doing well.

**Ada L. (Terri S. reporting) – Freedom Weekend**– Freedom Weekend group is doing well. A good time was had at *Paint Holiday Canvas* event a couple of weeks ago. The next event scheduled is the *Family Movie Night* (January 3<sup>rd</sup>, Harvest Hall from 5pm to 9pm. Fliers available.). The movie will be ABOMINABLE. Other upcoming events are Make Your Junk My Junk Bingo (February 1<sup>st</sup> at Primary Purpose), Pie in the Face (March), Corn Hole Tournament and Taco Bar (April), and more. The next FW2020 planning meeting is January 20<sup>th</sup> at 6:30pm, here at Simply AA and all are welcome to attend. If you have any questions, please see Ada.

**Bryan H. - Friends Coming of Age** – No more Monday or Friday meetings at 6 am. Meditation meeting on Sundays could use some support. He didn’t go to the last business meeting, but there

are very few resentments. Next birthday speaker meeting is the 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday with 7 pm potluck and 8 pm speaker.

**Gail E. - Gateway** – Absent.

**Eric R. – Living Sober** –The new Treasurer (Vicki D.) is still pursuing why there have not been any contributions to CVI. All meeting chairs have been filled. He missed the last business meeting, but they discussed the issue regarding non-service animals verses trained service animals at the fellowship. No emotional support animals allowed. Norene added - Service Animals are specially trained, have documentation, and have protection under the law. Emotional Support Animals are none of those. Norene has documentation that she can provide to others if they wish.

**Christina R. – Surrender to Win** - Nothing new; everything is good.

**Modesto Fellowship**– No representative. Absent.

**Norene A. – Northside** – Northside continues to have issues with street people with mental issues disturbing the meetings. They will have “semi” marathon meetings (probably none after midnight, but resuming at 7 am.) and have a Christmas potluck from 1:30-3:30 pm.

**Lyda P. - Oakdale** – Not a lot to report. Had a good turn out for their ugly sweater Christmas Party and game night.

**Dan S. – Pass It On**– Meetings are still at Ruth’s house and Mr. Gordo isn’t doing anything to help us. We are looking into alternate facilities; maybe a church that will let us rent a room. Tuesday night does not have a chair, but the meeting continues.

**Jim G. – Primary Purpose** –They are also hosting a New Year’s Eve event 6:30pm – 10pm with a potluck and dance; \$15 per couple or \$10 per person. Kids are welcome. February 1<sup>st</sup> is the fellowships 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary.

**Mark B. -Principle Study Group**– We had elections and positions will start in January. Meetings are well attended.

**Veronica B. – Language of the Heart**– Absent, but Terri S. announced the quarterly open women’s breakfast meeting with bacon will be on Saturday, January 18, 2020, beginning at 8am (breakfast) and meeting at 9am.

**Lyn R. – Newman Happy Hour** – Absent.

**Jim W. – Serenity**– We are having Christmas marathon meetings starting at 10 pm on 12/24/19 and ending at 1 am on 12/26/19. Mentioned the pet issue and they changed their bylaws and no pets are allowed due to insurance requirements at the church.

**Melissa M. – Simply AA**– We just had elections; Sunday at 6pm has gone dark. Had discussion regarding members wanting to read non-AA literature that is more religious. When asked not to read these items, things getting a little heated. Next by-law review meeting will be on Saturday, January 25<sup>th</sup>, at 8:15am. The next business meeting is Monday, January 13<sup>th</sup>. Next Birthday Speaker meeting will be Saturday, January 4<sup>th</sup>, with Leslie K. (Principle Studies) sharing her

ESH. Potluck at 5:30pm, speakers at 6:30pm, followed by chips, cake, and raffle at the First United Methodist Church on the corners of Berkeley, Arbor and Main.

**Jessica J. (new representative) – Turlock Group** – Fellowship will be hosting the New Year's Day marathon meetings. She asked why their fellowship is not contributing to CVI, which became contentious discussion due to financial discussions. Fellowship recently unplugged the refrigerator for a month to see how much that was costing them.

## **TRUSTED SERVANT REPORTS**

**Currently NO Representative – Outreach** – N/A

**Eran – Webmaster** – Absent.

**Norene A. - PI/CPC** — Norene A. has stepped forward working with Jenn D. (Alt. Area Delegate). Will be looking to do an area PI/CPC workshop (TBA). Lois is looking into the cost of small racks. Will be ordering updated workbooks for the committee members.

**Terri S. – District Liaison**– The December District meeting had its annual year-end potluck. District presented the spending plan for 2020, which is reduced. Funding for specific assemblies will support hotel stays for one (1) Women's and one (1) Men's rooms. No funding available for PRAASA in Tucson or Pacific Regional Forum in Las Vegas. Norene will also continue with a couple more workshops that had been planned (Sponsorship and Problems Other than Alcohol). Next assembly is the Winter Assembly in Citrus Heights on January 18-19, 2020.

**Christina R. – Interim Events Committee Chair** –

The HOLIDAY SOCIAL was Saturday, December 14<sup>th</sup>, at the Harvest Hall in Modesto and was well attended (~160 people). Food was awesome; Jacqueline H. did a great job. We were under budget and we would welcome your feedback.

NEW YEARS EVE event will be at St. Joseph's again. Woody R. with 29 years (Area 07 Panel 50 Delegate) will share his ESH. Tickets will be \$15 per person. Fliers provided. Mike L. to be the Master of Ceremony; we do have a backup if he is called to work. Ada L. and Dan S. will be doing the Sobriety Countdown. Chadd H. let us know that he has a raffle barrel at his house that he will bring to the event. Committee has everything organized. If you have tickets, please bring money and unsold tickets to the event and give to Registration.

**Ada L. – CVI NCCAA Liaison-**

The next conference will be in San Jose Conference in March 13-15, 2020. Please, PLEASE register for conferences and book hotels. This is important! NCCAA missed the hotel booking at San Ramon and cost NCCAA several thousand dollars. If the San Jose Conference is not a success, NCCAA is done and there will not be a conference in May in Modesto.

If San Jose is a success, the NCCAA is coming to Modesto in May 29-31, 2020. There will also be a pre-conference dinner on Sunday, May 3<sup>rd</sup>, at Harvest Hall with Jason P. (Turlock) speaking to help raise money for the May conference. At the conference, Bud A. will be sharing his ESH on Friday night (May 29<sup>th</sup>). The planning meetings are well attended. Lots of volunteers are needed; some chair positions were filled but others are still vacant. Everyone is welcome to attend. Modesto hotel booking requires 112 nights booked between Friday and Saturday.

**Phil S. - H&I** – Not much to report right now. We will NOT be having a meeting until in January 2020.

**Phil S. - Literature** – Lots, lots, lots of literature and chips.

**Phil S. - Hotline** – We can always use to assist with the HOTLINE; call Phil at 918-9160. You must have 6 months sobriety, have a phone and know how to use it. For questions, please contact Phillip at (209) 918-9160. Big Dave fell and broke his hip. We juggled spots and Rich from Friends Coming of Age stepped up to help and things are working out well.

**Carol S. – Al-Anon** – Absent.

### **OLD BUSINESS**

- 1) None.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

- 1) Phil S. – Phil purchased a 100 cup coffee percolator, as we only had one. He said we can reimburse him or not. Someone also donated a 42 cup coffee pot. Christina R. motioned to reimburse Phil for the purchase. Norene A. seconded. Motion passed.
- 2) If the NCCAA Modesto Conference moves forward, the committee will need storage for a small duration between the San Jose conference in March through the end of May. He was wondering if the CVI office might be available to store the necessary items (5-6 large rubber totes and 20-25 irregular shaped signs/easels. Group did not vote at this time.

### **DISCUSSION (NO VOTE REQUIRED)**

- 1) None

Phil S. motioned to close the meeting and Eric R. seconded. Meeting adjourned at 7:06 pm. 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.