

CENTRAL VALLEY INTERGROUP BUSINESS MEETING MINUTES

DATE: 06/24/2019

Meeting was called to order by Michael L. @ 6:00 p.m.

A Moment of Silence followed by the Serenity Prayer.

Twelve Traditions were read by Lorri from Mariposa

Chit Chat – Lorri from Mariposa provided fliers to invite CVI fellowships to join the Mariposa Fellowship on July 4th for a potluck after their noon meeting. Bert mentioned that in August 2019 registration will open for the AA World Conference held in Detroit in June 2020.

Attendees: Michael L. , Ada L., Philip S., Terri S., Art L., Bert C., Eric R., Mark B., Dina H., Ian R., Christina R., Vicki B., Lyda P., Melissa M., Jim W., Bryan, and visitor Lorri from Mariposa.

Tradition 6 – discussed by Christina R. We are just AA.

Minutes: Mike L. started by apologizing to the group for the way the meeting on May 20, 2019 was conducted. There were various motions made by “members at-large” instead of voting members. He said he owed the group an amends. He asked the group whether the motions as made at the May meeting would stand or require a new vote. Christina R. motioned to approve the previous motions and minutes of the May 20, 2019, meeting. Bert seconded. Minutes were approved with corrections.

Treasurer’s Report (Interim Phil): Total cash balance as of June 20, 2019, was \$10,357.76. Contributions have fallen off the shelf in the last month with a total of only \$142.50. Ada L. made a motion to accept the Treasurer’s report. Christina R. seconded. Treasurer’s report was approved.

7th Tradition: Taken.

GROUP REPORTS

Gary M - 12 X 12 – Absent.

Bert C. – Beachwood – Group is doing well. Merced Unity Day will be held on Sunday September 22, 2109 at Yosemite Lake (Veteran’s Cove) from 11am to 4 pm. More in new business.

Bert C. – Eye Opener – Meetings are well attended.

Bert C. -Merced Men’s – Doing well.

Ada L. – Freedom Weekend– Freedom Weekend group is doing well. Thank you to everyone who helped out and showed up for the campout. We had more people attend than we expected. It was awesome! . Freedom Weekend Campout 2020 planning are underway. The first planning meeting will be held on Monday, July 15th, at 6:30pm at Simply AA in Turlock. We want to bring in other fellowships and encourage all to attend. If you have any questions, please see Ada.

Bryan - Friends Coming of Age – New representative for CVI. Sorry he hadn’t been attending our meetings. Group is doing well. He will talk to the group about contributing to CVI.

Gail B. (Ian reporting)- Gateway – Group had met with the landlord to add language to contract that would include “other 12 step programs (i.e. NA) to meet at that facility”. Landlord, after careful consideration and research, said she was not comfortable having NA meetings at the facility. Group is doing well. We are trying to save of some funds to consider a prudent reserve and make contributions to AA as a whole.

Eric R. – Living Sober –He missed the business meeting yesterday due to illness, but it was not held at Living Sober because someone forget to get the key. Working through the issues with the Fire Marshall. Maximum occupancy of 49 may present a problem. Finances are good and they have a new Treasurer. All meetings are filled.

Christina R. – Surrender to Win - Meetings are well attended. Was unable to attend their last business meeting. Still working with girls at Nirvana and could use some support. Their Birthday Chip meeting is this Friday at 7pm.

Clifton J. – Modesto Fellowship– Absent.

Dina H. – Northside – Discussed some security issues at their last business meeting. Meeting attendance is great. Norene and Dina will be the new Birthday co-chairs, but the do need a new Chairperson Coordinator.

Lyda P. - Oakdale – Things are going good and all meetings are covered. We had a big presence at Freedom Weekend 2019 and a great time. Friday night is game night and all are welcome.

Dan S. (Phil reporting)– Pass It On– Nothing from the landlord, so we are still at Ruth’s house. Meetings are now outside on the patio.

Stacie C. – Primary Purpose – Absent.

Mark B. -Principles Study Group– All is going well with meetings well attended. Group is still considering reading all or some portion of the AA Safety Card and is being reviewed for thirty (30) days before voting. No vote yet.

Veronica B. – Language of the Heart– Absent.

Lyn R. – Newman Happy Hour– Absent.

Jim W. – Serenity– Doing well and meetings are well attended. Next business meeting is July 2nd and we will be voting on the proposal to change the long standing Friday night 8 pm candlelight meeting to a young people’s or young at heart meeting.

Melissa M. (Art L. reporting) – Simply AA– Attendance is still down a little, but apparently that is to be expected this time of year. At our June business meeting we voted in new rotation; Sunday at 3pm went dark, but we brought back the Friday night at 6pm. We also have new Birthday Speaker Meeting format, bringing in an Alanon speaker for 10-15 minutes before the AA speaker. Our next birthday speaker meeting is Saturday, July 6th, with Will S.. with 20 years and Tony R. from Alanons. Potluck at 5:30pm, speakers at 6:30pm, with chips & cake following the speakers at the First United Methodist Church on the corners of Berkeley, Arbor and Main. Our next business meeting is July 8th.

Bryan C. – Turlock Group – Absent.

TRUSTED SERVANT REPORTS

Chadd – Outreach – Absent

Eran (Bert reporting) – Webmaster – DCM District 36 – There was a coding problem that they are working on resolving.

Ian R. - PI/CPC — There was no meeting in June. Meeting in July will be held on the 14th due to the District Post-Conference event being held at Northside on July 21st. Still can't find the missing literature rack from Memorial Hospital.

Ian R. – District Liaison– There will be a combined District 34/36/37 Post Conference Report given on Sunday, July 21st, at Northside Fellowship beginning at 1:30 pm. Refreshments will be served.

Christina Richie – Interim Events Committee Chair – The Annual CVI Softball Tournament for 2020 will be on Saturday, May 2, 2020, at Beyer Community Park; the field and picnic area have been reserved.

The next event is the OLD TIMERS PANEL which will be held on Saturday, August 31st, at the Memorial Medical Plaza at 1800 Coffee Road Rooms 61, 62, 63, in Modesto beginning with social time and check-in at 3 pm. Fliers provided. Dave M. from Northside will be this year's MC. There was a lot of discussion regarding the old verses the new format. Members volunteered to assist for the event. Christina requested a budget of \$300. Ada L. motioned to accept. Bert seconded. Motion passed.

Ada L. – CVI NCCAA Liaison- The Rocklin conference had some incredible speakers, but attendance was not very good. It was the first time at Rocklin and the team did a very nice job and it was a wonderful facility.

NCCAA delegates voted on three things: 1) The job description for the NCCAA Chair position that will be voted on in March 2020 – motion passed but with much deliberation and a very close vote; 2) Whether to reduce the number of conferences annually from three (3) to two (2), removing the summer conference – motion passed and again much discussion and a very close vote; and 3) to rotate the steering committee meetings to locations other than Stockton CA – motion did not pass.

The next conference is October 11, 12, and 13 in San Ramon, CA. Debbie D. will be the main speaker on Saturday night. Please register as early as possible. Fliers provided.

Phil S. - H&I –Need people to go to Public Safety facility; Stanislaus County is very strict. SRC has changed its requirements. Monthly meeting is the fourth Wednesday of the month at 7pm at the Alano Club on Herndon in Ceres, CA. We can always use help with H&I.

The H & I general meeting was held the same weekend as the NCCAA Conference and also in Rocklin. New chair is Jeff L. from Gilroy.

Phil S. - Literature – Just got a shipment in so we have lots of literature, books, and chips. We now have B-70 Our Great Responsibility book for \$10.50 written by Bill W. regarding our responsibilities of general service.

Phil S. - Hotline – We can always use 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 indicated that they pretty much have all HOTLINE spots filled; Lorri from Mariposa just picked up the Thursday 5-10pm spot, but still have some openings for office coverage.

CVI Office Openings are:

Tuesday, Thursday OR Friday from 12 noon – 5pm

Vicki – Al-Anon – Things are pretty quiet right now, but they are looking to get involved in some events later this year.

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. Ian provided a written copy of the proposed changes (see attached) to the last page of the CVI By-Laws as follows:

VOTING ON A MOTION:

The method of vote on any motion depends on the situation and the by-laws policy of your organization. There are five methods used to vote by most organizations, however, we will be using By Voice.

1. By Voice – the Chairman asks those in favor to say, “Aye”. Those opposed to say “no”. Any member may move for an exact count.
2. *In the event a substantial unanimity cannot be determined By Voice vote, a vote By Hand count or Ballot may be used to assure substantial unanimity of 2/3's vote.*

PROPOSED CHANGE

Ian R. motioned to accept the change. Bryan seconded. Motion passed. Change to by-laws shall be posted for 30 days to website.

- 2) Why doesn't CVI have a prudent reserve? Discussion with regards to the topic of the “prudent reserve.” In May 2019, Ruth provided a sample with the Financial Report of a proposed prudent reserve using current costs for rent, utilities, phone, internet, and percentage for cost of living increase for a total of \$4,335.87. At the June meeting, a modified document was provided to establish a prudent reserve of \$5,000. Discussion regarding the previous \$10,000 amount verses \$5,000 occurred. The consensus was that \$10,000 would strap CVI in that our monthly cash balance was hovering just a little above \$10,000. Christina R. motioned to accept the \$5,000 as prudent reserve. Terri asked if this was changing the by-laws and the answer was no. Ada L. seconded. Motion passed.
- 3) Phil apologized that he hasn't had time to build the new pamphlet rack that was approved at the May meeting. Everyone was fine and told him not to worry about it.

NEW BUSINESS

None.

Christina motioned to adjourn the meeting at 7:30 pm. Phil 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.