

CENTRAL VALLEY INTERGROUP BUSINESS MEETING MINUTES

DATE: 03/25/2019

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 Ada L.

Attendees: Michael L. , Ada L., Philip S., Dan S., Stacie C., Lyda P., Veronica B., Terri S., Art L., Jim W., Norene A., Jeremy C., Mark B., Ian R., Gail B., Christina R., Bryan C., Lyn R., Vicki B., and visitors Melanie and Bob

Tradition 3 – discussed by Art L.

Chit Chat – Gail B. now has three (3) grandchildren.

Minutes: January 28, 2019 minutes - Bert made a motion to accept the minutes with corrections. Christina seconded. Minutes were approved.

Treasurer's Report (Interim Phil): Total cash balance as of March 20, 2019, was \$12,427.98. NOTE: Phil made a motion to accept the Treasurer's report. Bert seconded. Treasurer's report was approved.

7th Tradition: Taken.

GROUP REPORTS:

Gary M - 12 X 12 – absent

Bert C. - Beachwood– Doing well.

Bert C. – Eye Opener (NEW)– New meeting under the Eye Opener GSO# on Monday-Friday at noon at 525 W. 20th Street in Merced. Doing well.

Bert C. -Merced Men's – Doing well.

Ada L. – Freedom Weekend– The March 23rd Pie-in-the-Face, Bake Auction, and Dance went well. The next event is a Chili Cook-Off on Saturday, April 27th at Beyer Community Park (near Horseshoe area) from 11am-4pm. Come on down for fun and fellowship. Fliers are available. 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. (ian reporting) - Gateway – Doing fine. Group has decided to change 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. Contract with landlord is specific to read Alcoholics Anonymous members only. Taking it to the group members for discussion.

Dustin C. (Jeremy C. reporting) – Living Sober – April 13th is Bingo Day from 1-3pm. Parking is an ongoing issue, but other than that all is going pretty well.

Christina R. – Surrender to Win - Meetings are well attended. Friday night is particularly large, which includes about ten (10) women from Nirvana. Still looking for more women participation who have 5 years or more in sobriety to sponsor women from Nirvana. Kudos to Jim W. for bringing people from Turlock to the fellowship.

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.

Lyda P. - Oakdale – Things are going good. Birthday speaker meeting is the last Sunday of the month. Looking forward to bringing the softball trophy back to Oakdale.

Dan S. – Pass It On– Meetings are still at Ruth’s house. Nothing has really changed. Birthday speaker meeting on Friday, April 5th with Mike G. with 20+ years sharing his ESH.

Stacie C. – Primary Purpose–Attendance is good and doing well financially. Had elections and all positions were filled. Birthday Speaker meeting will be Friday, April 19th, with Bud A. with 60 years sharing his ESH.

Mark B. -Principles Study Group– Group is doing well and meetings are very well attended.

Veronica B. – Language of the Heart– Doing well. Attendance is up, so they moved to a larger room at St. Joseph’s. Said they needed CVI envelopes.

Lyn R. – Newman Happy Hour– Things are going well. Birthday Speaker meeting will be Friday, April 12th, at Presbyterian Church, 1107 Kern Street, with Bob O. (Modesto) sharing his ESH.

Jim W. – Serenity–Next Business meeting is April 2nd. At last business meeting they changed the 12 noon on Saturday’s to a CLOSED meeting and tabled a discussion for adding a 9am Saturday morning meeting.

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. Reminder that the Tuesday night Women’s meeting is back. We do have some current service positions available. We had our assembly conference agenda meeting on 3/24/19. Birthday speaker meeting is Saturday, April 6th, with Mike B. with 22 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– Things are going fine. Birthday speaker meeting is the 3rd Saturday. Come to Turlock Unity Day 2019 on March 30th at the Stanislaus County Fairgrounds! We can no longer smoke right outside the doors; we are supposed to smoke on the sidewalk by the street.

TRUSTED SERVANT REPORTS:

Chadd – Outreach – Absent

Eran – Webmaster – DCM District 36 – Absent.

Ian R. – District Liaison – General Service Conference agenda items are a big deal. District 34 and 37 just had a workshop on 3/23/19 in Stockton. Noreen A. (our DCM) brought many things for the GSRs to share back with their groups. The pre-conference assembly for our district is April 13-14, 2019 in Nevada City, CA.

There was discussion on how groups donated to the different areas or levels of AA. Although it is suggested that each fellowship support all four levels (GSO, District, Intergroup, Area Committee), the District shows 33 fellowships registered and only 9% of these make contributions to the District. The suggested level of support is as follows:

GSO – 30%

District – 10%

Intergroup/Central Office – 50%

Area Committee – 10%

There may be some misunderstanding from fellowships that contributing to the GSO means our district will get money, but that is not the case. District right now is financially in a good position and is supporting our GSRs in funding 2 men's hotel rooms and 2 women's hotel rooms and their registrations for attending meetings.

Ian R. – PI/CPC – Meets the third Sunday of the month from 2:30pm – 3:30pm at Northside Fellowship. Looking to change the meeting currently schedule for April 21st (Easter Sunday) to Sunday, April 28th.

Actively stocking literature racks in various locations. Somehow the rack at Memorial Hospital went missing/lost and even the NA rack disappeared. Several presentations to organizations are pending. They will have a presence at the Veteran's Stand Down event on 10/19/19 at the new Veteran's Center. SRC needs literature including in Spanish. Will be at Turlock Unity Day 2019.

Bert took a somewhat confusing call from someone at Doctor's Hospital wanting schedules and literature. Bert wasn't sure how to handle it but forwarded the information request to the PI/CPC number. In discussion, any inquiries of this type can be channeled to the PI/CPC group for further handling.

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. Currently John is working to get legitimate officials that know ASA rules to volunteer for the tournament at no cost to CVI. Each fellowship has a packet that has the registration form (cost per team is \$100) and one (1) player release form that must be completed by all players. Fellowships can make copies for each player to complete. 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.

Committee would like to bring in a guest speaker from Los Angeles, Linda Moss, with 35 years. She and her son will be coming and would also like to play in the tournament. Housing and travel costs of approximately \$354 would be needed. Last year the budget for the event was about \$1500. These speaker costs would increase the event costs. There will be a pulled pork sandwich lunch like last year with chips, side dish, and beverage. There will also be a snack bar

available throughout the day. Ian motioned to approve the increase in budget and Bert seconded. Motion passed.

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

Ada L. – CVI NCCAA Liaison- At the Foster City NCCAA conference, Mary M. was voted in as the new Treasurer. 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. 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 – Currently locked out of CHCF due to waiting on ID processing. 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. Discussed cabinets versus racks for pamphlets in the office.

Phil S. - Literature – Lots of literature and chips. New GOD WORD pamphlet is in. Currently has every book that has Grapevine stories in stock at CVI.

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 or Cliff at (209) 672-0321. 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 – Things are going well. Al-Anon will be participating in Turlock Unity Day 2019 complete with speaker panel. There will be an assembly in May

Old Business - none

New 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%, two-thirds majority, etc.).
 - b. Why doesn't CVI have a prudent reserve? There are guidelines for this on aa.org.
 - c. Ad Hoc Committee to investigate; Ada L. to research
- 2) 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.
- 3) Bert made a motion to support Phil in attending the H&I Conference on May2, 2019 and pay up to \$120 for expenses. Ada L. seconded. Motion passed.

- 4) Mike L. (CVI Chair) and Terri S. (Recording Secretary) signed official paperwork that would allow Ruth T. (CVI Treasurer) to have access to the CVI Events Committee bank account and sign checks.

Ada L. motioned to adjourn the meeting at 7:15pm. Ian 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.