

## CENTRAL VALLEY INTERGROUP BUSINESS MEETING MINUTES

**DATE:** 05/20/2019

**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 Dina H.**

**Attendees:** Michael L. , Ada L., Philip S., Dan S., Terri S., Art L., Stacie C., Jay L., Veronica B., Bert, Eric R., Mark B., Dina H., Gail B., Ian R., Christina R., Vicki B., and visitors, Jeannette L. (Primary Purpose) and James from the Delta Intergroup

**Tradition 5** – discussed by Bert. This is a biggy. Our primary purpose is defined; this is an “action” tradition.

**Chit Chat** – Ada and Mike are officially on grandparent duty. Gail’s twin grandchildren are now home.

**Minutes:** April 22, 2019 minutes - Phil made a motion to accept the minutes with corrections. Gail seconded. Minutes were approved with changes.

**Treasurer’s Report (Interim Phil):** Total cash balance as of May 20, 2019, was \$11,483.50. Bert made a motion to accept the Treasurer’s report. Gail seconded. Treasurer’s report was approved.

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

### **GROUP REPORTS**

**Gary M - 12 X 12** – Absent.

**Bert C. – Beachwood** – Had three openings, but just had elections and the positions were filled.

**Bert C. – Eye Opener** – No report, but Mike L. had attended last week and said it was well attended.

**Bert C. -Merced Men’s** – Robust attendance and Bert has been given the Right of Decision.

**Ada L. – Freedom Weekend**– Freedom Weekend group is doing well. Thank you to everyone who have been coming out to support the events. Freedom Weekend Campout will be June 20<sup>th</sup>-23<sup>rd</sup> at the River Ranch Campground in Toulumne County. This year we will be adding “movie night” on Thursday evening. Tickets and sponsorships are still available. For sponsorships, arrangements must be made in advance prior to coming up to the event. Please see Ada.

**Mindy - Friends Coming of Age** – Absent.

**Gail B. - Gateway** – Birthday barbeque was well attended. Group plans to buy new chairs. Group met with the landlord to add language to contract that would include “other 12 step programs to meet at that facility”; landlord will consider and get back to them in a couple of weeks. Per Ian, the group did not have a quorum so they did not vote on anything.

**Eric R. – Living Sober** – As of yesterday, Eric was voted in as CVI representative. There is new blood chairing meetings, so they were doing the “meeting shuffle.” Only one meeting may go dark and that is Tuesday evening at 8PM. Other than that, finances are good and they did extend their lease. Had a visit from the Fire Marshall and were raked over the coals for a few items that they are addressing.

**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 at Nirvana and could use some support.

**Clifton J. – Modesto Fellowship**– Absent.

**Dina H. – Northside** – Just voted in as CVI representative and happy to be of service. Meeting attendance is great. They do need H&I people.

**Lyda P. (Christina R. reporting) - Oakdale** – Things are going good. Birthday speaker meeting is the last Sunday of the month. There will be a barbeque at Bev’s house on 5/27/19 with Jim F. speaking. For more information call 495-2931.

**Dan S. (Phil reporting)– Pass It On**– Just had elections; all positions filled. Meetings are well attended; we are still at Ruth’s house. With the better weather the meetings will be held outside on the patio.

**Stacie C. – Primary Purpose** –We just had our business meeting. All is going well with meetings well attended.

**Mark B. -Principles Study Group**– All is going well with meetings well attended. Currently the group is considering reading all or some portion of the AA Safety Card and is being reviewed for thirty (30) days before voting.

**Veronica B. – Language of the Heart**– All is going well with meetings well attended. Currently the group is considering reading all or some portion of the AA Safety Card and is being reviewed for thirty (30) days before voting (same as Principle Studies Group). June 29<sup>th</sup> will be the quarterly breakfast speaker meeting with breakfast at 8am (there will be bacon) with the speaker, Rachel G. from Santa Cruz with 16 years, sharing her ESH starting at 9am.

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

**Jim W. – Serenity**– Absent.

**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 have new Birthday Speaker Meeting chairperson – Ada L. with Lorna G. as co-chair. Birthday speaker meeting is Saturday, June 1<sup>st</sup> , with Penny P. with 41 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. Our next business meeting is June 10<sup>th</sup> and we will be voting on the next rotation of meeting chairs.

**Bryan C. – Turlock Group** – Absent.

**Chadd – Outreach** – Absent

**Eran – Webmaster – DCM District 36** – Absent.

**Ian R. - PI/CPC**— There was some confusion with people showing up at the PI/CPC meeting at Northside thinking it was a regular meeting. Bert said he got chewed out on the HOTLINE by someone who wanted a regular meeting. After searching Google, the information is there that this is a PI/CPC meeting, but we know that people do not read details and if they see an open door or people coming and going they assume there is a regular meeting. Bert was going to talk to Eran (webmaster) to see if we can do anything more to clarify. PI/CPC is going to ask District for a monthly Grapevine subscription for the Ceres PD. No meeting in June. \$837 is available for literature. Still can't find the missing literature rack from Memorial Hospital.

**Ian R. – District Liaison**– Please visit the California Northern Interior Area 07 (CNIA) website (<https://cniia.org/>) for information on the upcoming Post Conference Assembly June 22<sup>nd</sup>-23<sup>rd</sup>. There has been a lot of discussion on what should be discussed by GSR's at the District monthly meeting verses what is discussed or reported at the Central Valley Intergroup level. The District is discussing doing an inventory. Young People's group may be added.

**Christina Richie – Interim Events Committee Chair** – We had a good attendance at the Softball Torunament this year with six (6) teams which was two (2) less than last year. Big thanks to Pass It On for sponsoring the ad hoc team. Thank you to Ruth for finding the necessary liability insurance that was needed.

Jay L. asked why Al-anon wasn't invited and why it wasn't a family event like it had been in the past. Although the flier didn't say Al-anon participation, Vicki did take the flier back to their Al-anon group, but they did not field a team. Ada said that people enjoyed being there. Old timers felt it wasn't family oriented even though there was a bounce house for kids. The event itself seems to have changed from a "family" based event to a "competitive" event once there was a trophy to win. Last year, for example, got way out of hand and, thus, the need to implement ASA rules. Christina also mentioned that there was an 18 or older clause in the insurance, which would restrict the younger family members from participating.

She is certainly open to suggestions for improvement and would like to book the field for the first weekend in May 2020. Bert made the first motion; Jay seconded. Motion passed.

**Ada L. – CVI NCCAA Liaison**- 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. Young People are on fire to participate in conference.

NCCAA delegates will be voting on three things: 1) The job description for the NCCAA Chair position that will be voted on in March 2020; 2) Whether to reduce the number of conferences annually from three (3) to two (2), removing the summer conference which historically has had lower attendance; and 3) to rotate the steering committee meetings to locations other than Stockton CA.

There is a Bridging the Gap Workshop on June 26-28.

**Phil S. - H&I** –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. We can always use help with H&I. Meetings are different at different facilities; the facility determines the meeting. For example, in Jail, it is their meeting and we are visitors. Stacie C. inquired about SRC. Ada shared that for the recovery centers it is generally more believable to their clients if someone has only a few months or a couple of years. The concept of thirty (30) years of sobriety doesn't seem believable.

Went to the H&I Conference for one day to find out about the San Quentin trial program. Because participating in the program can decrease time, prisoners are forging applications. Ultimately they will need 45,000 sponsors. Currently six (6) are going thru the steps.

**Phil S. - Literature** – Gobs and gobs of literature, books, and chips..

**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 indicated that they pretty much have all HOTLINE spots filled, but still have some openings for office coverage.

CVI Office Openings are:

Either Thursday OR Friday from 12 noon – 5pm

Saturday 12 noon – 5pm

**Vicki – Al-Anon** – The Al-anon Institutions Coordinator wants to know where they have a presence in the local facilities compared to where they need to be. Most difficult facility to get into is the Redwoods.. Attended the Area Business meeting and they are working on new books like the Daily Reader. The Electronics Committee at the Area level is working on outreach for long distance member participation without losing anonymity. The average Al-anon member is 58 year old white women and membership is struggling, so they are working on outreach. Jay L. asked a question regarding their anonymity. Vicki said it is the family member anonymity that they want to preserve. Also they are looking to do a Group Inventory in February 2020.

## **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 3<sup>rd</sup> Legacy procedure.
  - b. 5/20/19 Ian reported that he and Christina met and discussed an amendment to the bylaws in section 16 which would add a “call for a voice vote.” . Jay L. asked if they referred to the Roberts Rules of Order in this regard. Terri S. made a motion that the language for the proposed amendment be provided to the group in writing next month. Jay L. seconded. Motion passed.
- 2) Why doesn't CVI have a prudent reserve? Discussion with regards to the topic of the “prudent reserve.”

- a. 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. In general, the group did not think the amount was high enough given that our current rent is dirt cheap and if we had to move we would be paying a current market rate. Up to six (6) months of fixed operating costs was recommended. Up to \$10,000 was suggested. Although in agreement that we need to change our by-laws to include a prudent reserve, the group could not come to an agreement on the amount to be reserved. After much discussion, motion was made to table this item until the next meeting. Jeannette made first motion,; Gail seconded. Motion passed.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

- 1) Expand the DVI Office to include the third office, which would increase the monthly rent to \$375. Jeannette made first motion; Gail seconded. Motion passed.
- 2) Pay Phil up to \$350 to make a new pamphlet rack for the office. Jeannette made first motion; Bert seconded. Motion passed.

Phil motioned to adjourn the meeting at 7:45pm. Jeannette 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.