

CENTRAL VALLEY INTERGROUP BUSINESS MEETING MINUTES

DATE: 11/25/2019

Meeting was called to order by Dan S.. @ 6:05 p.m.

A Moment of Silence followed by the Serenity Prayer.

Twelve Traditions were read by Chadd

Chit Chat – Dan S. now has five grandchildren. Gail E. says the grand twins are doing well. Bert C. let us know that H&I is available in other states; sometimes called H&I and sometimes called something else.

Attendees: Dan S., Melissa M., Philip S., Terri S., Mark B., Art L., Chadd H., Bill M. (at large member), Gail E., Lyda P., Carol S., Jessica J., Norene A., Victoria T., Bert C., Christina R., Veronica B., Jim G., and Eric R..

Tradition 11 *“Our public relations policy is based on attraction rather than promotion; we need always maintain personal anonymity at the level of press, radio and films.”* – discussed by Norene A. – We may be the only version of the Big Book that anyone ever sees and we want that to be a good impression. Having an A.A. bumper sticker on your car and then driving around like a crazy, angry person says to others, and possibly another alcoholic, that “if that is what AA does for that guy, then I don’t want any of it”.

Minutes: Phil S. motioned to accept October 28, 2019 meeting minutes. Christina R. seconded. Minutes were approved.

Treasurer’s Report (Interim Phil): Total cash balance as of November 20, 2019, was \$8,984.08. Contribution’s from fellowships remain lower than expected. Bert C. made a motion to accept the Treasurer’s report. Christina R. seconded. Treasurer’s report was approved.

7th Tradition: Taken.

GROUP REPORTS

Chadd H. - 12 X 12 – Chadd was elected as the CVI representative at the last business meeting. The group still holds regularly scheduled meetings, but is having a hard time with organization. Maybe someone from the District could come and help them out.

Bert C. – Beachwood – Everything is ok.

Bert C. – Eye Opener – Everything is ok.

Bert C. -Merced Men’s – Everything is ok. There was the *Serenity in the Park* event in Yosemite that had over 2,000 people in attendance.

Ada L. (Terri S. reporting) – Freedom Weekend – Freedom Weekend group is doing well. The next fundraiser will be *Paint Holiday Canvas* event for \$10 with limited seating for 30. Event will be Monday, December 2nd, at 6:30pm at Simply AA. There are other events scheduled – Family Movie Night (January 3rd, Harvest Hall from 5pm to 9pm. Fliers available.), bingo night, Pien in the Face, Corn Hole Tournament and Tacos, and more. The next FW2020 planning

meeting is 12/16 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 – Absent.

Gail E. - Gateway – Attended the last business meeting and we do have a new people in the fellowship positions. We are financially okay. They have put into the IRS as a non-profit. Trying to build up a prudent reserve. Looking to create a new position – Activity Director.

Eric R. – Living Sober – Financially things are going very well; we are even looking at a pre-birthday meeting dinner and possibly bringing in people from the speaker circuit. He will talk to the new Treasurer to see why Living Sober is not listed as giving to CVI. Just had elections and all meetings are filled. The current issue is around a person bringing a dog to the fellowship. Norene A. provided information that Northside had reviewed regarding the difference between a certified Service Animal and an Emotional Support Animal. 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.

Christina R. – Surrender to Win - They just had their business meeting. We have a new chair for the Wednesday at Nirvana, Cathy W. and Joanne for the Friday night meeting. We could always use help with the ladies from Nirvana. Things are going well.

Modesto Fellowship – No representative. Absent.

Norene A. and Victoria T. – Northside – Norene and Victoria will be co-chairing the CVI position. Northside will be having marathon meetings for Thanksgiving, including a Thanksgiving day potluck (1:30pm-3:30pm). The last business meeting was very exciting with over sixty (60) people in attendance. There had been a proposal to change the ending “Our Father” prayer to the AA Responsibility statement. The motion was defeated 58 to 2.

Lyda P. - Oakdale – DCM came to help the fellowship do a group inventory. Also group is in process of redoing their bylaws. Thanksgiving marathon meetings from 8am-11pm. Holiday Party will be Saturday, December 7th, with an ugly sweater contest, food and games. Game night is every Saturday night after the 7 pm meeting around 8:30pm.

Dan S. – Pass It On – Meetings are still at Ruth’s house and moved inside as evening’s were getting cold. They thought they would be in the new location by January, but the landlord still needs to put up a fence before we can use the facility. Just had elections and Dan is still the Group Secretary and CVI representative, Tuesday night book study is not covered, no GSR, and Saturday night is just Phil and Ruthie.

Jim G. – Primary Purpose – We are still seeing a lot of new comers, which is good. There will be a Women’s Holiday luncheon on Saturday, December 14th, from 11am-1:30pm with a \$15 gift exchange and ugly sweater contest. 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.

Mark B. -Principle Study Group – We are a steps and traditions study and attendance and finances are good. We are having elections on Wednesday, December 4th, and have lots of service opportunities available.

Veronica B. – Language of the Heart– The quarterly open women’s breakfast meeting with bacon will be on Saturday, January 18, 2020, beginning at 8am (breakfast) and meeting at 9am. Terri S. volunteered to get flier posted to the CVI website. We recently lost a member, Lynda A. and the memorial service is still tentative. As more information is available, they will get to Terri S. and she will share to everyone’s email address.

Lyn R. – Newman Happy Hour – Absent.

Jim W. – Serenity– Absent.

Melissa M. – Simply AA– Hosting Thanksgiving Day marathon meetings from 7am Thanksgiving Day to 8am the following day. Fliers provided. We had a by-law review meeting on Saturday, November 23rd, which was well attended. The next review will be Saturday, January 25th, at 8:15am. We have new literature racks at the fellowship that are closer to the door and easier access for new comers. The next business meeting is Monday, December 9th, and we will be having elections.

Birthday meetings are well attended. We have a new format where we have added a 15 minute Al-Anon speaker before the main AA speaker. Our next birthday speaker meeting is Saturday, December 7th with Matt W. from Northside sharing his ESH. Potluck at 5:30pm, speakers at 6:30pm, with chips, cake and raffle following the speakers 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 from 7am on New Year’s Eve to 8am on New Year’s day. She will check to see why their fellowship is not contributing to CVI.

TRUSTED SERVANT REPORTS

Currently NO Representative – Outreach – N/A

Eran (Bert & Phil reporting) – Webmaster – Printer program issues have been corrected. If someone calls to complain that a meeting was incorrect, please have them read the details that are provided (i.e. monthly meeting, business meeting, closed or open, etc.). A lot of people are only glancing at the information and then offended when the meeting is not what they had wanted. Eran is setting up a volunteer list so that Phil can edit it.

No Representative at this time (Norene A. reporting) - PI/CPC — Lynda A. had been voted in at the October elections, but Lynda recently passed away☹ The group is actively seeking volunteers and the District is looking to have a workshop (to be announced).

Terri S. – District Liaison– The November 13th District meetings – Groups gave updates. The next weekend was the CNIA 07 Election Assembly in Lindsay, CA. Our District was well represented. Tom A. is our new Delegate and Jenn is the Alternate Delegate. New conference agenda will be forthcoming. Norene will be DCM through December and then in 2020 will assist Beth S., the new DCM, with duties and inquiries. 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 Sacramento on January 18-19, 2020.

Christina R. (Terri S. reporting) – Interim Events Committee Chair –

The HOLIDAY SOCIAL will be Saturday, December 14th, at the Harvest Hall in Modesto from 2-5pm. Mike K. (16 years) our Area 07 Panel 68 Delegate will share his ESH. Fliers were provided. We would like to see everyone there and feel free to volunteer.

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. Thank you for approving the \$3,000 budget at the last meeting. Our next planning meeting will be Tuesday, December 3rd, at Ruth's house. Christina has tickets for people who would like to sell them. We would like to see everyone there and feel free to volunteer.

Ada L. (Terri reporting) – CVI NCCAA Liaison-

The next conference will be in San Jose Conference in March 13-15, 2020. 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 hotel and registration count are not met for San Jose, there might not be a conference in May in Modesto.

The NCCAA is coming to Modesto in May 29-31, 2020. Flier provided on planning meetings. The last planning meeting was yesterday Sunday, November 24th and was very 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. The next planning meeting is Sunday, December 22nd at the Alano Club in Ceres.

Phil S. - H&I – Attended the General H&I meeting in San Ramon and the inmate sponsorship has exploded (28 inmates). State is very interested in spreading program to other prisons; Folsom will likely be next. However, we will NOT be having a meeting in November or December due to the holidays. Come see us in January 2020.

Phil S. - Literature – We are good with literature and is placing an order tomorrow.

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.

CVI Office and HOTLINE openings are Monday or Friday from noon to 5pm in the office.

Carol S. – Al-Anon – Not much going on right now. Serenity in the Park was awesome! Looking forward to being involved in NCCAA and other AA events.

OLD BUSINESS

- 1) None.

NEW BUSINESS

- 1) Christina R. – In discussion with the CVI Treasurer, the request is to authorize the Treasurer to cut checks for the New Year's Eve Dinner out of the prudent reserve. As the funds for this event "recycle" back in from event revenues received that night, all of the budget expenses is expected to be offset by event revenue (ticket sales, drink sales, 7th tradition, 50/50 raffle). Phil motioned to accept. Mark B. seconded. Motion passed.

DISCUSSION (NO VOTE REQUIRED)

- 1) Christina R. - Wanted the group to consider for the future that either the Holiday Social be added to the bylaws (as it is currently not) or that it be eliminated. Having these events so close together is very hard on the committee. It was suggested that this be discussed later.

Chairperson (Dan S.) adjourned the meeting at 7:30 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.