

CENTRAL VALLEY INTERGROUP BUSINESS MEETING MINUTES

DATE: 10/28/2019

Meeting was called to order by Michael L. @ 6:03 p.m.

A Moment of Silence followed by the Serenity Prayer.

Twelve Traditions were read by Chadd

Chit Chat – Halloween events went well at Primary Purpose and Oakdale fellowships. Both were well attended. Chadd took time off from service, but will be looking to get back into service with his home group.

Attendees: Michael L. , Ada L., Philip S., Terri S., Mark B., Art L., Chadd H., Bryan H., Gail E., Lyda P., Carol S., Jay L., Jim W., Jim G., and Eric R..

Tradition 10 “*A.A. has no opinion on outside issues, hence the A.A. name ought never be drawn into public controversy.*” – discussed by Jim G. – A.A. learned lessons from previous groups (i.e. Oxford group), where they wanted to solve everyone’s problem and moved away from the primary purpose. Therefore, A.A. stays with the one purpose to help the alcoholic that still suffers.

Minutes: Mark B. motioned to accept September 23, 2019 meeting minutes. Ada L. seconded. Minutes were approved.

Treasurer’s Report (Interim Phil): Total cash balance as of October 20, 2019, was \$9,317.96. Lyda P. made a motion to accept the Treasurer’s report. Bryan H. seconded. Treasurer’s report was approved.

7th Tradition: Taken.

GROUP REPORTS

Currently NO Representative - 12 X 12 – N/A

Bert C. – Beachwood – Absent.

Bert C. – Eye Opener – Absent.

Bert C. -Merced Men’s – Absent.

Ada L. – Freedom Weekend– Freedom Weekend group is doing well. Our last fundraiser was the Fun & Games event and it went well. Last year’s October event was fun, but did not make any money. This event raised a few hundred dollars. Thank you to all who came and supported. 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. The next FW2020 planning meeting is 11/4 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 – We had a little upset a couple of months back with people disappearing, but now people are stepping up. Monday morning meeting is out. There will be a new group – REGARDLESS OF BELIEFS, and we are in the process of getting that registered

with GSO. The new meeting will be on Saturday evening at 5pm at 1203 Tully in Modesto. We are in process of getting it posted to website.

Gail E. - Gateway – Did not attend the last business meeting, but we do have a new chair of the fellowship, John and new GSR, Patrick. We are financially above water.

Eric R. – Living Sober – Good to be back! We are not having much turmoil and the next elections coming up will be for meeting chairs only. 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.

Christina R. – Surrender to Win - Absent.

Modesto Fellowship– No representative. Absent.

Dina H. – Northside – Absent.

Lyda P. - Oakdale – Was not at last business meeting. Game night is every Saturday night after the 7 pm meeting around 8:30pm.

Dan S. (Phil reporting) – Pass It On– Meetings are still at Ruth's house and moved inside as evening's were getting cold. They spoke to SRC and asked them not to come until they move the meetings to the new location. Not much progress on the new location.

Jim G. (new representative) – Primary Purpose –Halloween Costume Party on Saturday, October 26th, was a good event. Well attended, good food, music, and fellowship. Meetings are well attended and are seeing a lot of new comers lately.

Mark B. (Santa, cook & bottle washer) -Principles Study Group– Attendance and finances are good. We are having elections in December and have lots of service opportunities available.

Veronica B. – Language of the Heart– Absent.

Lyn R. (Gail E. reporting)– Newman Happy Hour – Newman Unity Day on October, 5th, went well and had good attendance. Things are going well and have a new books study – Living Sober.

Jim W. – Serenity– We have meetings every day at 12 noon and 6 pm. Saturday evening at 6pm, however, was not well attended and will probably go dark. This meeting is in conflict with the other two fellowships in Turlock monthly birthday speaker meetings that are held on Saturdays. At our next election we will be voting to consider a 3pm meeting on Saturday. Other than that, there are no resentments and all is good.

Melissa M. (Art L. reporting) – Simply AA– Attendance is ok and 7th tradition is picking back up. Business meeting is the second Monday of the month. We replaced the smoke detectors and fire extinguisher. We are having a by-law review meeting on Saturday, November 23rd. Hosting Thanksgiving Day marathon meetings from 7am Thanksgiving Day to 8am the following day. Fliers provided. the next business meeting is Monday, November 11th. We are considering changing our pamphlet rack setup and moving closer to door. Our next birthday speaker meeting is Saturday, November 2nd with Tiombe from Principle Studies sharing her ESH. 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.

Bryan C. – Turlock Group – Absent.

TRUSTED SERVANT REPORTS

Currently NO Representative – Outreach – N/A

Eran (Phil reporting) – Webmaster – DCM District 36 – Meeting schedules need corrections. Phone numbers are obsolete and he needs time to do corrections.

No Representative at this time - PI/CPC — Absent.

Terri S. – District Liaison– The October 9th district meeting only had elections: Norene read the District By-laws concerning Committee Chairs. All those elected will be serving the next panel from *January 1, 2020 – December 31, 2021*.

- *District Committee Member* (DCM): Ada proxied for Beth S., who was the Alternate DCM. No other volunteers or nominations. Beth was unanimously elected as the next DCM.
- *Alternate DCM*: Ada was unanimously elected as the next Alternate DCM.
- *Treasurer*: Bill B., will continue to serve as DCM. Consider a Treasurer Assistant position to be added at future meeting.
- *Archivist*: This position needs discussion and will be tabled until 2020.
- *Northern California Conference of Alcoholics Anonymous* (NCCAA): This position isn't in our service guidelines and needs further discussion.
- *Young People of Alcoholics Anonymous* (YPAA): This position needs further discussion.
- *Bridging the Gap* (BTG); Beth C. was unanimously elected.
- *Public Information/ Cooperating with the Professional Community* (PI/CPC): Lynda A., was unanimously elected.
- *Hospitals and Institutions* (H&I): Suzell was elected.
- *Central Valley Intergroup* (CVI): Terri S. was selected from CVI and District agreed by unanimous vote.
- *Coffee Maker*: Needs to be here at 6:30 to start coffee, in charge of supplies, and needs to give the treasurer the receipts for reimbursement. Nick from Friends.
- *Recording Secretary*: No one is available currently for this position. Please let your groups know and have them come to the next Business Meeting. Norene will act as Recording Secretary temporarily – until someone else volunteers and is elected.

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. All positions for this event have been filled.

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 will be forthcoming; Bert has them printed but couldn't make it tonight.

Ada L. – CVI NCCAA Liaison-

The conference on October 11, 12, and 13 in San Ramon, CA, was not well attended. Delegates voted 39-14 to set term limits for members of the Speaker Selection Committee; term will be two (2) consecutive 4 year terms and then rotation. Similar term limits were suggested for County

reps; this was forwarded to the San Jose Conference in March 2020. Please register for conferences and book hotels. This is important! NCCAA missed the hotel booking at San Ramon by 40 room nights and will cost NCCAA several thousand dollars.

The NCCAA is coming to Modesto in May 29-31, 2020. Flier provided on planning meetings. The first planning meeting on Sunday, October 27th at the Alano Club in Ceres 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.

Beginning 2022, the NCCAA will only have fall and spring conferences.

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.

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. 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 have gobs of literature and chips. He is waiting to place the next order to make sure we get the best shipping rates.

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. There is an opening on the HOTLINE for Tuesday from 5pm to 10pm.

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

Carol S. – Al-Anon – October 26th in Oakdale was the District 18 “Day in Al-Anon” event with speakers and it went well. Speakers were great. There will be Al-Anon participation at the NCCAA Modesto conference with Bonnie and Toni H. representing.

Jay L. – County NCCAA Liaison- The NCCAA is coming to Modesto in May 29-31, 2020. Flier provided on planning meetings. The first planning meeting on Sunday, October 27th at the Alano Club in Ceres was very well attended. Lots of volunteers are needed (over 200). For example, the event “greeters” committee needs 64 volunteers. Jim G. and Jay L. from Primary Purpose are chairing this committee and already have 43 people signed up! Some chair positions were filled but others are still vacant.

Again, it is important to book a hotel room and register to support these events.

OLD BUSINESS

- 1) Phil – purchased three (3) filing cabinets at \$43.15 each. District is using two (2) of these so he needs to be reimbursed for \$43.15. Jay L. asked why Phil didn't contact Jeannette L. as she mentioned she had some to donate. No answer, must have forgot. Gail motioned to pay Phil the \$43.15 for the one (1) file cabinet. Ada L. seconded. Motion passed.

- 2) Mark B. - \$71 receipt for the Santa Boots. Group had already approved up to \$100. No vote needed.

NEW BUSINESS

- 1) Terri S. – Holiday Social requests approval of \$600 for the event (\$350 for food, \$150 for decorations and up to \$100 for mileage reimbursement for the main speaker. Phil motioned to accept. Ada L. seconded. Motion passed.
- 2) Phil S. – Ruth requests that we approve a budget of \$3,000 for the New Year’s Eve dinner. Detailed budget not presented due to committee chair having brain surgery. Some contention on procedure. This is fundraising event and the majority of the costs are covered by ticket sales. Phil motioned to accept. Bryan H. seconded. Motion passed.
- 3) Ada L. – Ada L. and Mike L. are chairing the NCCAA Modesto Hospitality Room committee. Requested \$250 from CVI and then will work with the District, who has already said they would like to help financially, to support the event. Jay. L. motioned to accept. Gail E. seconded. Motion passed.

DISCUSSION (NO VOTE REQUIRED)

- 1) Eric R. (Living Sober) said he saw a TV commercial on AA and someone else said they saw it. Gail E. had seen one when she was up north a few months back. Eric was wondering how this works with “attraction verses promotion” and anonymity. Advertising verse promotion. Jay L. pointed out that Tradition 11 deals with personal anonymity. The actors in the commercial are paid actors and not members. Usually the faces are also blurred out.

Jay L.. motioned to adjourn the meeting at 7:29 pm. Gail E. 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.