

CENTRAL VALLEY INTERGROUP BUSINESS MEETING MINUTES

DATE: 09/23/2019

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 Gail E.

Chit Chat – January Elections are coming and the Chair and Assistant Chair positions (1 year continuous sobriety, 2 year term).

Attendees: Michael L. , Ada L., Philip S., Terri S., Melissa M., Gail E., Dan S., Carol, Carol S., Bert C., Jay L., and Jeannette L.

Tradition 9 *“A.A. as such, ought never be organized; but we may create service boards or committees directly responsible for those they serve.”* – discussed by Ada L. – We do create committees or boards to provide opportunities to meet our primary purpose – to carry the message to the alcoholic that still suffers.

Minutes: Jay L. motioned to accept August 26, 2019 meeting minutes. Bert C. seconded. Minutes were approved.

Treasurer’s Report (Interim Phil): Total cash balance as of September 20, 2019, was \$9,522.67. Fellowship contributions continue to remain low, but general discussion with fellowships is that 7th tradition contributions are lower this time of year. Terri S. read Ruth’s note regarding the *Old Timer’s Panel*, praising the events committee and noting that attendance was greater than expected and exceeded attendance from the past several years. She thanked everyone for their service and those that attended and shared their experience strength and hope. 7th tradition for the *Old Timer’s Panel* was \$178.38. Jay L. asked why the Balance Sheet doesn’t show any depreciation on the assets listed. The question will go to the Treasurer. Ada L. made a motion to accept the Treasurer’s report. Bert C. seconded. Treasurer’s report was approved.

7th Tradition: Taken.

GROUP REPORTS

Gary M - 12 X 12 – Absent.

Bert C. – Beachwood – Merced Unity Day conflicted with Fresno Unity Day and deer hunting, but was pretty well attended. Elections are coming up.

Bert C. – Eye Opener – Noon meeting still well attended.

Bert C. -Merced Men’s – Attendance is good and group doing well.

Ada L. – Freedom Weekend– Freedom Weekend group is doing well. Our last fundraiser was the Spaghetti Dinner and it went well. Thank you to all who came and supported. The next fundraiser will be the Fun & Games Events on Saturday, October 12, 2019, at the Community Methodist Church in Oakdale from 12 noon -5pm. \$20 per Ticket, raffle prizes, speakers at 1pm (AA-Bev H, (37 yrs) Alanon-Sue A.(27 yrs)), fun and fellowship. The next FW2020 planning meeting is 10/7 at 10am here at Simply AA and encourage all to attend. If you have any questions, please see Ada.

Bryan - Friends Coming of Age – Absent.

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 – Absent.

Christina R. – Surrender to Win - Absent.

Modesto Fellowship– No representative. Absent.

Dina H. – Northside – Absent.

Lyda P. - Oakdale – Absent.

Dan S. – Pass It On– Meetings are still at Ruth’s house and outside on the patio. They spoke to SRC and asked them not to come until they move the meetings to the new location. The group decided not to change their meetings to closed meetings; they will remain open. Former landlord (Gordo) is selling the building that they used to occupy, but has offered a smaller space in the same area. It is very cozy and needs a fair amount of work, but they expect to reopen in January 2020. The birthday meetings will still be at Ruth’s house.

Jay L. – Primary Purpose – Primary Purpose is having a Halloween Costume Party on Saturday, October 26th, at 6:30pm. \$10 per person or \$15 per couple. Fliers provided. Meetings are well attended and are seeing a lot of new comers lately.

Mark B. -Principles Study Group– Absent.

Veronica B. – Language of the Heart– Absent.

Lyn R. (Gail E. reporting)– Newman Happy Hour – Newman Unity Day will be October, 5th, starting at 11 am at Pioneer Park with Bud A. (60 years) as the main speaker sharing his ESH. Fliers provided. Things are going well and have a new books study – Living Sober.

Jim W. – Serenity– Absent.

Melissa M. (Art L. reporting) – Simply AA– Attendance is ok, but have lower 7th tradition during the summer, but we do have a lot of new faces. Business meeting is the second Monday of the month; at hour last business meeting, chairs were encouraged to stress we are self-supporting through our own contributions.. Our next birthday speaker meeting is Saturday, October 5th, with Cliff from Northside in Modesto sharing his ESH and Gregg from Modesto for Al-Anon . 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

Chadd – Outreach – Absent

Eran (Bert and Phil reporting) – Webmaster – DCM District 36 – Having difficulty replicating formats. There are variances with different browsers (i.e. Explorer, Google, Firefox, etc.), which has been frustrating. If you convert things to PDFs, things come out ok. Meeting Guide (Blue Chair) application has now launched nationally. The Districts are trying to get more young people involved. There is an election assembly in Lindsay November 15-17. There will be some discussion regarding language in Step 6 portion of the 12 and 12 book – “lustful enough to rape” (pg 66). Mike L. read it and group discussed it. Jeannette L. gave some history on the printing of the 12 and 12.

Ian R. - PI/CPC — Absent.

Ian R. – District Liaison– Absent.

Christina Richie – Interim Events Committee Chair – The OLD TIMERS PANEL was very well attended and we have much positive feedback. The events committee just met and debriefed some issues (e.g. air conditioning, microphone, front doors, etc.), so we can better prepare for next year. The next planning meeting will be on Tuesday, October 8th, and all are welcome to attend.

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.

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.

Ada L. – CVI NCCAA Liaison- Katie from the Young People’s has stepped down, but has been replaced with Vicki D.

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. Each fellowship can have up to two delegates.

The NCCAA is coming to Modesto in May 29-31, 2020. Flier provided on planning meetings beginning on Sunday, October 27th at the Alano Club in Ceres at 4:15pm. Everyone is welcome to attend.

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

Ada mentioned that the District indicated that they might be interested in providing financial assistance to the NCCAA Modesto May 2020 Hospitality room, if CVIAA would do the work (purchase product, coordinate volunteers, make coffee, stock room, cleanup, et al).

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. There has been very little progress for sponsorship for prisoners.

November meeting we will be voting on a regional chair.

Phil S. - Literature – Passed around a picture of the new pamphlet rack. Beautiful!

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

CVI Office Openings are FILLED. Phil discussed some office rearranging and the need for a new filing cabinet (4-drawer tall needed). Jeannette L. says she had two (2) available.

Carol S. – Al-Anon – Thanked Bert for inviting them to Merced Unity Day. October 26th in Oakdale there will be District 18 “Day in Al-Anon” event with speakers - John M. (San Francisco), Mia for Alateen (Sonora), and David C. for AA (Modesto). Flier provided.

Jay L. – County NCCAA Liaison- The next conference is October 11, 12, and 13 in San Ramon, CA. Planning meetings are well attended. Next Steering Committee meeting will be at the conference.

OLD BUSINESS

NONE

NEW BUSINESS

NONE

DISCUSSION (NO VOTE REQUIRED)

- 1) What do fellowships do when a member passes away? Jeannette L. provided that Primary Purpose will “save” that individual’s chair by turning it down for three (3) weeks in their memory and put a votive candle there in their place. They also put a memorial sheet on the wall so people know where services will be held.
- 2) Reminder that CVIAA Elections are in January 2020, which include Chair/co-Chair, Events Committee Chair, and District Liaison.
- 3) AA approved literature verses other non-AA approved literature (e.g. AA Meeting in a Pocket). Tabled for later.

Phil S. motioned to adjourn the meeting at 7:30 pm. Bert C. 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.