

CENTRAL VALLEY INTERGROUP BUSINESS MEETING MINUTES

DATE: 04/27/20

Meeting was called to order by Dan S. @ 6:10 p.m.

A Moment of Silence followed by the Serenity Prayer.

Twelve Traditions were read by Chadd H.

Chit Chat – Gail’s sister passed away last weekend. Prayers for the family ☹️

Attendees: Dan S., Philip S., Terri S., Chadd H., Kiana W., Jim G., Ada L., Christina R., Lois R., Bryan H, Kathy K. (member at large – Serenity AA Turlock), and Carol S.

Tradition 4 “*Each group should be autonomous except in matters affecting other groups or AA as a whole.*” – discussed by Norene A. – Although fellowships can make their own decisions on matters, they should be attentive to timing of meetings in the area so as not to compete. Also, consider other groups and the AA traditions in making group decisions.

Minutes: Phil S. motioned to accept March 23, 2020, meeting minutes. Christina R. seconded. Minutes were approved.

Treasurer’s Report (Interim Phil): Total cash balance as of April 20, 2020, was \$9,741.60. Income was \$1,103.57. Dan voiced Ruth’s concern about overall contributions being down from fellowships despite income for April. Additional discussion in new business. Ada L. made a motion to accept the Treasurer’s report. Christina R. seconded. Treasurer’s report was approved.

7th Tradition: Taken.

GROUP REPORTS

No Representative - 12 X 12 – No representative.

Bert C. – Beachwood – Absent.

Bert C. – Eye Opener – Absent.

Bert C. -Merced Men’s – Absent.

Bert C. – Winner’s Circle (Atwater – Eran) – Absent.

Ada L. – Freedom Weekend– The April and May fundraisers have been canceled. We are still hopeful that the campout will continue as it is at the end of June (June 25th-28th). We are selling the T-shirts (\$20), tanks (\$20), and some sweatshirts (\$40). If you have any questions or wish to purchase a shirt, please see Ada.

Bryan H. - Friends Coming of Age – Nobody’s there. We have PayPal and are receiving a small amount. Online meetings are small. But despite the daily Zoom meetings, it is like we have disappeared.

Gail E. - Gateway – Absent.

Eric R. – Living Sober – Absent.

Christina R. – Surrender to Win - Had their business meeting last Friday and have new secretaries – Jenn M. is Wednesday and Andrew B. for Friday meetings. Everything is shut down with meetings on ZOOM. 7th tradition they are getting some checks, but most contributions are via Venmo. At the business meeting, a member suggested that since contributions were low that the group not send contributions up the chain to AA organizations. Christine R. said she voiced the importance of continuing to support all levels AA, even if your contribution is less than previously.

Kyle C. - Modesto Fellowship – Absent. Terri S. provided that Modesto Fellowship started having noon meetings at the park on 4th Street and G Street, practicing social distancing. Bring a blanket or a chair.

Kiana W. – Northside – Holding ZOOM meetings. All meetings have a host and a moderator. Norene A. provided that the group has had discussions regarding modifications (set amount verses percentage) to the amount sent to other AA organizations. Currently 7th tradition is collected via payments mailed to the PO Box, Venmo and PayPal accounts. Treasurer will be sending contributions.

No representative - Oakdale – No representative.

Chadd H. – Pass It On – No meetings at all either in person or online and feel like we are evaporating as a group.

Jim G. – Primary Purpose – Zoom meetings are well attended, but 7th tradition contributions are down. We are still figuring out ways to get literature out to folks.

Lois R. -Principle Study Group– Everything is shut down and meetings have gone to ZOOM. We meet once a week and meetings are well attended. We have a Venmo account and contributions are coming in. We did just send in our quarterly contributions up the AA chain.

Marian (Lois R. reporting) – Language of the Heart– Everything is shut down and meetings have gone to ZOOM. Doing well with our Saturday morning meetings. We are just now getting Venmo started. Some members are setting funds aside to bring to group once face-to-face meetings start back up.

Lyn R. (Gail E. reporting) – Newman Happy Hour – Absent.

Jacqueline H. (Kathy K. reporting) – Serenity – Still having physical meetings with a maximum of 10 people. A group of individuals from the fellowship started a ZOOM meeting, but it isn't the actual fellowship sponsoring the meeting. If people are interested in this, they can call Kyle at 818-8494 for more information. There was discussion as to whether the "unofficial" meeting should be put on the CVI website. Norene A. said we shouldn't put "other" meeting information (i.e. non-fellowship meetings, Al-Anon meetings, etc.) in our Meeting Listing on the website, but we could put an official link to a website (i.e. Al-Anon District 18 website).

Ada L. – Simply AA– Zoom meetings are held everyday at 7AM and listed on the CVI web page. 7th traditions can be made via PayPal. We were fortunate that an anonymous member paid for the March rent. Our landlord is very supportive of our efforts and is willing to work with us. Posted on door the HOT LINE number.

Jessica J. – Turlock Group – Absent.

TRUSTED SERVANT REPORTS

Currently NO Representative – Outreach – N/A

Eran – Webmaster – Absent.

Norene A. - PI/CPC – We aren't allowed to go into any facilities, but she has prepared a letter of introduction for local agencies. No physical or Zoom meetings at this time.

Terri S. – District Liaison– District did not have any meeting in April, but GSRs and committee liaisons were supposed to email the DCM their monthly reports so that information could be shared up to the Area Delegate. Pre-conference meeting on April 4th and 5th was on-line.

Lois R. (Christina Reporting) – Events Committee Chair – Christina and Lois are discussing whether to cancel or reschedule the annual softball tournament. They will schedule a meeting with the events committee for further discussion. The Old Timers Panel is currently scheduled for Saturday, August 29, 2020, at the Memorial Medical Plaza off Coffee Road in Modesto. New Year's Eve event is scheduled with St. Joseph's. Please call Lois or Christina if you have any questions.

Ada L. – CVI NCCAA Liaison - San Jose Conference is scheduled for September 25-27, 2020. If you pre-registered for the March event, your registration will carry forward to the September event. The Modesto NCCAA Conference, originally scheduled for the end of May 2020, is now scheduled for March 19-21st, 2021. Stay tuned for more information. NCCAA is having Steering Committee meetings via Zoom.

Phil S. - H&I – Monthly meetings have been suspended until further notice.

Phil S. - Literature – Office is NOT OPEN. However, if you need literature or chips, please contact Phil and they will coordinate a pickup and sale. Plenty of literature and chips. Note – we do not have Spanish literature in the downtown office.

Phil S. - Hotline – All slots are filled on the HOTLINE; however, if you are interested, please 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. Office hours are covered.

Carol S. – Al-Anon – We are not having any face-to-face meetings. Meeting information is available on the Al-Anon District 18 website <https://alanonsanjoaquinvalley.org/index.htm>.

OLD BUSINESS

- 1) None.

NEW BUSINESS

- 1) Ruth T. (Treasurer) requested to move \$2,000 from the Prudent Reserve account to the daily operations bank account to cover ongoing expenses. Phil S. motioned to approve. Lois R. seconded. Motion passed.

- 2) Lois R. motioned to put a link to Al-Anon on the CVI webpage. Norene A. seconded. Motion passed.

DISCUSSION (NO VOTE REQUIRED)

- 1) CVI and the “virtual basket” – Due to the online status of the current AA experience, it was agreed that CVI should look into creating a PayPal and/or Venmo account. Various fellowships are doing this to encourage continued 7th Tradition contributions. Dan to work with Ruth on the establishment of the online payment options.

Phil S. motioned to close the meeting and Bryan H. seconded. Meeting adjourned at 7:00 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.