

CENTRAL VALLEY INTERGROUP BUSINESS MEETING MINUTES

DATE: 05/25/20

Meeting was called to order by Dan S. @ 6:02 p.m.

A Moment of Silence followed by the Serenity Prayer.

Twelve Traditions were read by Philip S.

Chit Chat – Bert C. - I didn't relapse but one of my workers did. He is a good worker and would like to talk to anyone after the meeting that may have been in this situation. Lois R. - Leslie K.'s mom had a serious stroke over the weekend; please pray for them.

Attendees: Dan S., Philip S., Terri S., Chadd H., Kiana W., Jim G., Ada L., Lois R, Jacqueline H., Jessica J., Wanda Bert C., Eric R., and Carol S.

Tradition 5 “*Each group has but one primary purpose: to carry its message to the alcoholic who still suffers.*” – discussed by Dan S. and Norene A. – No matter what we as individuals or fellowships do, we must provide the service of carrying the message to other alcoholics. The current pandemic has presented problems in our ability to do that. Zoom has been an alternative, but it too has its challenges. Similarly to when our soldiers went off to war in WWII, members were concerned that they might not be able to stay sober, but they helped and supported each other during this time and remained sober.

Minutes: Phil S. motioned to accept April 27, 2020, meeting minutes. Eric R. seconded. Minutes were approved.

Treasurer's Report (Interim Phil): Total cash balance as of May 20, 2020, was \$8,838.28. Overall contributions are still down. However, we changed the Hotline Phone system (analogue) that was costing us \$400 a month to a voice over internet protocol (VOIP) phone system. Now our monthly cost will be around \$100 a month. Big savings!!!

Implemented both Paypal and Venmo options for contributions. There were a couple of issues with the bank, but Ruth will get it resolved. Lois R. made a motion to accept the Treasurer's report. Jim G. seconded. Treasurer's report was approved.

7th Tradition: Taken.

GROUP REPORTS

No Representative - 12 X 12 – No representative.

Bert C. – Beachwood – At the last Beachwood business meetings the group decided to open its doors with restrictions (i.e. masks are mandatory, no food/drink/pets, social distancing, attendance limited to 17, 7th tradition basket by door – not passed, sanitation, universal precautions). He didn't personally attend an open meeting, but drove by and didn't see too many cars.

Bert C. – Eye Opener – No information.

Bert C. -Merced Men's – No information..

Winner's Circle (Atwater – Eran) – Absent.

Ada L. – Freedom Weekend– No news as of yet, but they have a meeting with the campground manager on June 1. Campout is currently held at the River Ranch Campground in Tuolumne County. If given approval to move forward, the plan is to have a one day “pick your campsite” ticket sales at the Alano Club in Ceres, so stay tuned.

Bryan H. - Friends Coming of Age – Absent.

Gail E. (Terri S. relayed text message) - Gateway –Only having ZOOM meetings right now. Meetings are everyday at noon and 7pm. Women’s meeting on Tuesday morning at 10:30am. City told them that they would remain closed until stage 3 opening.

Eric R.– Living Sober – We had our business meeting on 5/14/20. We have \$5,500 in prudent reserves. Contributions are down but we are hanging in there. Discussing how/when we reopen. We didn’t have elections in May; everyone is just continuing as is. Treasurer noticed that we had not made any contributions to AA structure; this will be resumed. Heard that groups in Sacramento are meeting and defying rules. Norene A. said that is happening in our area as well. Some are getting approval from cities and every group is autonomous. NY GSO says we follow the law.

Christina R.(Terri S. relayed text) – Everything is still the same and good; using ZOOM.

Kyle C. Modesto Fellowship – Absent.

Kiana W. Northside – Holding ZOOM meetings. Had Emergency Business meetings to discuss reopening. Will not reopen until State says we can reopen. Reviewing the state website for guidelines on social distancing. Preparing to take a plan to the landlord to knock out the center wall to open up the space.

Oakdale Fellowship –No representative.

Chadd H. – Pass It On - Not active. Waiting for permission to gather and still looking for a place to meet. Harvest Hall used to allow AA meetings and events, but not allowed at this time. Norene A. said the County is abiding by Stage 2-Phase 2 reopening. There may be changes this upcoming Friday w/ restrictions. We are all hungry to reopen, but State says AA folks are all huggy and stuff so we have ZOOM. We need to be patient and look at the parameters for reopening.

Jim G. – Primary Purpose – Zoom meetings are well attended, but 7th tradition contributions are down. We may be one of the last to reopen. At our business meeting group decided to send contributions to CVI. Opening when State says OK.

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. Waiting and seeing what will happen.

Wanda T. (New Representative) – Language of the Heart– Everything is shut down and meetings have gone to ZOOM. Doing well with our Saturday 9AM morning meetings. We have a new and are just now getting Venmo started. Voted on meeting via ZOOM thru the end of June and waiting to hear from church. Operating with grace and dignity. On Saturday, July 11th, we

have our quarterly speaker meeting. Emily from Sacramento will be our speaker. Doors open at 8:45AM.

Lyn R. – Newman Happy Hour – Absent.

Jacqueline H. – Serenity – Still having physical meetings with a maximum of 10 people. She has not personally attended but believes they are practicing social distancing.

Ada L. – Simply AA–Simply went to the City of Turlock for approval to open, discussed restrictions with the Fire Marshall and will be practicing social distancing, no food to be served, and sanitizing the facility after every meeting. Meetings will be everyday at 7AM and noon. Zoom meetings are held everyday at 7AM and will continue.

Jessica J. – Turlock Group – Currently closed but we have a business meeting later this week. 7th tradition is down.

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. Agencies are not interested in meeting with us at this time. We got a message from one of our sites that they want us to come pick up pamphlets in accordance with new safety precautions.

Terri S. – District Liaison– District is doing a hybrid meeting with physical location at Alano Club in Ceres (practicing social distancing) or attendance via Zoom. GSRs and committee liaisons can email the DCM their monthly reports so that information could be shared up to the Area Delegate.

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 – I LOVE SERVICE!! 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, but not much in sales right now.

Phil S. - Hotline – We are currently working through the change in phone system from analogue to VoIP. Everything is expected to be up and running Thursday, May 28th by noon.

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>. We had a virtual assembly with 384 attendees; it was good.

OLD BUSINESS

- 1) None.

NEW BUSINESS

- 1) None.

DISCUSSION (NO VOTE REQUIRED)

- 1) Ada – GSO is providing workshops every Monday at 8pm
- 2) Terri – Founder’s Day weekend is June 13-14th and it will be a virtual event. Emailed information to everyone and posted on private Facebook pages.

Ada L. motioned to close the meeting and Norene A. 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.