

CENTRAL VALLEY INTERGROUP BUSINESS MEETING MINUTES

DATE: 07/27/20

Meeting was called to order by Dan S. @ 6:00 p.m.

A Moment of Silence followed by the Serenity Prayer.

Twelve Traditions were read by Dan S.

Chit Chat – Gails’ daughter and grandkids are doing well; her daughter turns 30 on the 31st ☺
Dan S. went to Oregon last week where it was nice and cool.

Attendees: Dan S., Philip S., Terri S., Chadd H., Gail E., Ruth T., Jessica J., Wanda T., Lois R. Jim G., Eran S., Ada L., Christina R., Bert C., Kyle C., Kiana W., Bryan H., Jacqueline H.. and Carol S.

Tradition 7 “*Every A.A. group ought to be fully self-supporting, declining outside contributions*” – discussed by Gail E. – This is BIG for me. Just like we are self-supporting in our own lives. As part of my 7th Tradition for my fellowship, I pay for the Zoom account and hold online meetings because “in person” meetings can only accommodate 10 people at a time.

Minutes: Bert C. motioned to accept June 22, 2020, meeting minutes. Wanda T. seconded. Minutes were approved.

Treasurer’s Report (Interim Phil): Total cash balance as of July 20, 2020, was \$11,679.46. Net income was \$1,827.77. We had great contributions last month. Dan S. asked that representatives thank their fellowships for their contributions and continued support. We even received some anonymous personal contribution. We got the deposit check back from the City of Modesto for the Beyer Park reservation (softball tournament). Due to the new phone system, our phone bill will be \$300 less per month effective June 2020. Venmo is working well. Lois R. made a motion to accept the Treasurer’s report. Bryan H. seconded. Treasurer’s report was approved.

7th Tradition: Taken.

GROUP REPORTS

No Representative - 12 X 12 – No representative.

Bert C. – Beachwood – Still in business and having in-person and Zoom meetings with average attendance of five (5) people in either meeting format. We are not in the black, but we have not been evicted..

Bert C. – Eye Opener – Nothing to report.

Bert C. -Merced Men’s – Nothing to report.

Eran S. – Winner’s Circle (Atwater) – Zoom meetings have about 8-10 people which isn’t bad for an online meeting.

Eran S. – The Herd (Atwater) – Zoom and in-person meetings in the park. M-F 630AM and S-S 7AM meetings.

Eran S. – Los Banos – No meetings are being held in Los Banos at all.

Ada L. (Terri reporting) – Freedom Weekend– I wasn't at the whole campout because my kidneys were bothering me, so I went to the hospital in Tuolumne County. There I found out I was positive for COVID-19. Tuolumne County Sheriff came to the campout, spoke to the committee, and the committee then spoke to ~150 people at the campout. Tuolumne County requested "contact tracing" so participants were asked to put the first name, last initial and phone number on the contact sheet. Most were cooperative, but some refused to give information, which is their right. I am doing well.

Bryan H. - Friends Coming of Age – We have some meetings in the park and some on Zoom, but no one is really participating online. Missed the last business meeting, but there is discussion about letting the current meeting room go. I personally have not gone to any face-to-face meetings. In general, our fellowship is busy with summer stuff, but we still have our prudent reserve and so are okay financially.

Gail E. - Gateway – We have been dipping into our prudent reserve. We do not have a Venmo account, but people will leave me money for the fellowship and Zoom meetings. We still have great controversy over the anonymity of online meetings, but I holding them to carry the message. The County said we could stay open if we continue to follow protocols. We have meetings twice a day seven (7) days a week for both in person and Zoom. Women's meeting is Tuesday at 10:30AM. Speaker meeting is the last Saturday of the month at 7PM. If interested in our Zoom meetings, please contact me and I will share ID and password, but we are not sharing publicly or on CVIAA.org.

Eric R. – Living Sober – Absent. Jim G. and Eran S. commented that they believe it is open for in person meetings everyday at noon, 6PM, and 8PM.

Christina R. – Surrender to Win - Fellowship is doing fine. Everything is shut down with meetings on ZOOM because the church is closed with no plan to open any time soon. Our 7th Tradition is actually higher than when we met in person. Women's meeting brought to women at Nirvana and now The Redwood Family Center via Zoom every Wednesday for women's meeting and every Friday for our regular meeting.

Kyle C. - Modesto Fellowship – Modesto Fellowship is having noon and 7pm meetings at the Caesar Chavez Park on 4th and G Streets, practicing social distancing. Bring a blanket or a chair. Birthday speaker meeting will be held on the second Saturday of the month and our next speaker is Ruth T. with 53 years sharing her ESH on August 8, 2020, at 5:30PM. Still not in building but rent is getting paid.

Kiana W. – Northside – All is well at Northside. We decided at the last business meeting to once again distribute to GSO, CVIAA, District 34, etc. Meetings are a hybrid of face-to-face meetings with social distancing and increased sanitation in place and ZOOM meetings as many members still taking precautions on meeting in groups. 3rd Friday of the month is the speaker meeting which will be held at the fellowship.

Theresa (new representative) - Oakdale – Absent, but sent meeting schedule to Terri S. via text. Terri requested that she send it to webmaster@CVIAA.org.

Chadd H. – Pass It On – Absent.

Jim G. – Primary Purpose – The fellowship is doing well financially. The fellowship is not having any Zoom meetings, but some of the members are holding Zoom meetings. All face to

face are open with COVID19 protocols in place; participation in the front office is limited to 10 people with up to 35 in the larger back room.

Lois R. -Principle Study Group – I missed the last business meeting. We are still meeting on Zoom every Saturday morning and 7th tradition is doing well via Venmo.

Wanda T. – Language of the Heart– Attendance is approximately 15. The group reads and discusses the text “Language of the Heart”. Venmo account is in place. Meeting will continue on Zoom through the end of September. Meeting will continue to review, and Zoom status will depend on meeting place as well as county and state guidelines. There is a speaker meeting in October. Information will be sent as soon as it is available. This is an intimate women’s group that reads from the book “The Language of the Heart” and meets every Saturday at 9am.

Lyn R. (Gail E. reporting) – Newman Happy Hour – Lyn is moved to Allegheny outside of Grass Valley. No new CVI representative yet.

Jacqueline H. (Kathy K. reporting) – Serenity – Still open; we never closed. We have meetings everyday at noon, 6pm, and 8pm. In August, she will be attending her first face-to-face business meeting, so information will be first hand instead of word of mouth.

Ada L. – Simply AA– Simply is still not open. We just had an emergency meeting tonight and the vote was 7 to 6 to stay closed. We will revisit in 30 days. We had shut down last month because most of our fellowship had attended Freedom Weekend campout and then went into quarantine. We do have Zoom meetings every morning at 7AM and a women’s meeting at 6PM on Tuesday evenings that could use support. Finances are tough, but we are very fortunate to have an understanding landlord that believes in what we are doing and is willing to work with us on rent.

Jessica J. – Turlock Group – TG is closed again. They continuing with the Wednesday evening New Comer’s meeting via Zoom. .

TRUSTED SERVANT REPORTS

Currently NO Representative – Outreach – N/A

Eran – Webmaster – On top of everything for the first time in 6 weeks. The Meeting App did updates to help us manage the inclusion of online meetings. Trying to stay current.

Norene A. (sent via email) - PI/CPC – Absent.

Terri S. – District Liaison– District is having a hybrid meeting like CVIAA with the opportunity to attend at the Alano Club in person or via Zoom. I attended the District meeting via Zoom. Meeting attendance was not very good. Majority of discussions were around COVID19, opening/Zoom, restrictions, how would we handle “contact tracing” if county asked, etc. No face-to-face CNIA or regional events. CNIA does have additional information on their website, including the new ACCENTS publication, which is a great resource. If GSRs are not being emailed the ACCENTS publication, they should contact the new person (information available on the website).

Lois R. – Events Committee Chair – Events committee met last Tuesday at Ruthie’s house. Due to NO facilities being available for the rest of 2020, the Old Timers Panel, Holiday Social, and New Year’s Eve Dinner have been canceled. The committee focused on a 2021 calendar and want to schedule the Annual Softball Tournament on Saturday, May 15, 2021, at Beyer Community Park, the Old Timers Panel on Saturday, August 28, 2021, the Memorial Health Center, and doing a combo type event called the Holiday Extravaganza on Saturday, December 11, 2021 at the Harvest Hall. It is highly unlikely that St. Joseph’s will be available to outside groups at any time in the future. We decided on an affordable spaghetti dinner and speaker format for the Holiday Extravaganza with raffle prizes.

Ada L. – CVI NCCAA Liaison – The San Jose event has been canceled and moved to 2022; it was easier to reschedule than try to get the deposit back. Modesto event in March 2021 is still up in the air. San Ramon is under discussion. The group is trying to keep up with the times. Biggest discussion is the “spirit of rotation” and there are still chair positions available. They have created an ad hoc technology committee and considering the possibility of doing virtual events.

Phil S. - H&I – We did not have Business meeting in, but not much going on right now because no one can go anywhere.

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. We are selling some literature.

Phil S. - Hotline – Thanks to Dan and Ruthie for getting the new phone system up and running. Some folks are still adjusting to the new method of signing on, but all is good and the new system is saving us a lot of money every month. Welcome to the digital world where we have information available (e.g. call logging, voicemail, etc.). Things are going smoothly with the new system.

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 – There are some in person meetings happening, but mostly on Zoom, but no really much going on at this point. Meeting information is available on the Al-Anon District 18 website <https://alanonsanjoaquinvalley.org/index.htm>.

OLD BUSINESS

- 1) None.

NEW BUSINESS

- 1) None.

DISCUSSION (NO VOTE REQUIRED)

- 1) Eran S. – As the webmaster, I get a lot of requests, but if I don’t hear from a group about meeting changes, I don’t make changes to the website. However, groups may not be meeting and our website and the Meeting App may say that meetings are happening. How would you like me to handle that? It is the responsibility of the group to notify the webmaster about fellowship meeting changes. Terri S. commented that she thinks that

some reps talk about their meeting changes at CVI and/or district meetings and feel that stating it there will result in changes on a website, but it does not. All meeting schedules, including changes, should be emailed to webmaster@cviaa.org. Gail E. will send Gateway and Happy Hour updates. Ada L. will reach out to GSR's to let them know.

- 2) Ada L. attended the Area meeting. Next area committee meeting will be held on August 23rd at 1:30pm.

Phil S.. motioned to close the meeting and Gail E. 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.