

CENTRAL VALLEY INTERGROUP BUSINESS MEETING MINUTES

DATE: 08/24/20

Meeting was called to order by Norene A. @ 6:00 p.m.

A Moment of Silence followed by the Serenity Prayer.

Twelve Traditions were read by .Gail E.

Chit Chat – Please pray for Dan S.’s wife who is suffering with kidney stones. Jessica J. got engaged last week. Congratulations! Terri S. is joining us from Reno on vacation. Prayers for the fire fighters. Kiana W. has 2 years today – woop woop!

Attendees: Terri S., Gail E., Jessica J., Wanda T., Eran S., Ada L., Christina R., Kiana W., Norene A., Jacqueline H.. and Carol S.

Tradition 8 “*Alcoholics Anonymous should remain forever nonprofessional, but service centers may employ special workers.*” – discussed by Norene A. read the long form – 12th step work should never be paid for as we need to give it away. However, if office work is needed we can pay people to do this type of work for AA.

Minutes: Wanda T. motioned to accept July 27, 2020, meeting minutes. Gail E. seconded. Minutes were approved.

Treasurer’s Report (Norene): Total cash balance as of August 20, 2020, was \$13,151.85. Net income was \$1,365.95. We had great contributions last month with \$358.08 in fellowship contributions, \$843.58 in literature sales, and additional contributions of \$2,032, which included an anonymous \$2,000 contribution.. Due to the new phone system, our expenses have reduced significantly. Gail E. made a motion to accept the Treasurer’s report. Ada L. seconded. Treasurer’s report was approved.

7th Tradition: Norene asked how do we contribute to CVI and Terri S. pointed people to the CVIAA.org web page and noted that in the upper right hand corner there is a “passing the hat” icon to click on that shows the various ways one can donate to CVI - <http://cviaa.org/aa/7th-tradition/> .

GROUP REPORTS

No Representative - 12 X 12 – No representative.

Bert C. (Eran S. Reporting)– Beachwood – They are still doing a hybrid meeting style (Zoom and in person). Has a maximum in person attendance of 17 and then they lock the doors. They are rebounding a bit financially.

Bert C. (Eran S. Reporting)– Eye Opener – Doing fine financially and having meetings at 8 am every day including Sunday.

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

Eran S. – Winner’s Circle (Atwater) – Zoom meetings continuing. Good sobriety so please feel free to join us. Expenses are nil so doing fine financially.

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. – Freedom Weekend– Financially FW is doing well. We are getting ready to have our first fundraiser, which will be a drive thru Pancake Breakfast on Sunday, September 21st, from 9am – 11am, at Simply AA in Turlock CA.

Bryan H. - Friends Coming of Age – Absent.

Gail E. - Gateway –Vigorous discussions regarding face-to-face meetings verses Zoom continue. Looking to setup Venmo account. We will be doing a group conscience and vote this upcoming week. 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..

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 –Absent

Kiana W. – Northside – All is well at Northside. Last business meeting had 2220-25 in attendance which is good. WE will be having elections next month and we could use folks with some good sobriety to help with chairing meetings. 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.

Chadd H. – Pass It On – Absent.

Jim G. (Text report) – 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. (Wanda T. Reporting) -Principle Study Group – Will be on Zoom thru October at this point. Doing well financially as costs of Zoom are low and contributions are good.

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 October. 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 on October 17th. A flier has been sent to CVI for posting to the website.. This is an intimate women’s group that reads from the book “The Language of the Heart” and meets every Saturday at 9am. Thank you for allowing me to serve.

No Representative (Gail E. reporting) – Newman Happy Hour –No new CVI representative yet. Going to Zoom meetings 6pm. Meetings are not well attended, but doing okay financially. We encourage folks to support their Zoom meetings.

Jacqueline H. (Kathy K. reporting) – Serenity – Absent.

Ada L. – Simply AA– Simply is still not open, but there is an emergency meeting tonight to vote on opening.. Finances are not doing well.

Jessica J. – Turlock Group – TG is slow to Zoom, but we have a new comers meeting on Wednesdays at 7pm and a new meeting on Friday evening at 7pm. Meetings are not well attended. Communications are challenged. We are trying to stay open as long as possible.

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 – Still no meetings as COVID limits outreach opportunities.

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.. 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 at CNIA (information available on the website).

Lois R. (Terri S. reporting) – Events Committee Chair – Same as last month. 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. – CVINCCAA 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 – Absent.

Phil S. - Literature – Absent. Office is NOT OPEN. However, if you need literature or chips, please contact Phil and they will coordinate a pickup and sale.

Phil S. - Hotline – Absent. 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.

Carol S. – Al-Anon – There is only one meeting that is currently a hybrid with all others still only on Zoom. They are planning a *Day in Al-Anon* event (Because You Loved Me) for November 7th. It will be a virtual event. The event flier and meeting information is available on the Al-Anon District 18 website <https://alanonsanjoaquinvalley.org/index.htm>.

OLD BUSINESS

- 1) None.

NEW BUSINESS

- 1) The following item started as a discussion or announcement only, but then a motion was made - Eran S. – District 36 is going to have a remote UNITY DAY (no date or flier yet). They are working through the details. They plan to have a JEOPARDY game for fun. Norene A. motioned that CVIAA donate \$100 as a prize. Gail E. seconded. Motion passed.

DISCUSSION (NO VOTE REQUIRED)

- 2) General – Folks were wondering about fellowships holding face-to face meetings. Norene A. says to go the Stanislaus County office of Emergency Services (OES) website. Northside got “essential services” status from the County. They did have to rework the room for social distancing and implement sanitation policies and practices.
- 3) Terri S. mentioned the *Hand in Hand* women’s virtual event happening on Saturday, September 12, from 10-2:30. Flier available on the CVIAA.org website.

Ada L. motioned to close the meeting and Gail E. seconded. Meeting adjourned at 6:47 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.