

## CENTRAL VALLEY INTERGROUP BUSINESS MEETING MINUTES

**DATE:** 09/28/20

**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 Ada L.**

**Chit Chat** – Dan S.’s wife who is home and doing better. Jessica J. got her wedding dress for the happy event next September 2021. Bert had a growth, but test said everything is ok. However, his discussion with the doctor on COVID was that numbers are still high, so we might have another year of this. Prayers for Gail E.’s son who lost his home in the hurricane last week.

**Attendees:** Dan S., Terri S., Gail E., Jessica J., Wanda T., Eran S., Ada L., Christina R., Kiana W., Phil S., Ruth T., Bert C., Lois R., Jim G., Theresa G. and Carol S.

**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 Christina R. CVI is a great example of this tradition. We are not specialized, but we are here to serve AA and the fellowships we represent and continue to carry the message to the alcoholic that still suffers.

**Minutes:** Phil S. motioned to accept August 24, 2020, meeting minutes. Jessica J. seconded. Minutes were approved.

**Treasurer’s Report (Norene):** Total cash balance as of September 20, 2020, was \$13,011.34. Total income was \$858.78; total expenses were \$1,036.39 resulting in a net loss of \$177.61. Ada L. made a motion to accept the Treasurer’s report. Lois R. seconded. Treasurer’s report was approved.

**7<sup>th</sup> Tradition:** 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, Theresa G. noted that they are having face-to-face meetings.

**Bert C. – Beachwood** – They are still doing a hybrid meeting style (Zoom and in person). Has a maximum in person attendance of 17, but many did not want to drive 20 minutes to the meeting only to find locked doors. They are discussing meetings in the parking lot. Isolation has been tough on folks and they lost someone☹.

**Bert C. – Eye Opener** – Nothing to report.

**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. Recently attendance is up and getting folks that have moved out of the area.

**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. They had an emergency meeting yesterday to see if they would open rooms. Stay tuned.

**Ada L. – Freedom Weekend**– Financially FW is doing well. We had our first fundraiser, which was a drive thru Pancake Breakfast on Sunday, September 21, 2020. We had good support. Our next fundraiser will be a drive thru Spaghetti Dinner (\$10 ticket) on Saturday, October 24<sup>th</sup>. Specialty baked goods will be available for purchase. Event will be at Simply AA in Turlock CA.

**Bryan H. - Friends Coming of Age** – Absent.

**Gail E. - Gateway** – Setup Venmo account. . Gail needs to Eran the schedule. Treasurer for past 10 years has stepped down. We have a temp in place with new bank and still working on the transition. Group decided to put Zoom meetings on CVI website. 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. Zoom contributions are good but face-to-face 7<sup>th</sup> tradition is low, but doing fine financially. We still do not have a GSR.

**Eric R.– Living Sober** – Absent., But Jim G. reported that they have face-to-face meetings daily at noon, 6pm, and 8pm, including a men’s and women’s meeting.

**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 7<sup>th</sup> 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. Friday meeting has 20-30 people. Elections will be held at the next business meeting on the third Friday of the month.

**Kyle C. - Modesto Fellowship** –Absent, but Ada L. reported face-to-face meetings at the Caesar Chavez Park at noon everyday and moved the 7pm evening meeting indoors. Birthday speaker meeting in the park.

**Kiana W. – Northside** – All is well at Northside. Last business meeting we had elections. I am still the CVI representative; we are having difficulty getting people to volunteer to chair any meetings (face-to-face or Zoom). Consequently, many meetings will be going dark. Speaker and town hall meetings are currently on hold. Doing ok financially.

**Theresa G. - Oakdale** – Most meetings are via Zoom. Wednesday and Thursday 6pm meetings are face-to-face and Zoom. 7<sup>th</sup> tradition is down. We have a problem with people not keeping commitments, so No Chair = No Meeting. We will likely have an emergency meeting in the next couple of weeks.

**Chadd H. – Pass It On** – Absent.

**Jim G. – Primary Purpose** – The fellowship is doing well financially. The fellowship has officially welcomed back 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. In person meetings are everyday at 6:30pm.

**Lois R. -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. We don't know if we will be able to go back to the church.

**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 17<sup>th</sup>. 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. Doing well financially which allows us to make contributions to CVI, District, and GSO.

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

**Jacqueline H. – Serenity** – Absent.

**Ada L. – Simply AA**– Simply has Zoom and face-to-face meetings and decided to do birthday speaker night on first Saturday of the month. Masks are suggested and we try to do social distancing. Financially we are struggling. At next business meetings we will be discussing bringing back noon meetings.

**Jessica J. – Turlock Group** – Trying to follow state guidelines – 15 people max, masks required, sanitation, no coffee/no food, social distancing, etc. 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. We are not doing great. We will be discussing Venmo at the next business meeting. We are trying to stay open as long as possible.

## TRUSTED SERVANT REPORTS

**Currently NO Representative – Outreach** – N/A

**Eran – Webmaster** – Everyone is doing a great job getting me meeting changes. If you have changes, please email them to [webmaster@cviaa.org](mailto:webmaster@cviaa.org). No open issues at this time that he knows of. Christina R. asked about a calendar and Eran pointed out that there is a calendar on the CVI website so people can see events and possible scheduling conflicts.

**Norene A. - PI/CPC** – Absent, but Lois R. provided - 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. Meeting was late due to a meeting at the Alano Club, so District meetings will now be held at 7:30pm. Majority of discussions were around COVID19, opening/Zoom, restrictions. Most are having the same issues, including getting people to volunteer to chair meetings or hold positions. 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. – Events Committee Chair** – No changes. 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** – No changes. 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** – Still no meetings, but literature is still going into facilities.

**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.

**Phil S. - Hotline** – We have two openings 9am-noon on both Wednesday and Thursday. 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** – They had elections and there is a new District representative, Diana C., and alternate, April M., who will be attending the CVI meetings. They are planning a *Day in Al-Anon* event (Because You Loved Me) for November 7<sup>th</sup>. 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) None.

## DISCUSSION (NO VOTE REQUIRED)

- 1) General/candid discussion on how groups were handling COVID. Varying perspectives on following state mandates/guidelines verses group or personal autonomy. Everyone has the right to their opinion, but some felt their opinions may have been slighted and, thus, might discourage others to speak out in the future. Dan S. indicated that the chair is a voluntary position and that if the group wanted to have a special vote to get someone else that is our prerogative. Sorry if he offended anyone.
- 2) Terri S. mentioned to the group that CVI elections were coming up in January 2021 and the Recording Secretary position will be on the ballot. Ada L. asked about the NCCAA liaison representative rotation and Terri S. told her she is it forever;)

Gail E.. motioned to close the meeting and Christina R. seconded. Meeting adjourned and 7:08pm. 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.