

## CENTRAL VALLEY INTERGROUP BUSINESS MEETING MINUTES

**DATE:** 11/23/20

**Meeting was called to order by Dan S. @ 6:05 p.m.**

**A Moment of Silence followed by the Serenity Prayer.**

**Twelve Traditions were read by Phil S.**

**Chit Chat** – Gail E.-was in Louisiana for 3 weeks to help son that was displaced by the hurricane. Is anyone having problems with people showing up late or not at all with their commitments? YES. Where's Chad? Kiana W saw him and he said he is not currently active in any meetings. Terri had a birthday on the 21<sup>st</sup>.

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

**Tradition 11** *“Our public relations policy is based on attraction rather than promotion; we need always maintain personal anonymity at the level of press, radio, and films.”* – Bert C. – Grass roots AA is that we are not anonymous EXCEPT with press, radio, and film, Gail E.- Personal anonymity in AA as a whole. Dan S. – no business cards, no commercials with spokespeople, GSO has public service announcements.

**Minutes:** Lois R.. motioned to accept October 26, 2020, meeting minutes. Wanda T. seconded. Minutes were approved.

**Treasurer's Report (Ruth T.):** Total cash balance as of November 20, 2020, was \$13,318.12. Total income was \$783.32; total expenses were \$1,554.88 resulting in a net loss of \$771.56. Jim G. made a motion to accept the Treasurer's report. Bert C. seconded. Treasurer's report was approved.

**7<sup>th</sup> Tradition:** 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. – Beachwood** – Bert missed the las business meeting so he doesn't know much. They had tried hybrid meeting which was an utter failure. They had elections, but no one volunteered☹ Things are challenging at best.

**Eran S. – Eye Opener** – They are all on Zoom and doing well. They have a birthday person who is willing to drop off chips to people. They have a new chair person from the central time zone..

**Bert C. -Merced Men's** – No idea.

**Eran S. – Winner's Circle (Atwater)** – Zoom meetings continuing. Even in this virtual world, all is well – handing out chips and literature. Good sobriety so please feel free to join us. Expenses are nil so doing fine financially. Practicing 7<sup>th</sup> tradition again with 13 plus in attendance.

**Eran S. – The Herd (Atwater)** – Zoom and in-person meetings in the park. Down to 6 days a week.

**Eran S. – Sisters in Sobriety** – Meeting on Thursday night at St. Lukes and is doing fine. Has newcomers and good attendance.

**Eran S. – Los Banos** – Serenity having noon meetings three days a week in the Ranchwood park (weather permitting) in Los Banos. Plus Zoom meetings. Meetings posted on CVI. Spirit Trekkers also adding a couple of meetings in the week to compliment the overall Los Banos schedule.

**Ada L. – Freedom Weekend**– Absent. Terri S. reported that they had a bake sale in a park in Modesto, but didn't know how they did.

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

**Gail E. - Gateway** – We just had our business meeting. We were doing well before with face-to-face and Zoom until I went to Louisiana. Still a big discord between face-to-facers and Zoomers. No noon meeting on Saturdays. They too have new chair and alternates from central and eastern time zones for Zoom meetings. Birthday speaker meeting is virtual.

**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. Had elections and all slots were filled. Attendance is pretty decent. Birthday and business meetings are virtual.

**Christina R. – Surrender to Win** - Absent

**Kyle C. - Modesto Fellowship** – Absent, but meetings have moved inside 6 and 8pm meetings everyday. They are doing a Thanksgiving marathon and dinner.

**Kiana W. – Northside** – Things are well at Northside. They are passing out chips at the Saturday night meeting. Event Coordinator and Speaker meetings are currently on hold. They have some overlap in meeting times between the face-to-face and Zoom. Lease is up in March and looking at smaller locations and lower rent if possible. They had a vandalism event at the fellowship which dipped into cash balance.

**Theresa G. - Oakdale** – Absent.

**Chadd H. – Pass It On** – Absent. Ruth T. Everything is still on hold.

**Jim G. – Primary Purpose** – The fellowship is doing well financially. Face-to-face and Zoom 6:30 pm meetings every day of the week. 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. Chips are handed out on the third Saturday of the month, but no speaker meeting.

**Lois R. -Principle Study Group** – Finances are good Meetings are well attended; we have attendees from all over, including a young woman from Tehran. We are still on Zoom and will continue as there is no news on when we might go back to the church. We are having elections on 12/5.

**Wanda T. – Language of the Heart**– Meetings are on Zoom. Attendance is approximately 15. The group reads and discusses the text “Language of the Heart”. Venmo account is in place. 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 January. Information will be sent as soon as it is available. We will be having elections coming up and I will be stepping down as the CVI representative.

**Newman Happy Hour** –No representative. Gail E. Zoom meetings on Monday and Thursday at 6pm.

**Jacqueline H. – Serenity** – Group is doing well financially. Face-to-face meetings at noon, 6pm, 8pm seven days a week. Currently dealing with threats of violence in the group and have reached out to the District representative (Beth S.). At the next business meeting, they will be discussing adding the AA Safety Card to the meeting script and discuss how we can better handle this in the future. We are looking at increasing the attendee number to 30 and talking about bringing back the birthday speaker meeting.

**Ada L. – Simply AA**– Absent. Dan S. noted that the board says meetings every day at 7am and Saturday at noon.

**Jessica J. – Turlock Group** – Contributions and attendance are down, so the group agreed to relax attendance guidelines – masks are optional. They are not having elections as there are not people willing to step up to chair. We are holding the Thanksgiving Marathon meetings starting 7pm Wednesday night through 7pm Thursday.

#### TRUSTED SERVANT REPORTS

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

**Eran – Webmaster** – Business as usual. Everything is up to date. We now have maps built in to the website. If anyone has pictures of the outside of their fellowships that they would like linked to their meetings, please send to [webmaster@cviaa.org](mailto:webmaster@cviaa.org) .I can be very productive from my couch;) There is a meeting in Riverbank – Newcomers (English speaking).

**Norene A. - PI/CPC** – Absent, Lois R. - Still no meetings as COVID limits outreach opportunities.

**Terri S. – District Liaison**– Attendance at district meetings has been low. DCM asked us to encourage our GSRs, as they are the link between District/Area and their fellowships, so it is important to show up to meetings and events. District is having a hybrid meeting like CVIAA with the opportunity to attend at the Alano Club in person or via Zoom. District meetings are now at 7:30pm. The general challenge, like the fellowships, is getting people to volunteer for service positions. 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** –2021 calendar schedule will be the Annual Softball Tournament on Saturday, May 15, 2021, at Beyer Community Park, the Old Timers Panel on Sunday, August 29, 2021, the Memorial Health Center, and doing a combo type event called the Holiday Extravaganza on Saturday, December 11, 2021 at the Harvest Hall. There will be an Events Committee meeting at Ruthie’s house on Tuesday, December 15<sup>th</sup> at 5:30pm.

**Ada L. – CVI NCCAA Liaison** – Absent.

**Phil S. - H&I** – We had a meeting in October, but will not have any more meetings until January 2021 due to the holidays. Although we are not allowed in facilities, 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. There are new books coming out that were created for release at the 2020 World Conference.

**Phil S. - Hotline** – We have openings 9am-noon on Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday. 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. We could use help. Eran S. will put a box on website main page with opening information.

**Carol S. – Al-Anon** – The *Day in Al-Anon* event (Because You Loved Me) virtual event on November 7<sup>th</sup> was amazing! Several new virtual events coming up – sponsorship workshops on 11/22 and 12/19 and world Al-anon town hall meeting on 12/12. The event fliers are available on the Al-Anon District 18 website <https://alanonsanjoaquinvalley.org/index.htm>. Most meetings still Zoom. She will ask April, the new replacement, to come to the meeting in December.

**OLD BUSINESS**

- 1) None.

**NEW BUSINESS**

- 1) None.

**DISCUSSION (NO VOTE REQUIRED)**

- 1) Reminder that elections are in January and the Recording Secretary and all of Phil's positions are up. If anyone has any questions regarding H&I, literature, and the office, please feel free to contact Phil S.

Phil S. motioned to close the meeting and Lois 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.