

CENTRAL VALLEY INTERGROUP BUSINESS MEETING MINUTES

DATE: 12/28/20

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 Jim G..

Chit Chat – Eran S. District 36 had to get its own Zoom account. Jim G. indicated there is a group that meets at Beyer Park at 1pm 7 days a week (no fellowship association). Norene A. likes cheese.

Attendees: Dan S., Terri S., Eran S., Rich, Amy G., April (Al-Anon), Kiana W., Phil S., Ruth T., Jim G., Theresa G., Wanda T., Lois R., Norene A., Bailey R., and Carol S.

Tradition 12 “*Anonymity is the spiritual foundation of all our traditions, ever reminding us to place principles before personalities.*” – Ruth T. – When dealing with the public, we are to use first names only and not talk or share about others. Their story is theirs to tell. Personal recovery comes first and we must stand on the principles of AA not the personalities of the individuals.

Minutes: Lois R.. motioned to accept November 23, 2020, meeting minutes. Norene A. seconded. Minutes were approved with corrections.

Treasurer’s Report (Ruth T.): Total cash balance as of December 20, 2020, was \$1,518.77. Total expenses were \$747.25 resulting in a net Income of \$771.52. Phil S. made a motion to accept the Treasurer’s report. Jim G. seconded. Treasurer’s report was approved.

7th Tradition: The basket was passed at the facility and others advised 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,

Eran S. – Beachwood – 10 person maximum allowed at in person meetings. Meetings are noon and 6pm.

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 - Absent.

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 7th tradition again with 13 plus in attendance.

Eran S. – The Herd (Atwater) – Zoom only 7 am Saturday and Sunday

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 at noon. Plus Zoom meetings. Meetings posted on CVI. Spirit Trekkers also adding a couple of meetings (Tuesday & Thursdays at noon) to compliment the overall Los Banos schedule.

Ada L. – Freedom Weekend– Absent.

Rich A. - Friends Coming of Age – Tully location M-W-F, Alano Club Sunday 7pm, and Zoom Monday and Friday at 8pm. Plus there is till the Regardless of Belief Meeting..

Gail E. - Gateway – Absent.

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.

Bailey R. – Surrender to Win - Friday evening Zoom. Attendance was a little lower around the holidays, but still going strong. We have a new secretary who is bringing in outside ESH. Nirvana is no longer attending the women’s book study meeting on Wednesday as they didn’t feel they were getting much from it.

Kyle C. - Modesto Fellowship –Absent.

Kiana W. – Northside – I missed the last business meeting, which was the quickest business meeting on record. We still have trusted servant positions available. 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.

Theresa G. - Oakdale – We have face-to-face and Zoom meetings. Please see the CVI website for details.

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. You might want to wear a jacket as the back room does not have heat. A lot of newcomers attending.

Lois R. -Principle Study Group – Finances are good Meetings are well attended; we have attendees from all over (Tehran, Australia, etc.). We are still on Zoom and will continue as there is no news on when we might go back to the church. We had elections on 12/5 and Mark B. will be the CVI representative starting in January 2021.

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 speaker meeting on January 16th has Linda M. from Dixon

sharing her ESH with 40 years of sobriety. Meeting starts at 9am. We had elections coming up and I would like to introduce Amy G. who will be the new CVI representative for our group.

Newman Happy Hour –No representative.

Jacqueline H. – Serenity – Absent.

Ada L. – Simply AA– Absent.

Jessica J. (emailed Terri S.) – Turlock Group – Jessica is chairing the women’s meeting there tonight, but provided - We are currently still open and are doing okay but attendance is still not great but we are hanging in there. In an effort to boost attendance we have been more lenient on the mask requirement and leaving it up to the discretion on the chair person. Most meetings everyone still wears masks and we are still keeping the number to 15 max for the meeting, sanitizing after each one etc. We have a business meeting next week.

TRUSTED SERVANT REPORTS

Currently NO Representative – Outreach – N/A

Eran – Webmaster – I was off for a while but 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. I still have a few projects that I would like to do with the website, but need some dedicated time when things are a little less crazy.

Norene A. - PI/CPC – Still no meetings as COVID limits outreach opportunities. Will be meeting with Area 07 Pi/CPC next month.

Terri S. – District Liaison – I was a little late to the meeting last month due to the fact that they changed the time back to 7pm since Freeway group is no longer meeting. 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 Area07 Winter Assembly is Saturday January 16, 2021, and will be a virtual event. More information is available on the CNIA07 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, January 19th at 5:30pm. Zoom will be an option to attend this meeting. We are asking for representatives to go back to their groups and ask if they think they will have a softball team this year. If we don’t have teams, we won’t need to schedule the softball tournament.

Ada L. – CVI NCCAA Liaison – Absent.

Phil S. - H&I – No meetings until January 2021 due to the holidays. Although we are not allowed in facilities, literature is still going into facilities (I.e. New Hope and SRC). The Redwoods is on lock down.

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. Publishers are having some delivery and production problems due to the pandemic so we got some partial orders in, but we are in good shape with literature stock.

Phil S. - Hotline – Rich A. with *Friends Coming of Age* has volunteered to be the official Hotline coordinator. 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 – April M. is the Alternate DR and was introduced. Most meetings are still on Zoom. Still have a couple of important positions open, but doing fine. 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) Dan S. started discussion regarding CVI providing events being important. The current by-laws call them “fund raisers”. Terri S. indicated that the true accounting for the events in the past two years have been on a break even or “no loss.” Rather than a “fund raiser”. We may need to look at changing the language in the bylaws as our funding comes from the fellowships and provision of group events is beneficial for all.
- 2) There was a question about the prudent reserve for CVI. Terri indicated that we did have a vote to establish amount and will need to get history. Norene A. discussed the need to use current office square footage as part of the rationale for the prudent reserve amount and she will get more information on current rates.

Norene A. motioned to close the meeting and Rich A. seconded. Meeting adjourned and 7:00pm. 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.