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**Minutes of the Orange County/Greater Long Beach Intergroup Meeting
August 21, 2024**

The Intergroup meeting of August 21, 2024, was called to order at 7:30 p.m. by the Chair, DJ K. The Serenity Prayer was recited.

Readings:

Twelve Traditions – Sue D. (D57)

Twelve Concepts of Service – Bill Mc. (D63)

Spiritual Reading – DJ K. (Chair) – In All Our Affairs, Pages 190-191

ROLL CALL:

Officers: Chair – DJ K., Chair-Elect – Marque H., Ex-Officio – Ajit S., Secretary – Cherie S., Treasurer – Marilen H.

Committees: Alateen Activities – OPEN; Co-Secretary (Records) – Sofia C.; Farsi Language Liaison – Ben P. (Absent); Fundraising/Phone Coverage – Cheryl J. and Dick G.; Institutions – Gary G.; Nominations/Historian – Barbara Y.; Orange Blossom – Jon M. and Cheryl S.; Public Information – Eric N., Toni C. and JoJo D.; Spanish Language Liaison – Cindy R.; World Service Liaison – Veronica B.

REPORTS:

Treasurer: Marilen H.

Marilen gave a brief recap of the June 30, 2024, year end financials, which were reported at the July Service Board Meeting. Full Treasurer's report attached.

As of July 31, 2024, the current period total sales were \$11,038.89. The total cost of sales was \$4,911.91, resulting in a gross profit of \$6,126.98. Total operating expenses were \$4,445.32, leaving an operating profit of \$1,681.66. Interest income was \$53.53, resulting in a net profit of \$1,735.19. Total assets as of July 31, 2024, from checking/savings/other equaled \$162,501.26.

7th Tradition - Please continue to make contributions through ocalanon.org. There is a button to click for contributions. Please include meeting information where indicated.

Secretary: Cherie S.

Quorum: 15% of 178 registered groups = 27 ISRs needed for quorum.
ISRs present = 45.

The minutes of June 19, 2024, were reviewed and corrected.

Action: Motion made by Cheryl S. (D57) and seconded by Vicki N.. (D63) to approve the minutes as corrected.

Decision: Motion approved. Yes = 40; Abstain = 5.

Service Board Meeting (July 17, 2024) Highlights:

Oversight Committee reported that the last financial audit had occurred 7-8 years ago. They will receive quotes from audit firms and make a recommendation to the Service Board.

Secretary was reminded that a motion had been passed at the March Service Board Meeting to make the Foreign Language Liaisons (Farsi and Spanish) full voting members of the Board. This change will be made in the By-Laws. (This information is included in the July Service Board Meeting minutes.)

The new Service Board was installed. Announcement will be put in the Orange Blossom that there is an open position on the Board for an Alateen Liaison (position must be filled by a registered AMIAS [AI-Anon Member Involved in Alateen Service]).

Motion was passed unanimously to restore registered Spanish-speaking in the Orange County/Greater Long Beach Area to the online Orange County Meeting Directory (ocalanon.org).

One Service Board member (Institutions) resigned.

Meeting insurance certifications come from the Office. If your meeting needs an insurance certificate, please contact the OC AI-Anon Office (Mike).

Office Oversight & Continuity Committee (OCC): Julie S.

The OCC has been working on a Charter document for the By-Laws regarding this committee. By-Laws will be worked on again in September. Full report attached.

Service Board Chair: DJ K.

DJ reported that they are continuing to work on changing banks.

Expanded ISR naming process will soon be posted on the website so that the instructions for renaming yourself at an Intergroup (or Service Board) meeting will be clear and available.

The office lease is up for renewal before the end of the year; DJ is reviewing the lease and will be attempting to obtain some upgrades in the new lease terms.

There is an open position on the Board for an Alateen Activities Coordinator (AMIAS certification required). Please consider being of service and contact DJ if you are interested.

The Orange Blossom has infinite possibilities to get the word out about your events and meetings. Don't forget to print a copy and take it to your meetings each month.

Chair-Elect: Marque H.

Held orientation meeting for new ISRs at 7:00 p.m. The meeting explains the roles and responsibilities of being an ISR, how to rename yourself in the Intergroup Meetings so that your vote can be counted. Look for a new section in the Orange Blossom – Board Corner – where you'll find information to share with your meetings about the Service Board

Ex-Officio: Ajit S.

No report.

Announcements:

- South Bay Roundup is Labor Day weekend.
- December 14 is the Holiday Alathon (In the Spirit of Giving) – If your group would like to donate a gift card or item toward the raffle prizes, please contact Karen W., 714-469-8039.
- Seeking Solutions First Anniversary meeting on Friday. Marque H. is speaking.

Alateen Activities Coordinator: OPEN

No report.

Co-Secretary (Records): Sofia C.

No Report.

Farsi Speaking Liaison: Ben P. (Absent)

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After 12 years, Iran Al-Anon is official. Books can now be printed in Farsi. Ben helped to facilitate translation of Paths to Recovery, and that book has been finished. There are 3 Farsi speaking meetings a week in Orange County (on Zoom).

Fundraising Liaison and Telephone Coverage: Cheryl J. and Dick G. (Absent)

Full report attached.

Institutions: Gary G.

In process of attempting to get Al-Anon panels back into Juvenile Hall (OC). D66 is in the process for panels in the adult jails. Also open to bringing panels into recovery centers. If you are interested in volunteering to be on a panel, contact Gary. Full report attached.

Nominations/Historian: Barbara Y.

Planning to review the Archives with DJ and make them available to members at the Office.

Orange Blossom/News Editor: Jon M. (Absent) and Cheryl S.

Cheryl clarified that while the capacity for the Orange Blossom is large, it's not infinite (the total size of the file has to be 10mb or less in order to email it to the ISRs). If you need help with graphics, she can assist.

Public Information: Eric N., Toni C., and JoJo D.

We didn't get a first-place ribbon this year for our OC Fair booth. Thank you to all of the volunteers. Full report on the Fair and Anaheim High School activities attached.

JoJo reported that they have been looking for ways to increase public information outreach in areas including community centers and churches (putting flyers in their bulletins).

Spanish Liaison: – Cindy R.

The Spanish Intergroup (District 64) is looking for a webmaster volunteer and literature coordinator. Registered Spanish-speaking meetings are on-line in the Orange County online directory. There is a new Alateen meeting at Anaheim High School.

World Service Liaison: – Veronica B.

Attended the Area Committee meeting on Saturday, August 17. Sarah S. and Cindy K. spoke on unity through our principles and moving through conflict. Full report attached.

Information Service Office

Full report (Mike F.) and Al-Anon flyers attached.

OLD BUSINESS:

None

NEW BUSINESS:

A question was raised about whether the Intergroup was ready to go back to in-person meetings. Cindy R. (Board) made a motion that the Intergroup return to in-person meetings. Irene R. (D66) seconded the motion. There was a lot of discussion (pros and cons). The vote was taken: Yes votes: 18; No votes: 27. Motion failed.

Intergroup Meeting
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Birthdays:

July: Anne S. – 12 years; Steve M. – 24 years; Gary M. – 14 years; Veronica B. – 25 years; Lorna M. – 16 years

August: Christina H. – 10 years; Naomi H. – 15 years; Hania T. – 4 years

Next scheduled Intergroup Meeting is October 16, 2024.

Motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Michelle S. (D63) and seconded by Rachel S. (D63). Motion passed.

Respectfully submitted,

Cherie S., Secretary