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Minutes of the Orange County/Greater Long Beach Intergroup Service Board Meeting of May 15, 2024

The in-person Intergroup Service Board meeting of May 15, 2024, was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by the Chair, Ajit S. The Serenity Prayer was recited.

Readings:

Twelve Traditions – Marilen H.

Twelve Concepts of Service – DJ K.

Spiritual Reading – Ajit read from Courage to Change, December 14.

ROLL CALL:

Officers: Chair – Ajit S., Chair-Elect – DJ K., Ex-Officio – Sarah G. (Absent), Secretary, Cherie S., Treasurer, Sam M.

<u>Committees</u>: Alateen – Tawny T., Institutions – Alejandra M. (absent) and Morgan M., Nominations/Historian – Theresa M., Orange Blossom – Jon M. and Cheryl S. (absent), Public Information – Linda T. (absent) and Eric N., Fundraising Liaison & Phone Coverage – Dan P. (absent) and Gary G., World Service – Veronica B.

Non-Voting Liaisons:

Farsi Language Liaison – Ben P.

Spanish Liaison – Cindy R. and Marilen H.

Office Staff:

Sam C. and Mike F. (absent)

Oversite Committee: Julie S.

Guests: Marque S., incoming Chair-Elect and JoJo D., incoming Service Board.

REPORTS:

Treasurer: Sam M.

The full monthly report is linked under calendar of events on the website. As of April 30, 2024, the current period total sales were \$10,397.45. The total cost of sales was \$10,295.72, resulting in a gross profit of \$101.73. Total operating expenses were \$3,007.07, leaving a net operating loss of (\$2,905.34). Interest income was \$56.20, resulting in a net operating loss for the month of (\$2,849.14). Total assets as of April 30, 2024, from checking/savings/other equals \$168,134.

7th Tradition – We passed the 7th Tradition basket.

Secretary: Cherie S.

Quorum: A majority of the Service Board was present to satisfy the quorum requirement. Of 15 voting members, 11 were present.

The minutes of March 20, 2024, Service Board meeting were reviewed.

Action: Motion made by Sam M., seconded by Veronica B., to approve the minutes as submitted.

Decision: Motion passed unanimously.

Old (unfinished) Business – There were 2 Action Items from March Service Board Meeting. See Old Business on Page 4 for details.

New Business – None.

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

A lot of feedback was received regarding the Proposed Revised By-Laws. Julie and Sarah welcomed them all. Julie stated that she was not going to review all of the formatting, grammatical, and spelling comments, as those were easy fixes. However, it was clear that there were a number of areas where further discussion and review would be needed. Therefore, a Town Hall meeting has been scheduled for Tuesday, June 4, from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m. via Zoom. All Al-Anon members are welcome. This information will be posted on the website, and the Secretary will send e-mails to all ISRs.

Based on how the Town Hall meeting goes, they will edit the Proposed By-Laws and either hold a second Town Hall meeting (thought to be the most likely case) or be ready to submit them to the Service Board for review and approval before having an attorney review legal aspects and then sending to ISRs to take to their groups to vote.

Service Board Chair: Ajit S.

Thank you everyone for attending. Welcome to the incoming Board members, and thank you to Cindy for hosting.

Announced that Dan P. (Fundraising and Telephone Coverage) stepped down from his position.

Ajit addressed the issues with resumes and balloting for the Service Board elections.

Chair-Elect: DJ. K.

Thank you to everyone. The election process was interesting and challenging and has some opportunities to improve.

Ex-Officio: Sarah G.

No report.

Alateen Activities Coordinator: Tawny T.

April – Two high school Alateens scheduled to go with an Al-Anon and AA panel to speak.

Spanish Liaison: - Cindy R. and Marilen H.

Report submitted.

No Spanish calls were coming in to the AIS office. Now, there are 2-3 per week. The link to the Hispanic Intergroup is broken.

Farsi Liaison: Ben P.

There are 3 Farsi-speaking meetings per week (Monday, Tuesday, and Saturday, with 30-80 people on-line (Zoom) at each meeting. This is the 20-year anniversary of Persian meetings.

Institutions: Alejandra M. (absent) and Morgan M.

A panel began May 9 in Huntington Beach for the first and third Tuesday of each month. It is a 45-minute panel, and they need volunteers. An announcement has been made in the Orange Blossom for volunteers. This panel is focused on newly sober clients at a facility.

Nominations/Historian: Theresa M. (Absent)

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

Don't forget that there is unlimited room to include flyers in the Orange Blossom now that it's on-line only.

Public Information: Linda T. (absent) and Eric N.

See attached report.

Fundraising Liaison and Telephone Coverage: Gary G.

There will be no June fundraiser. (Dan P. had previously been working on this item, and as Ajit reported, he has stepped down from his position. After hours and weekend phone coverage will be in place prior to June 30.

<u>World Service Liaison:</u> – Veronica B. See attached report.

OLD BUSINESS:

Action item from January regarding the Public Information Co-Chairs undertaking a project to spread the word of Al-Anon to our underrepresented communities. Brief discussion was held. A suggestion was made to contact churches and give some literature and/or share information about Al-Anon.

Action item from March regarding the need for phone coverage for weekends and nights (to have the phones forwarded to volunteers during these times). Gary G. covered this issue in the Fundraising Liaison and Telephone Coverage report.

NEW BUSINESS:

Discussion was held about the consequences of not printing our meeting directories any longer. While it is a tremendous cost-savings tool, it affects our ability to connect with members and newcomers who do not have internet service or to those who want to carry a hard copy of the directory with them. Would we consider creating a directory that could be downloadable as a pdf? (That would not address the lack of internet issue, but could give members the opportunity to print it themselves, and the office could keep a few directories on hand.) This suggestion needs to be further evaluated.

Birthdays:

DJ K. – 12 years

Next scheduled Intergroup Service Board Meeting is July 17, 2024.

Motion to Close:

Motion was made to adjourn the meeting was made by Tawny T. and seconded by Morgan M. Motion passed.

Serenity Prayer

Respectfully submitted,

Cherie S., Secretary

Spanish Liaison Report

- Attended the District 64 meeting which is the Spanish Overlay District.
- The OIHASC which is the Hispanic intergroup office needs Volunteers.
- The office is doing a lot of workshops. Some in person and some on zoom.

Concept meetings

How to coordinate a healthy alanon/alateen meeting.

Example's how to deal with people bring up outside issues or literature in a kind loving way and following our traditions.

- Kept stressing the importance of registering meetings.
- Attended a Spanish speaking meeting on March15, in Costa mesa. Left my number for future reference.
 And having flyers sent to me to put in our orange blossom.

- 1) The OC Fair sign up flyer is set to publish in the June and July issues of the Orange Blossom. It will also be in the Spanish Al-Anon newsletter for the same months
 - a) Reminder of the dates: July 24 July 28
 - b) The spots are 34% filled as of today
 - c) Remember that we need 2 people on call as back up for each day
- 2) 2) The QR Code generator costs \$119.97 for 3 months. This was my mistake. I thought I made the code with a free service. It turned out that it was a free trial for only 7 days. I can eat the cost since it was my mistake. You can put it up for a vote whether or not I get reimbursed.
- 3) It was suggested by some volunteers from last year that the tablecloths that we use for the Fair be cleaned. I got a price of \$38.00 for each, so the cost would total \$76.00 for two. I am asking for reimbursement for this.
- 4) We had 2 requests for public outreach for Alateen. One Al-Anon sat a booth for a mental health fair at a high school in San Juan Capistrano on May 2, and I met with the Principal and Community Schools Coordinator at Anaheim High School on May 6. Literature was distributed at both events. Anaheim High School is ready to start a meeting in the school.

That is all for May. Thank you for your service!

Linda Tettemer

AIS/ intergroup Liaison OC 5/15/2024

I will be attending the SCWSA on May 18

District 60

The newer Alateen meeting, in Placentia, needs support. Mondays at 7:00 PM Cornerstone United Methodist Church 2050 Valencia Ave, Placentia, CA 92870, Room 1

Alanon workshop to be held on October 19 and is in the planning stages. If you are interested in being of service for this event, please contact: Liz S., prizeliz1@gmail.com.

District 63

Forum Writing Workshop on June 8th 10 – 12 The Center at Founders Village 17967 Bushard St. Fountain Valley. Contact: Diane McConnell, District63dr@gmail.com

District 66
New Alateen Meeting
Mondays 5:30 – 6:30PM
Gloria Dei Lutheran Church
33501 Stonehill Drive
Dana Point

Contact: Holly M. 949-751-8488