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MINUTES OF THE INTERGROUP MEETING OF 21 August 2019

Call to order and Serenity Prayer – Kevin O. 7:30 pm
Silence Cell Phones (please)
Twelve Traditions –Samantha
Quorum-

PRESENT:

Officers: Chair –Kevin O., Ex-Officio – Tannis S., Chair-Elect – Amber E., Secretary – Geri M.,
Treasurer – Mary N., Office Coordinator – Irene L.
Committees: Public Information – Norma Jean W., DJ K.; Institutions – Dean G. (not present), Scott M.
(not present), Tina T.; Round Robin/Phone Coverage – Anna Marie S.; Alateen – Vickie M., Sammy
B.; Orange Blossom – Brandon C., Glenna F. (not present); WS Liaison – Lupe M., Marque H.; Alateen
Liaison – n/a; Foreign Language Liaison – Isabel C.; Historian/Nominations – Matt St. M.

REPORTS:

Secretary – Geri M.-presented Minutes of June 19, 2019 meeting. No corrections. Motion to approve as
written by Missy. Seconded. Motion carried, minutes accepted as written. Motions from Service Board
meeting, July 17,2019 read (see SB meeting minutes).

Treasurer – Mary N. presented report (see separate report). Seventh Tradition collected. Mary N. also
reported that annual audit is in progress.

Office Coordinator – Irene L. (See report). Content includes: Fall/Winter 2019 Directory of Meetings is
being printed; weekend phone coverage being adapted for login access through new provider; 400+ lbs.
outdated/unnecessary paperwork stored at office has been shredded. Square register system that accepts
credit/debit cards is in office, being programmed; data migration is underway from old to new office
computer system.

Chair – Kevin O. Thanked Jason A. for work on purchasing translation equipment and credit card
hardware. Kevin welcomed new board members and new IG reps.
Reported that lease for OC Alanon office due to expire December 2019. Property owners have been
informed of desire to renew lease, likely for 5 years (per current lease). Task Force formed to study
details of potential new lease; Matt St. M. volunteered to join task force.

Chair spoke to safety of office workers (Irene and volunteers) during open office hours. Stated that door “video ring” has been installed. Kevin called attention to “Safety in Al-Anon Meetings” informational article (see article).

Chair-Elect – Amber E. Reviewed procedures for new reps. including sign-in. Discussed “Ask It” can for questions. Amber read Al-Anon’s Concept One (from “Paths to Recovery”).

Ex-Officio – Tannis S. Reported on plans for Anniversary party (September 21,2019, 10am-3pm; see flyer). Called for volunteers for set-up (Fri.9/20) and help during event.

Break- 10 min.

Alateen – Vickie M., Sammy B. Proposed *Picnic Day*; consideration/planning has begun. Also presented some Alateen literature inviting reps. to peruse.

Alateen Liaisons – Kevin O. stated that this is an open position; invited reps. to reach out to their home meetings.

Spanish Language Liaison – Isabel C. (see report). Content includes: Isabel visited several Spanish-speaking groups promoting translation services at IG meetings; coordinated (w/Jason A.) the purchase of translation equipment; translated between Spanish-speaking volunteers/English-speaking schedulers for OC Fair booth.

Isabel invited volunteer to service to take her Foreign Language liaison position.

Kevin O. announced that Farsi/Iranian language liaison position open.

Institutions – Dean G (not present), Scott M. (not present), Tina T.- reported on outreach efforts to area treatment centers that may be interested in Al-Anon speakers’ panel.

Nominations/Historian – Matt St. M.- reported that he is collecting/curating documents for OC Al-Anon historical record; asked for any relevant documents/artifacts that reps. may be aware of. Also stated that new Thought Force has been formed focused on streamlining nominations process.

Orange Blossom – Brandon C., Glenna F. (not present)- Brandon reported on seamless continued publication of Orange Blossom. Reminded reps. to include contact information with article submissions.

Public Information – DJ K., Norma Jean W. Reported on success of broad outreach at OC Fair booth; thanked volunteers, stated 100% shift coverage. Reported over 700 visitors to booth, increase of 102% from previous year.

Reported on bus shelter displays; after studying 80 potential locations, 12 selected; has yielded several thousand searches on website link.

Round Robin/Phone Coverage – Anna Marie S. Ongoing meetings with Irene to address weekend coverage.

World Service – Lupe M., Marque H. – stated next WS meeting _____ (please advise, thanks!). Marque reported on 2019 Holiday Alathon (December __?), planning in progress.

Old/Unfinished Business:

- Young Adult Al-Anon Thought Force has evolved to “New Meeting Assistance.” Suggestion to position in Bylaws for this purpose (May 15,2019 SB meeting). Bylaws Thought Force to consider.
- Nominations Thought Force
- Bylaws Revision Thought/Task Force- Tannis S. states nothing to report at this date.
- Telephone coverage (weekends/holidays) Thought Force- ongoing

New Business- Amber-” Ask It” can question addressed: request for clarification of expenditure of \$10,690 under Service Board Expense (see treasurer’s report). Amber stated this expenditure was for the bus shelter displays.

Amber asked for volunteers to clean up and/or donate refreshments for next IG meeting.

Birthdays – 13 celebrations!

Next Intergroup Meeting: October 16, 2019 at 7:30pm.

Motion to adjourn by Lupe M. Seconded. Carried. Meeting closed with the Serenity Prayer at 8:50pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Geri M., Secretary, Al-Anon Information Service of Orange County