



Al-Anon Family Groups
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December 8, 2021 Intergroup Meeting

- *Call to Order and Serenity Prayer
- *Twelve Traditions (read by volunteer)

Spiritual Guidelines for Al-Anon Business Meetings: (Adopted October 20, 2021, from World Service Conference procedures for use at our Intergroup meetings.)

INTRODUCTIONS AND THANKS: We end the first six months of your Service Board’s term with gratitude for all those who have contributed their time and talents to helping our Al-Anon Information Service carry the message of help and hope.. Please join us in applauding them.

Acting Secretary Chip G.

- *Obtain quorum count:
- *Review for approval minutes of the October 20, 2021, Intergroup Meeting

Approval Moved by _____ Seconded by _____

*Secretary’s Summary of old (unfinished) business, new business, and any motions that were passed from the September 15 and November 17, 2021, Service Board Meetings.

Old BUSINESS—20 Minutes

Using KBDM (Knowledge-Based Decision Making) to reach an Orange County/Greater Long Beach Intergroup decision on the question of whether Intergroup and Service Board meetings will remain on Zoom or be in person. Thanks to Lauren H. for preparing

the KBDM framing document. Our Service Manual advises in Warranty Three “That all important decisions be reached by discussion, vote and whenever possible by substantial majority.” Can we agree that this decision requires a 2/3 majority? Please raise the virtual hand under the Reactions button at the bottom of your screen to agree that we will require a 2/3 majority vote in order to arrive at a decision.

Knowledge Based Decision Making Framing Document:

Topic for discussion: Returning to in-person Intergroup Meetings

- The Intergroup Meeting considers returning in person or continuing to meet on Zoom as we move forward into 2022.

Background Information:

- Up until the COVID Pandemic, the Intergroup and Service Board meetings were held in the evenings at Trinity Episcopal Church in Orange on the third Wednesday of each month with the exception for the month of December.
- There was a monthly fee of \$100 to hold a 2-hour meeting for the Intergroup meeting and Service Board meeting.
- The annual cost is \$199.90 to hold both meetings on Zoom .
- Orange County Intergroup and Service Board meetings were held in Orange because it was equidistant from the ends of our boundaries: La Habra to the north, San Clemente to the south, and the Greater Long Beach area to the west.

Explore the Issue:

What we know:

- We know our members are in a widely scattered geographic area and some travel a great distance (as far as La Habra, Long Beach, and San Clemente) to attend an in-person Intergroup or Service Board meeting.
- Annual Zoom fees are \$199.90 for Intergroup and Service Board
- Holding in-person meetings at Trinity Episcopal Church would be \$100 per month (\$1200 annually) if the rate is not increased.
- Some ISRs and Board members are ready to return to in-person meetings, and some are not ready or able to return in-person.
- Intergroup meetings that were held in person have a different dynamic than meetings currently held on Zoom.
- 7th Tradition collections were greater when we “passed the basket” at an in-person meeting.
- Business of the Intergroup and Service Board will be conducted regardless of the location of the meeting (in-person or on Zoom).

What we don't know:

- We do not know if members prefer to meet in person or on Zoom.

There is also a lot we do not know about the new Omicron variant. According to the CDC’s Science Brief: Omicron (B.1.1.529) Variant updated on Dec. 2, 2021, “...it is unknown how efficiently the Omicron variant can spread from person to person...” and “...it is unclear if infection with the Omicron variant is associated with more severe disease...”:

Motion

Moved by _____ .Seconded by _____

Vote in favor of motion: _____ Percentage of eligible voters _____

NEW BUSINESS—Introducing Proposed Bylaws Change

As required by our Bylaws, Intergroup Service Representatives received written notice of this proposed bylaws change in the December 1, 2021, announcement of tonight’s meeting. To meet bylaws requirements that Information Service Representatives receive written notice at least four weeks before a vote is scheduled, we will not vote on this proposed change until the February meeting. The notice reads:

“Also, at this meeting we are *introducing* a proposal that the word “salaried” be dropped from references in our manuals to the requirement that the office be staffed during business hours by a salaried employee and that volunteers not be on duty without the presence of a salaried employee. At one time, part-time employees may have met the definition of salaried in the labor code. Today, the term “salaried“ suggests full-time employment. This not only affects vacation and sick time coverage, but also the suggestion many members have made that having part-time employees would minimize disruption when there are staffing changes.”

REPORTS

Treasurer Sarah G.: Submission of financial report (Income and Expenses).

Additional verbal information/comments:

*****7th Tradition -*****

Office Coordinator, Kevin O.: See written report. Additional verbal information/comments:

Chair-Elect Laura B. Additional verbal information/comments:

Ex-Officio Amber E.:Additional verbal information/comments:

Brief Al-Anon Related Announcements

Alateen Activities Chairperson Kelli M.: Additional verbal information/comments:

Alateen Liaisons (those interested see Alateen Activities Chairpersons):
District 57: open, District 60: open, District 63: open, District 66: open.

Foreign Language Liaisons:

Spanish Liaison (carry information to Spanish groups in AIS Districts and District 64): Position Vacant

***Farsi Speaking: (carry information to Farsi/Iranian Speaking groups): Ben P.**

Fundraising and Telephone Coverage Chairperson: Lauren H.: Additional verbal information/comments:

Institutions Chairperson: Ginger C.: Additional verbal information/comments:

Orange Blossom News Editors Rachelle A. and Nancy R.: Additional verbal information/comments:

Public Information Chairpersons: Marni C. and Mary M.: Additional verbal information/comments:

World Service Liaison: Isabel C.: Additional verbal information/comments:

Chairperson Carol G. See written report. Additional verbal information/comments:

Celebration of Al-Anon Birthdays in November and December

Motion to adjourn made by _____ seconded by _____ **Time:** _____