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Minutes of the Orange County/Greater Long Beach Intergroup Service Representative (ISR) Meeting of August 18, 2021

Call to order and Serenity Prayer – by Carol G. at 7:33 p.m.
Silence Cell Phones (please)

Reading: Program Chair/Chair Elect Laura B. reported on “Spiritual Principles for Business Meetings”. She indicated there was information on the SCWS website regarding guidelines to virtual meeting participation. She suggested that members read the information and be prepared to discuss at the next Intergroup Service Representative (ISR) meeting on October 20, 2021.

PRESENT:

Officers: Chair – Carol G., Ex-Officio – Amber E. (no vote), Chair-Elect – Laura B., Treasurer, Sarah G.; Acting Secretary, Chip G. (no vote).

Committees: Alateen – Keli M., Institutions - Ginger C., Nominations/Historian – Breck F., Orange Blossom- Rachele A., and Nancy R., Public Information- Marni C. and Mary M., Fund Raising Liaison & Phone Coverage - Lauren H., World Service - Isabel C.

Non-Voting Liaisons: Farsi Language Liaison – Ben P. (absent) and Spanish Liaison – Tania V. (absent).

Also present: Irene R. – Al-Anon Information Service Office of Orange County/Greater Long Beach; Zoom Host - Silvia L. and Zoom Co-Host – Rachele A.

Quorum: A majority (37 of 67 registered members) were present to satisfy the quorum requirement.

REPORTS:

Acting Secretary – Chip G. – presented minutes of June 16, 2021.

Motion by Barbara S. (60-42) to accept the minutes as submitted. Lynn B. (63-06) seconded. Yes = 32, Abstentions = 9. **Motion carried.**

At this point in the meeting, a new Intergroup Service Representative (ISR) asked if she should vote even though she was unfamiliar with the process. The Chair said yes. She was a trusted servant approved by her group and represented them. She was told the documents were available for review on the al-anon website.

Treasurer – Sarah G. - see report appended to these minutes. Monthly reports are linked under calendar of events on the website. Cheryl M. requested that large amounts of expenditure be identified for what they are for. In July 2021, a Service Board expense of \$9,814.67 was for bus bench advertisements for the Orange County Fair, producing a shortfall of \$13,944.28 in July 2021.

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

Office Manager– Irene R. - see report appended to these minutes.

Summary: Some literature is still not available through WSO, i.e. ODAT (One Day at a Time) daily reader. Membership is encouraged to purchase CAL from the AISO, not from a third party like Amazon. Website ad traffic is up. Most likely due to fair activity, bus stop ads, and sadly, alcoholism.

Chair – Carol G. – The Chair thanked volunteers and past members for their time and participation. She read from a report she submitted and is appended to these minutes.

Summary. The Chairperson apologized for coming on too strong at the previous meeting and creating controversy. She referenced the AI-Anon Information Service Guidelines published by the World Service Office (WSO). She emphasized the importance of accurate group information on both the World Service online directory and the local AIS directory. This was the reason for creating the Southern California universal form that updates the AIS and WSO directories. Other issues for discussion includes a survey of members to determine why there is limited board participation from District 57, why we don't have older members proportionately represented at ISR meetings and why more members do not volunteer to serve on the AIS Service Board. Also scheduled for discussion is a Continuity Committee used in Los Angeles to minimize disruption for AIS staff when Board membership changes, while ensuring oversight. Return to face-to-face meetings and review of bylaws is also on the agenda for discussion.

Chair-Elect –Laura B. commended Irene R., AIS Office Manager, for keeping the AISO going during the pandemic. She was forced to make decisions regarding process out of desperation. Laura is meeting with Irene on a weekly basis and looks forward to the coming year to implement new processes and ideas.

Ex-Officio – Amber E. – Amber's final commitment as ex-officio chair is to plan and produce the 47th Annual Anniversary Party for the AIS Office. Join the fun on September 26, 2021 from 2:00-5:00 p.m. There will be a talent show, painting, a craft sale and SPEAKERS! More information and a flyer to come.

Alateen- Keli M. reported about three AMIASes (AI-Anon Members Involved in Alateen Service) workshops coming up from WSO. There's also a newsletter and a fundraiser in planning. All to acclimate new AMIASes to their position.

Alateen Liaison – Position open.

Foreign Language Liaisons- Tania V./Spanish (not present), Ben P./Farsi (not present) – No report.

Institutions –Ginger C. - No report.

Nominations/Historian – Breck F. and Irene R. did extensive research on meeting listings and WSO guidelines on anonymity and privacy as it relates electronic devices. See email appended to these minutes.

Summary of Remarks: Some members have voiced their concern regarding meetings listed as "in person" only to find there was an electronic device being used to transmit the meeting over the internet. This practice makes the meeting virtually "open" to anyone with access to the internet. Breck F. stated that he made calls to Virginia Beach regarding privacy and security. He asked if there was a disclosure in the works that informs visitors to the meeting that phone or computer cameras and microphones are in use in the meeting. Also, members should be cautious and avoid sharing identifiable personal information on-line. Anonymity cannot be guaranteed with the same degree of

certainty as face-to-face meetings. Ultimately it is the responsibility of the member to educate themselves and understand how to maintain personal anonymity when participating in an on-line meeting.

Orange Blossom –Rachelle A. and Nancy R. encouraged submission of flyers and announcements for meetings and events. Reminder to include contact information. All events mentioned in tonight's meeting will be placed in the next Orange Blossom newsletter.

Public Information – Marni C. reported that the booth at the Orange County Fair had 12-16 visitors per day. She thanked her committee and voiced her gratitude to all who contributed to the commitment and is grateful to be of service.

Fund Raising Liaison/Phone Coverage – Lauren H. stated she would be able to help with speakers for the Public Information programs.

World Service – Isabel C. – No report.

Old/Unfinished Business - None.

New Business-

1. Presentation of sample format for listing hybrid and concurrent meetings on the website directory (see samples appended to these minutes).
No action was taken at this time.
2. Motion proposed by Andy S., ISR for Thursday Lake Forest 7:30 to 9 p.m. meeting: "That the August 4, 2021 Service Board Meeting be declared null and void since timely notice was not given. Timely notice is required by the OC AIS Bylaws."

Response from Chair: According to "Robert's Rules," the August 4th session was an "adjourned meeting," not a "special meeting." "Roberts Rules" defines an "adjourned meeting" as "a meeting in continuation of the immediately preceding regular or special meeting." It picks up at the point where the agenda stopped.

Discussion:

Tannis S. stated that all ISRs should have been given proper notice so they could announce at their meetings. The Chair should have been aware of the requirement. She suggested that the board look at why ISRs are not getting notices in a timely manner. Her concern is that not notifying members may impact the integrity of board members.

Marni C. stated that all in attendance at the meeting voted in good faith as trusted servants. In her opinion the meeting and motions should stand.

Laura B. said that people interested in coming to the meeting came to the meeting.

Sarah G. stated that the motions were discussed and voted on in good faith. Perhaps it would be more productive to recommend changing the motion rather than making the whole meeting void.

Breck F. felt that the members were asked to vote on motions that weren't reviewed prior to the meeting and that information was withheld. He had additional concerns about the Board navigating around the bylaws.

Motion: At this point, Andy S. reiterated the motion “that all actions and motions made at the August 4, 2021 Service Board meeting be declared null and void since timely notice was not given to members”. Breck F. seconded. Yes = 16, No = 16, Abstentions = 9, Did not vote = 21.

Motion was not carried due to lack of a majority vote.

Announcements:

Matt S. announced the Alathon turnover meeting is being scheduled on Zoom. Previous members will be notified of date, time, etc. The Alathon is scheduled for December 4, 2021 and will be the same format as last year.

Birthdays: not on agenda.

Motion to close by Cheryl M. and seconded by Flavia S. **Carried.**
Meeting adjourned at 9:14 p.m. with Gary G. leading the Serenity Prayer

Respectfully submitted,
Chip G, Acting Secretary
(As edited by board members)