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Minutes of the Orange County/Greater Long Beach Intergroup Service Representative (ISR) Meeting of October 19, 2022

Call to order and Serenity Prayer – by Sarah G. at 7:36 p.m.

<u>Readings</u>:

Twelve Traditions - Lisa S. Twelve Concepts of Service – Alejandra M. Introduction to Twelve Concepts - Sarah G.

PRESENT:

<u>Officers</u>: Chair – Sarah G., Interim Chair-Elect – Ajit S., Ex-Officio – Carol G., Secretary, Chip G., Treasurer, Sam M.

<u>Committee Chairpersons</u>: Alateen – Theresa M., Institutions – Alejandra M., Nominations/Historian – Julia G., Orange Blossom - Nancy R. (absent), Public Information -Mary M. and Linda T., Fundraising and Phone Coverage - Lauren H., and World Service – Kay W.

<u>Non-Voting Liaisons</u>: Farsi Language Liaison – Ben P. (absent) and Spanish Liaison (position vacant).

Also present: Julie S., Office Oversight and Continuity Committee Chair

REPORTS:

<u>Quorum</u>: With 49 groups represented at the start of the meeting, attendance exceeded the requirement that 15% of our 82 registered ISRs (12.3 ISRs) be present to constitute a quorum.

<u>Treasurer</u> – Sam M. - see report appended to these minutes. Monthly reports are linked under calendar of events on the website. As of September 30, 2022, the total Service Office income for the month was \$5,516.13 from various sources. Total Service Office expenses were \$5,441.71, producing income for the month of \$74.59. Total assets from checking/savings/other equal \$145,010.43, an increase from the previous month of \$454.90.

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

<u>Secretary</u> – Chip G. – The minutes of August 17, 2022 were reviewed and upon motion made by Kay W. and seconded by Sharon D. approved as presented.

Decision: Ayes = 37, Nays = zero, and Abstentions = zero. **Motion carried**.

The following motion was made at the September 21, 2022 Service Board meeting.

• **Motion** made by Nancy R. and seconded by Lauren H. to change the group names on the AFG website to the names on the WSO website. Decision: Y=10, No= zero, and Abstentions= zero. **Carried**.

Office Oversight & Continuity Committee: - Julie S. reported the following items of interest:

- 1. The Office Oversight & Continuity Committee is working to switch Group ID numbers to those assigned by WSO when Groups registered.
- 2. The committee is also reviewing and making recommendations for revisions to the group manual.
- 3. They are committed to increasing assets after Covid so office hours can be increased.
- 4. Back ordered literature is coming in slowly. Paths to Recovery is still on back order. Bilingual issues are available in multiple titles.
- 5. Members were requested to ask their groups to order and buy directly from Al-Anon, not online.
- 6. Volunteers and a Coordinator are needed for Twelve Step calls to work with Ajit S, Interim Chair-Elect.
- 7. Request groups to put their WSO number on contributions.
- 8. Feedback indicates that members are enjoying the Saturday operation hours.

REPORTS: The following reports were presented:

<u>Chairperson's report</u>: Sarah presented the following items for discussion:

- Meeting in Person. A straw poll indicated 14 representatives voted Aye to meet in person. 27 voted Nay. Having a hybrid meeting was suggested.
 Action: Visit again monthly. Keep searching for a venue with ease of access.
- 2. Discuss Update to Bylaws and Group Manual. This task is being addressed by the Office Oversight & Continuity Committee. Julie reported that there is movement toward having things to vote on.
- 3. Adding the group names to the listings on the website (group names are what attracts the newcomer). Group names are typically on all AIS/LDC websites as well as on the WSO website. All registered AFG groups have a group name. We are working toward retiring Orange County numbers.

<u>Interim Chair-Elect</u> – Ajit S. reported that volunteers are needed for Twelve Step calls to work with him, as he has oversight for it.

Ex-Officio –No report.

<u>Alateen Activities Chairperson</u> – Theresa M. and Tawny T. reported that Monday there is an Alateen Speaker Meeting at St. Paul's Church on Wass Street in Tustin. They are working on getting meetings back up and running. If interested in participating, contact Theresa M. or Tawny T. They are still trying to get the program into schools.

Foreign Language Liaisons:

<u>Spanish Liaison</u> (Carry information to Spanish speaking groups in Orange County) - Position open.

<u>Farsi Liaison</u> - Ben P. (Carry information to Farsi/Iranian speaking groups in Orange County) – Absent – No report.

<u>Institutions Chairperson</u> –Alejandra M. reported that she has reached out to the Orange County Rescue Mission to schedule speaker meetings. She also reached out to the Florence Crittendon organization. She is also working on getting panels scheduled. All volunteers welcome.

Nominations/Historian Chairperson – Julia G. – No report.

<u>Orange Blossom News Editors</u> –Nancy R. (absent) – Chairperson reported that the Orange Blossom publication has converted to electronic delivery. We have only one editor currently. Additional volunteers are needed who have experience with Google Mail, Word, Power Point and Adobe PDF Reader. Please announce at your meetings.

Public Information Chairperson – Mary M. and Linda T. had no report.

<u>Fundraising and Phone Coverage Chairperson</u> – Lauren H. reported the following items of interest. See details on memo attached to these minutes.

- Friday, October 29, 2022 is the AFG Convention Fundraiser Halloween event at the Alano Club in Garden Grove.
- Saturday, December 3, 2022 is the Holiday Alathon in Huntington Beach. They need donations for the yard sale, baskets, volunteers, etc. There will also be an opportunity drawing.

World Service Liaison – Kay W. reported that the World Service Assembly meets on November 19, 2022. She will report at the next meeting.

Old Business/Unfinished Business – See report by Chairperson for details.

Al-Anon Related Announcements:

Carol G. nominated Ajit S. as the Chair-Elect and he accepted. ISRs were requested to present the nomination to their local meetings. A vote will be taken at the December 7th ISR meeting, when write in candidates will be accepted.

New Business:

Birthdays for September & October 2022:

Susie	3
Lauren H.	10
Marilen	14
Sarah G.	20
Sharon D.	30

The next meeting of the AIS Intergroup is December 7, 2022

Motion to close the meeting was made by Laura C.B., seconded by Carolyn C., and carried with unanimous vote.

Meeting adjourned at 9:03 p.m. with Sarah G. leading the Serenity Prayer.

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