

Intergroup Meeting  
August 16, 2023

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**Minutes of the Orange County/Greater Long Beach  
Intergroup Meeting of  
August 16, 2023**

The Intergroup meeting of August 16, 2023, was called to order at 7:32 p.m. by the Chair, Ajit S. The Serenity Prayer was recited.

Readings:

Twelve Traditions – Cindy R. (Board).

Twelve Concepts of Service – Darolyn P. (D66)

Spiritual Reading – Ajit (Board)

**PRESENT:**

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

Committees: Alateen – Theresa M. (absent) and Tawny T., Institutions – Alejandra M. (Absent) and Morgan M., Nominations/Historian – Vacant, Orange Blossom – Jon M., Public Information – Linda T. and Eric N., Fund Raising Liaison & Phone Coverage – Dan P. (Absent), World Service Liaison – Veronica B.

Non-Voting Liaisons:

Farsi Language Liaison – Ben P.

Spanish Liaison – Cindy R. and Marilen H.

**REPORTS:**

Treasurer: Sam M.

Full monthly reports are linked under calendar of events on the website. As of July 31, 2023, the current period total sales were \$13,325.75. The total cost of sales was \$5,081.3, resulting in a gross profit of \$6,260.99. Total operating expenses were \$5,354.19, leaving a net operating profit of \$1,710.57. Total assets as of July 31, 2023, from checking/savings/other equals \$157,631.

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

Secretary: Cherie E.

Quorum: 15% of 159 registered groups = 24 ISRs needed for Forum. ISRs present = 42 (Additional ISRs logged in after the meeting began – total count was 51).

The minutes of June 21, 2023, were reviewed.

**Action:** Motion made by Barbara Sh. (D60), seconded by Lou K. (D60) to approve the minutes as submitted.

**Decision:** Ayes = 41, Nays = zero, and Abstentions = 1. **Motion carried.**

Some changes have been made to the Service Board Roster. A revised roster will be posted to the website and Orange Blossom.

Old (unfinished) Business, if any, is addressed on Page 4 of these minutes.

New business, if any, is addressed on Page 4 of these minutes.

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

The Oversight Committee has been working on updating the Group Manual, Orange County By-Laws, and the Office Manual. They have had 4 meetings so far and made substantial progress on this project. They are also compiling the committee roster and process for membership and services.

ISRs will vote to approve new By-Laws and Office Manual when changes are completed. Edits will be presented prior to voting.

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Service Board Chair: Ajit S.

Welcomed all ISRs, especially the new ISRs. Encouraged participation!

Please use the WSO Group Number instead of the OC Group # when making contributions or identifying your group.

There are 2 Board positions open. The previous members needed to step down due to other commitments. The open positions will be appointed by the Chair, Chair-Elect and Ex-Officio.

Chair-Elect: DJ. K.

Held new ISR orientation at 7:00 p.m. Emphasized the importance of being of service (to your group and to Al-Anon). Expressed understanding that these are long meetings, but they are really important to communicate information between the groups and OC Intergroup and to vote on items that affect the groups.

Participated in the OC Fair Booth – it was fantastic!

Ex-Officio: Sarah G.

The 2 open Board positions are Nominations/Historian and World Service Liaison. If anyone is interested in these positions, please email [Ex-Officio@ocalanon.org](mailto:Ex-Officio@ocalanon.org) by Friday, August 18.

Alateen Activities Coordinator: Theresa M. (absent) and Tawny T. – No Report.

Spanish Liaison: – Cindy R. and Marilen H.

Cindy submitted a full report and a presentation in English & Spanish regarding the reasons for having meetings listed on only one website in the District that they are registered with. Report and presentations are attached to these minutes.

Farsi Liaison: Ben P.

Has been working on getting some in person Farsi meetings going. There are currently 3 Zoom meetings.

Institutions: Alejandra M. and Morgan M.

There are no new panels at this time.

Nominations/Historian: Vacant (No Report)

Orange Blossom/News Editor: Jon M.

The Orange Blossom is now published exclusively in electronic format, which enables publication of more content. The deadline for submissions is the 10th of the month prior to publication month. Please include the day, date, and time of the meeting or event plus key points and/or a brief description of the event. Include the full address of the event and contact information. Also include the WSO Group ID with ads for group events. Avoid last names (particularly in email addresses). Ads must be in pdf format.

If you're interested in volunteering to work on the Orange Blossom contact Jon M. at [editor@ocalanon.org](mailto:editor@ocalanon.org).

Public Information: Linda T. and Eric N.

The OC Fair was a great success. Approximately 150 contacts were made. The Al-Anon Booth was awarded a First Place Ribbon from the Fair. The volunteers were great and had a good time.

Fundraising Liaison and Telephone Coverage: Dan P. and Gary G. – No Report.

World Service Liaison: – Kay W. and Veronica B.

Kay is giving up her commitment from the Service Board. She is currently actively involved in starting a new Alateen meeting in Placentia on Monday nights beginning in October, where she will also serve as an Alateen Sponsor (certified AMIAS) and she is also commitment to public outreach in the schools for Alateen with District 60.

### **OLD BUSINESS:**

Decision to either keep the Intergroup meetings on Zoom or go back to in-person meetings.

Ajit mentioned that the hybrid format had previously been voted No. The technology and equipment needed and someone to run the Zoom portion of a hybrid meeting are not available.

**Action:** A motion was made by Mark S. (D57) and seconded by Barbara Sh. (D60) to keep the Intergroup Meetings on Zoom. Discussion followed with pros and cons of both Zoom and in-person meetings.

**Decision:** Ayes = 34; Nays = 17; Abstentions = Zero. **Motion Carried.**

### **NEW BUSINESS:**

None

Birthdays:

Pam F. – 12 years

Next scheduled Intergroup Meeting is October 18, 2023.

**Motion** to adjourn the meeting was made to adjourn at 9:09 p.m. by Cheryl J. (D63) and seconded by Marque H. (D60). Motion passed by substantial number of ISRs present.

Respectfully submitted,

Cherie E., Secretary

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Spanish Liaison report

Cindy R.

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- Had a meeting on zoom with Ajit, Marilen and SCWS Group Records Coordinator Teresa F. We discussed the issue with the Spanish speaking meetings that were taken off the occalanon.org meeting directory. We were given a list of the meetings that are listed in district 64 and meetings that have no status. Marilen and I will be visiting the meetings that have no status and try to determine if they are still active and encourage them to register through <https://www.scws-al-anon.org>.
- We were also given some flyers that were supposed to be presented at the last SCWS area assembly, but they ran out of time. This flyer explains why the Spanish speaking groups were removed from the OC and greater LB AIS website. I have attached a copy, but you can also download it from the SCWS website.
- Marilen and I attended the District 64 AIS Service Representative Meeting which is the Spanish overlay district on August 12, 2023 in person.
- They are continuing to work on their website, but need a webmaster, and bulletin coordinator. The meeting directory is not current.
- They have an abundance of the new daily readers and were reaching out to the OC office to see about selling some.
- They are having a workshop on the 19<sup>th</sup> of September, more info to follow. If interested email [Spanish@alanon.org](mailto:Spanish@alanon.org) and I can forward the info when I get it.
- We invited bilingual members to attend our meeting on Wednesday 16, 2023.
- We also left some flyers at the meeting of the above-mentioned flyer from SCWS.
- I would like to thank Marilen for her great work in translating one of the flyers.