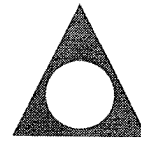


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**FINAL**

**MINUTES OF THE INTERGROUP MEETING OF OCTOBER 15, 2014**

- Call to order and Serenity Prayer – Steve F. 7:30 pm
- Twelve Traditions – Pamela
- Silence Cell Phones (please)

**PRESENT:**

**Officers:** Chairman Steve F., Chair Elect Julie S., Ex-Officio Dave S., Secretary Karen S., Treasurer Ada G.

**Committee:** Orange Blossom Bobbie O. and Marie P., H&I Cianna C., Alateen Joe S., Amy L. and Ellen J., World Service Carol G. and Mary Lou L., PI Gwen B. and Ralph B., Round Robin Dan L.

**ABSENT:**

**Officers:** none

**Committee:** H&I Irv C. and Patty D.,

**PLEASE NOTE EMAIL ADDRESSES FOR ALL SERVIC BOARD MEMBERS. EMAIL ADDRESSES WILL NOT CHANGE WHEN COMMITMENTS ARE OVER AND POSITIONS CHANGE.**

**Secretary:** Karen S. [secretary@orangecountyalanon.org](mailto:secretary@orangecountyalanon.org)

The minutes of the August 20, 2014 Intergroup Meeting were read silently and were accepted as presented. Motion to accept the minutes as presented by Jerry. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Bill. The vote was unanimous. Reported a summary of all old and new business and motions passed at the September 17, 2014 Service Board meeting. Written report is attached.

**Treasurer:** Ada G. [treasurer@orangecountyalanon.org](mailto:treasurer@orangecountyalanon.org)

Written report is attached. Annual audit of Information Office completed. Now following up on items noted by auditor. Quick Books will be fully functional by the end of the month. Office Expense for September is higher due to purchase of Quick Books and training.

**Office Coordinator:** Julia T. [office@orangecountyalanon.org](mailto:office@orangecountyalanon.org)

Written report is attached.

- For clarification, the regular office hours are Monday – Friday 9:30 am – 4:30 pm.
- Please bring the 12-Stepper Call Log Sheet to your meetings if someone wants to sign up to take 12 Step calls. It is recommended that the person have done their steps. The person volunteering should fill in their name, city and phone number (columns 5-7). The form is kept in the Information Office and if someone calls in and would like to receive a 12 Step call, then Julia (or other office person) will call the volunteer and give them the phone number of the person who wants to receive the call. The 12-Stepper's phone number is not given out to anyone. Send the sheet to the Information Office.

- Please bring the Orange County Speaker list to your meetings to see if someone would like to be considered to be a speaker. Remember to share the guidelines for speakers (G-1). Then get the form to the Information office.

**Announcements:** Cherie – 20<sup>th</sup> Annual Al-Athon and Auction on Saturday Dec 6<sup>th</sup> 9-4 in Fullerton. Flyer is attached. Gene – Al-Athon 50/50 raffle tickets distributed to all IRs. Call Gene if you need more (his number is on the flyer). You can either bring the money collected and the ticket stubs on Dec 6<sup>th</sup> or call Gene and he can pick it up from you. Anonymous – 56<sup>th</sup> Anniversary speaker meeting on October 20<sup>th</sup> Laguna Woods meeting. Kathy – Al-Athon looking for meeting donations, auction items and donations for the \$5.00 gift card tree that will be auctioned off.

### **5-Minute Coffee Break**

After the break, the 7<sup>th</sup> Tradition basket was sent around.

### **REPORTS:**

**Chairperson:** Steve F. chairperson@orangecountyalanon.org

Written report attached. Next Intergroup meeting will be held on FIRST Wednesday in December, on December 3<sup>rd</sup> – not on the third Wednesday like normal (because of the holidays). The Service Board recognizes that the website needs to be overhauled and we will be working on it in the (hopefully) near future. Please think about serving on the service board for the next term – your service can make a difference to our intergroup and fellowship.

**Chair-Elect:** Julie S. co-chairperson@orangecountyalanon.org

There is a volunteer sheet in the back for bringing snacks or helping with set-up.

**Ex-Officio:** Dave S. ex-officio@orangecountyalanon.org

The Information Office Birthday Celebration Fundraiser has been scheduled for Saturday, November 22<sup>nd</sup>. From 9 am – 4pm at the Trinity Episcopal Church, 2400 N. Canal St, Orange, CA 92865. Flyer will be inserted in the next Orange Blossom and will be on the Al-Anon website. Please tell your meetings to get the word out. Contact Dave S. with questions.

**Public Information:** Gwen B., Ralph B. p\_i@orangecountyalanon.org

Written report attached. Reminder that we need volunteers for all events. Need volunteers for Red Ribbon event at Saddleback College on 10/30. Got one but can use more. PI and H&I work together a lot to spread the Al-Anon message. They help each other out to make sure all events are covered to the best of our ability.

**Hospitals & Institutions:** Cianna C. h\_i@orangecountyalanon.org

Will be sending an email to all those people who volunteered to serve on panels. Asking for anyone with connections to high schools for Red Ribbon Week. Teachers or administrators have been helpful in the past. We need to be responsible when in high schools, we just go in and tell them the help that is available in Alateen (or Al-Anon as appropriate). But the students cannot share during that type of forum.

**Round Robin/Phone:** Dan L. round-robin@orangecountyalanon.org

Written report attached.

- Hours of phone coverage on the weekend are split into four 4-hour sessions – Saturday 9am – 1pm and 1pm to 5pm and Sunday 9am – 1pm and 1pm – 5pm.
- There are written instructions provided to forward the calls to the volunteers' phone numbers and then back to the office at the end of their session.
- There is protocol provided for difficult situations. But we are not counselors and do not try to be.

Comment from IRs – there is a need for help in other languages too. Suggestion was made to refer Spanish speaking questions to LA Spanish contact #. Will consider this for future. We have an opening for a Foreign Language Liaison – please talk to Steve if interested – our Intergroup would benefit from having someone in this position.

**Alateen:** Joe S., Amy L., Ellen J. [alateen@orangecountyalanon.org](mailto:alateen@orangecountyalanon.org)

Written report attached. Alateen attended the Chili cook-off in Long Beach 9/20. Used red rubber wristbands with slogan "Live and Let Live" as a draw at events. Will get more response and report back next meeting. Cathleen C. reminded that Alateen meeting registration is different than Al-anon. The District and the Area are the entities that approve and register Alateen meetings, not WSO. All Alateen forms are available on the Area website ([www.scws-al-anon.org](http://www.scws-al-anon.org)). Question about Alateen sponsor training – Alateen sponsors must attend 1 AMIAS workshop each year (period runs June – May). Also question about whether member of other 12 step meetings can be Alateen sponsor – yes they can but they qualify through their membership in Al-anon, not other 12 step programs. The handout has the Eligibility Requirements. Please contact Cathleen C. with any questions.

**Orange Blossom:** Bobbie O., Marie P. [editor@orangecountyalanon.org](mailto:editor@orangecountyalanon.org)

Written report attached. We need to increase subscriptions to the Orange Blossom in order to cover costs. IRs get a free copy to take to their meetings. Suggestion to get another subscription to give to a sponsee, or a newcomer or ?? Committee supplied a document called "Orange Blossom Information Connection" as a tool for the IRs to use at meetings to generate interest in OB subscriptions. Make it fun like Marie P. did at the IR meeting.

**World Service:** Carol G., Mary Lou L. no email address at this time  
Written report attached.

**Foreign Language Liaison:** Position Open.

**Alateen Liaison:** Position Open.

**Nominations and Historian:** TBD [historian@orangecountyalanon.org](mailto:historian@orangecountyalanon.org)  
No report. We are overhauling this process.

**New Business:** None

**Unfinished Business:** None

**ASK-IT-CAN:** Chair Elect Julie S.  
None.

Next Intergroup Meeting will be held on December 3, 2014 at 7:30 pm

With no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned at 9:00 pm. Motion to close by Judy. 2nd by Shelley. The vote was unanimous. Meeting closed with the Serenity Prayer.

Respectfully submitted,

Karen S. (Secretary, Service Board) Al-Anon Information Service Office of Orange County

