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FINAL

MINUTES OF THE INTERGROUP MEETING OF AUGUST 20, 2014

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

PRESENT:
Officers: Chairman Steve F., Chair Elect Julie S., Secretary Karen S., Treasurer Ada G.
Committee: Orange Blossom Bobbie O., H&I Irv C. and Patty D., Alateen Joe S. and Amy L., World Service Carol G. and Mary Lou L., PI Gwen B. and Ralph B.
Sign-In Log attached.

ABSENT:
Officers: none
Committee: Ex-Officio Dave S., Orange Blossom Marie P., H&I Cianna C., Alateen Ellen J., PI Connie G., Round Robin Dan L.

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
The minutes of the June 18, 2014 Intergroup Meeting were read silently and were accepted as presented. Motion to accept the minutes as presented by Phil. 2nd by Tracy. The vote was unanimous. Reported a summary of all old and new business and motions passed at the July 16, 2014 Service Board meeting. Written report is attached.

Treasurer: Ada G. treasurer@orangecountyalanon.org
Written report is attached. No comparisons to prior year on this report but will be on next report.

Office Coordinator: Julia T. office@orangecountyalanon.org
Absent. Written report is attached.

Announcements: Rhonda – OCAA convention with Al-Anon participation Easter weekend 2015. Casino Night fundraiser in Orange Sept. 20. Requesting meetings to donate dollars instead of baskets to raffle. Julie – Monday Night Fogcutters Huntington Beach Sept 29th Round Robin. Ralph – Al-Anon Fundraiser to be held Dec 6th are looking for donations now. Shanda – San Juan Capistrano meeting has moved to Mariners Church. Jerry – Aug 23 Fundraiser for Miracles Happen Convention at Laguna Niguel Regional Park. Lois – Sept 29 Kaiser Anaheim having a speaker meeting 7:30 pm.

10-Minute Coffee Break

After the break, the 7th Tradition basket was sent around.

REPORTS:
Chairperson: Steve F. chairperson@orangecountyalanon.org
Written report attached. Thanks to everyone for helping while Julia was out. Welcome to the new Intergroup Reps and the new Service Board Members.

- There are issues with non-compliant and/or non-registered meetings. The Intergroup Reps (IRs) have the responsibility to help keep meetings only Al-Anon. Meetings should only use CAL literature, follow the traditions, etc. <u>Question</u>: Are the de-listed meetings in the directory? <u>Answer</u>: Yes, but they have been marked out on all the remaining print copies. They are not on the online directory. <u>Question</u>: How or what criteria is used to delist a meeting. <u>Answer</u>: Delisting is not something that is taken lightly. There is a document that was developed. It will be included in the attachments of this meeting's minutes.
- New IRs – remember to get registered with the OC Office. Forms are online or at the back of the room and can be sent in or filled out online.
- The service board is looking for anyone from District 57 that is willing to volunteer to work on the Service Board. Two year commitment. Please see Steve.

Chair-Elect: Julie S**.** co-chairperson@orangecountyalanon.org
There is a volunteer sheet in the back for bringing snacks or helping with set-up. Make sure new IRs get registered. IRs need to sign-in at each meeting – sign-in is at back corner of the room.

Ex-Officio: Dave S. Absent. ex-officio@orangecountyalanon.org
No report.

Public Information: Gwen B., Ralph B. p_i@orangecountyalanon.org
Written report attached. Reminder that we need volunteers for all events. Duties entail giving out information, not telling your personal story.

Hospitals & Institutions: Irv C., Patty D.   h_i@orangecountyalanon.org
Written report attached. Need volunteers for event on 9/23 at Costa Mesa convention center.

Round Robin/Phone: Dan L. Absent. round-robin@orangecountyalanon.org
No report.

Alateen: Joe S., Amy L. alateen@orangecountyalanon.org
Alateen will be represented at the Chili cook-off in Long Beach 9/20. Will make rubber bracelets in red and blue with slogan "Live and Let Live" to be used as a draw at events. Will get response and report back.

Orange Blossom: Bobbie O. editor@orangecountyalanon.org
Six month trial period with the new format has been completed. Committee received a question about why we are using Al-Anon's money to pay postage for the Orange Blossom mailing. Al-Anon pays $200 per year for a bulk rate permit which allows us to mail at much lower rates. We need to increase subscriptions of the OB. We currently send out about 400 per month, but not all are paid subscriptions. As IRs, you receive one for your group. Please consider purchasing a subscription to give to a friend, sponsee or a newcomer at your meeting. Also, remember to re-subscribe once your subscription expires. We only charge $7.50 per year; other counties charge more. We are still looking at other options for distribution.

World Service: Carol G., Mary Lou L. no email address at this time
Written report attached. Reminder that all meetings must be registered with World Service, in addition to the OC office and the SCWS office. Districts 60 and 66 have found some meetings that aren't registered with World Service. Bookmark with the SCWS contact info is in attachments.
- How does a meeting register?

- Al-Anon Groups are registered with the World Service Office through the Southern California World Service Area group records coordinator, who uses a form entitled "Group Registration/Records Change Form." The form can be filled out online for faster processing, or it can be printed out, filled in and mailed to the address on the bottom of the form. The form can be accessed in two ways: (1) via the SCWS Web site at http://scws-al-anon.org/send_mtg_record_updates.php or (2) via a link on the Orange County Intergroup Web site, which also includes a form with which to register for inclusion in the Intergroup Meeting Directory and Web site listing of meetings.
- To access the form(s) on the Intergroup Web site, go to orangecountyalanon.org. In the list of words in orange letters on the left side of the screen, click on "Intergroup." Under the heading, "Group Officer Forms," go to the third paragraph and click on the underlined word "form" at the end of the last line.
- To register for an Orange County Meeting Directory listing, go to the second paragraph under the "Group Officer Forms" heading and click on the words "this form" to fill out and send information online, or click on the words "clicking here" to print out a form you can mail in.

Foreign Language Liaison: Position Open.

Alateen Liaison: Position Open.

Nominations and Historian: TBD historian@orangecountyalanon.org
No report. We are overhauling this process.

New Business: None

Unfinished Business: None

ASK-IT-CAN: Chair Elect Julie S.
Question: Can you tell which meetings were de-listed? Yes, Monday night 6:30 pm Well Minded Center Irvine #66.17. This meeting asked to be de-listed. Two Alateen meetings that were not active – Monday 6:00 pm Lake Forest and Wednesday 6:00 pm Fullerton. There is a SCWS (Area) "thought-force" working on policy for the Area re meetings that do not follow traditions.

Next Intergroup Meeting will be held on October 15, 2014 at 7:30 pm

With no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned at 8:50 pm. Motion to close by Judy. 2nd by Ada. 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