



Al-Anon



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FINAL

MINUTES OF THE INTERGROUP MEETING OF April 15, 2015

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

PRESENT:

Officers: Chairman Steve F., Chair Elect Julie S., Secretary Karen S., Treasurer Ada G.

Committee: Orange Blossom Bobbie O. and Marie P., H&I Cianna C., Irv C. and Diane M., World Service Mary Lou L., PI Gwen B. and Ralph B., Round Robin Dan L., Spanish Language Liaison Sofia F. and Myrna N.

ABSENT:

Officers: Ex-Officio Dave S.

Committee: Alateen Joe S., Amy L. and Ellen J., World Service Carol G.

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

Chairperson: Steve F. chairperson@orangecountyalanon.org

Voting is open until 8:00 pm so if you have not turned in your meeting's vote, please make sure you do it before 8:00.

Secretary: Karen S. secretary@orangecountyalanon.org

The minutes of the February 18, 2015 Intergroup Meeting were read silently and were accepted as presented. Motion to accept the minutes as presented by Judy R. 2nd by Jerry M. The vote was unanimous.

Reported a summary of all old and new business and motions passed at the March 18, 2015 Service Board meeting. Written report is attached.

Treasurer: Ada G. treasurer@orangecountyalanon.org

Written report is attached. Contributions are very important to our fellowship. Suggested to ask your group if they will contribute \$5.00 for the 7th Tradition when you attend.

Office Coordinator: Julia T. office@orangecountyalanon.org

Written report is attached.

Chairperson: Steve F. chairperson@orangecountyalanon.org

Written report attached. Website development is coming along well. We hope to have it up in a couple of months. Question: Will there be a monthly payment to maintain the website? Answer: No, this is a one-time expenditure of \$1,000. The platform is WordPress and Ben, our webmaster, will be able to help with minor changes, along with Steve.

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

No written report. Thanks to everyone that helped with set-up of the meeting room. And a huge thanks to “Barb’s carpool” who brought the snacks for the meeting! Wow! Remember, if you want to bring snacks, those who don’t get to eat before the meeting will be so appreciative.

10-Minute Coffee Break

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

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

Absent. No written report.

REPORTS:

World Service: Carol G., Mary Lou L. world-service@orangecountyalanon.org

Written report attached. Carol G. absent. Mary Lou reported. Question: regarding dual membership and service beyond the group level, if someone is no longer a member of the other program, why are they still not allowed to be of service at the IR level? Answer: We have to follow the Service Manual on this subject. See page 126 of the revised Service Manual – it covers the dual membership issue. If you need more information, please contact Julie S. Question: From the written report, under “Studies in Progress”, what are they talking about “the Spanish overlay district, groups that do not consider AI-Anon as a whole” (*these two items are different, distinct subjects*)? Answer: Cathleen C., ex-SB member who was at the WSO meeting said the Spanish overlay district, designed as a temporary 3-yr fix (20 years ago), is being studied again. Question: the IR clarified that her real question was related to “groups that do not consider AI-Anon as a whole”. Answer: The Area has a task force that is tasked with coming up with solutions for meetings that do not follow the AI-Anon traditions. They will make a determination of appropriate actions to take, and whatever their determination is, the OC Intergroup will need to make sure our actions are in compliance with the Area’s.

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

No written report. Dan asked for 9 IRs to volunteer their meeting to cover the weekend phones. GREAT response and all 9 slots are filled. May and June are now covered. Some IRs asked for information so they can take it back to their meetings. Contact Dan please. Question: How can we direct Spanish language calls so they can get help? Answer: no solution was provided. Need to consider for future. We cannot give out personal phone numbers for safety reasons.

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

Voting results announced:

District 57	District 60	District 63	District 66	Chair-Elect
Wendy M.	Brandi S.	Will W.	Bill P.	Cianna C.
Patty O.	Jackie G.	Sandy O.	Jerry E.	

Congratulations to the new Service Board members! The first Service Board meeting for the new members will be Wednesday, July 15, 2015 at 7PM. Thanks to Julie for what seemed to be an easy voting process!

Public Information: Gwen B., Ralph B. p_i@orangecountyalanon.org

Written report attached. Sovereign Health Group is in San Clemente. Need volunteers for panels every other Saturday 10-11 am. Please contact Ralph B. for more info. The upcoming dates are 4/25, 5/9, 5/23, 6/6, 6/20, 7/11, 7/25. Freedom Festival in Long Beach is scheduled for June 9.

We will need about 75-80 people to man the booth at the Orange County Fair for the two weeks July 17 – August 1. It will be 3-hour shifts and free parking and free fair admission is included. The booth will be outside but under a cover and we’ll have a fan. Please tell your meetings so once we have the sign-up information, people will already have thought about it.

Orange Blossom: Bobbie O., Marie P. editor@orangecountyalanon.org

The Service Board has spent many hours going back and forth about the options in print/online versions of the Orange Blossom. The IRs have voiced opinions at IR meetings about the same. A vote will be taken at this meeting between two options:

1. Offer a free printable version of the Orange Blossom online for a trial period of one year to see if paid subscriptions decline. Continue to offer the printed hard copy version for one year for \$10.00 annual subscription price as of June 1st with the possible consequence that it might be eliminated at the end of the trial period.
2. Continue to publish the printed hard copy version of the Orange Blossom for a \$10.00 annual subscription price which would include a printable version online at no additional charge to be paid subscribers only. Also, make the online printable version of the Orange Blossom available for a \$5.00 annual subscription to those not wanting a hard copy version. For non-subscribers, offer a free read-only version of the Orange Blossom.

The voting results were #1 – 20 votes, #2 – 41 votes. We will move forward with #2.

Hospitals & Institutions: Cianna C., Diane M., Irv C. h_i@orangecountyalanon.org
No report.

Alateen: Joe S., Amy L., Ellen J. alateen@orangecountyalanon.org
Written report attached. Joe S., Amy L., Ellen J. absent. Cathleen C. gave report. Flyer for new Alateen meeting on Mondays 7-8pm at Mesa Verde Methodist Church, Costa Mesa. See the report regarding donations for the SCAC convention – donations need to go through the districts, not directly to Alateen. Contact your DR or DAL with questions.

Foreign Language Liaison: Sofia F., Myrna N. No email address at this time. Send any requests to Karen S. secretary@orangecountyalanon.org and she will forward it to Sofia and Myrna.
No written report. Committee is contacting all the GRs and IRs for the Spanish speaking groups in Orange County. There are about 30 meetings. There will be a meeting for all the Spanish speaking meetings on Saturday April 25th at the Kaiser Health Pavilion. 200 N. Lewis, Room #105, Garden Grove/Orange. The flyer may have the wrong address on it, so check your copy. The purpose of the meeting is to inform the groups that they don't have to go to District 64 meetings or to the Santa Fe Springs office for literature. The can come to our IR meeting and the information office in Garden Grove for literature in Spanish. They will also tell the members about the Orange County fair so we could have some Spanish speaking volunteers at the fair.
There will be the 6th annual Spanish speaking convention on July 11-12 in Fullerton. Currently it will be in Spanish only but they are working on getting English translation. There was a Spanish event in Carlsbad last week and they provided English translation and it went really well.

Alateen Liaison: Position Open.

New Business: None

Unfinished Business: None

ASK-IT-CAN: Chair Elect Julie S.

Question: Can we get a "large poster map" on the wall behind the board members that shows all the districts represented in O.C. Intergroup? Answer: we will provide small maps to each IR at the next meeting. A large one may not be good because of possible re-districting in the near future.

Chairperson: Steve F. chairperson@orangecountyalanon.org

Thanks to everyone for a great meeting. We got a lot done and it was very organized. Also, keep on the lookout for information about the Al-Anon fundraiser to be held in Sept. 2015.

Next Intergroup Meeting will be held on June 17, 2015 at 7:30 pm.

With no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned at 8:55 pm. Motion to close by Tran. 2nd by Stacey. The vote was unanimous. Meeting closed with the Serenity Prayer led by Jerry.

Respectfully submitted,

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