



Al-Anon



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MINUTES OF THE INTERGROUP MEETING OF AUGUST 19, 2015

- Call to order and Serenity Prayer – Julie S. 7:35 pm
- Silence Cell Phones (please)
- Twelve Traditions – Shelly

PRESENT:

Officers: Chair Julie S., Secretary Mary Lou L., Treasurer Ada G., Ex-Officio Steve F.

Committee: *Institutions* Diane M. and Wendy M., *World Service* Bill P and Jerry E., *Public Outreach* Sandy O. and Will W., *Round Robin* Ralph B., *Office Phone Coverage* Ellen J. and Jackie G., *Alateen* Brandi S.

ABSENT:

Officers: *Chair Elect* Cianna C.

Committee: *Alateen* Amy L., *Orange Blossom* Marie P, *Spanish Language Liaison* Sofia F. and Myrna N.

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Secretary: Mary Lou L. secretary@orangecountyalanon.org

The minutes of the June 17, 2015 Intergroup Meeting were read silently. Motion to accept the minutes as read by Tran. 2nd by Carol. The vote was unanimous. Reported a summary of all old and new business and motions passed at the May 20, 2015 Service Board meeting. Written report is attached. Three motions made at the July 15, 2015 Service Board Meeting are included in the written report.

Treasurer: Ada G. treasurer@orangecountyalanon.org

Written report is attached. Contributions are very important to our fellowship. Reminder to Intergroup Representatives that donations made at this meeting should be made by IR's group meeting by group conscience. A \$5 donation is suggested – the reimbursement by the meeting is covered in the service manual. Anomalies in the report were addressed. Increased payroll expense occurred because of the extra week in July and salary increases went into effect on July 1. The rent increased; however, it is still below the norm. The Service Board expenses increased due to Orange County Fair and Freedom Festival expenditures. Income is down because of literature and contributions. A review is being conducted to determine the cause of this decline. Motion to accept the report made by Tom C. 2nd by Robin. The 7th Tradition basket was sent around.

Office Coordinator: Julia T. office@orangecountyalanon.org

Written report is attached. Looking for someone who could be willing to help a new member work the program in Vietnamese.

Written report attached. Welcomed new IRs, new Service Board members Wendy, Brandi, Jackie, Bill, Jerry, Will and Sandy, and Southern California Delegate Elizabeth K. Thanked and presented a gift to Steve F. for his service as Chair. Thanks to Wendy and others who brought refreshments.

Chair-Elect: Cianna C. co-chairperson@orangecountyalanon.org
Absent. No written report.

Ex-Officio: Steve F. ex-officio@orangecountyalanon.org
Written report attached. The website is operational. Online subscription to Orange Blossom works. There are many changes. Fundraiser for Central Office operations on September 19 (see flyer) has great speakers, food, games, etc. Collecting archival images for a slide show. Casual Saturday afternoon focused on coming together as service.

10-Minute Break

Announcements: *Carol* – SAVE THE DATE, Saturday, December 5, 21st Annual Holiday Al-Athon, includes speakers, live auction, silent auction, 50/50 drawing, lunch at the Fullerton First Christian Church. Proceeds OC Central Office World Service Office and Southern California World Service Area; *Sherry* – 5th Anniversary Celebration of the Los Alamitos Parent Al-Anon Meeting, Monday, October 5, 7pm-9pm at Community Congregational Church, 4111 Katella Ave, Los Alamitos, musical entertainment, ethnic cuisine, gifts for all, donations to benefit Al-Anon (see flyer); *Kevin* – OCAAC ‘Al-Anon’ Fundraising event, 12 Step Hoedown, Saturday, October 10, 630pm-1130pm at Lutheran Church of the Cross, 24231 El Toro Rd, Laguna Beach, \$25 tickets, 50/50 raffle, music, dancing (see flyer); *Theresa* – Annual District 66 Al-Anon Workshop, Saturday, October 10, 930am-3pm, at Santiago de Compostela Church, 21682 Lake Forest Drive, Lake Forest, free, includes lunch, great topics, two Spanish topics, includes Alateen Sponsorship Recertification Workshop (see flyer); *Mary Ann* – Fog-Cutters “It Takes A Village” Round Robin Speaker Meeting with a panel of Al-Anon family members, Monday, September 28, potluck 7pm, meeting 730pm, St. Peter’s By the Sea Church, 16911 Bolsa Chica Street, Huntington Beach (see flyer); *Tom* – 30 Year Anniversary Celebration, Thursday, October 22, potluck/happy hours 5pm, meeting 6pm, Dana Point Youth & Group Facility, 34451 Ensenada P I, Dana Point Harbor.

REPORTS:

Public Outreach: (NAME CHANGED FROM ‘PUBLIC INFORMATION’ PER WSO)

Sandy O. and Will W., p_i@orangecountyalanon.org
Written report attached. Welcomed newcomers and discussed responsibilities of IRs: attending six meetings, carrying the message, coming to IR meetings with group problems, feedback, registering their home group, acting as liaison. And the benefits: getting a subscription to the Orange Blossom, sharing it with their home group, voting privileges, being part of 12 Step. Suggestions for reports to home groups: keep short and simple, share information to keep group informed about what is happening to help make group conscience decisions. Provide information regarding financials that will keep AFG going – refer to report in the Orange Blossom regarding contributions. Support the program by sending in contributions once a month no matter how much it is, since the bills come in to the Central Office on a regular basis. Next IR meeting topic: crosstalk.

Spanish Language Liaison: Sofia F., Myrna N. spanish@orangecountyalanon.org
(Absent) No report. See attached flyers about meetings for the Spanish Liaison of the Orange County Intergroup,

World Service: Bill P. and Jerry E. world-service@orangecountyalanon.org
No report.

Office Phone Coverage: Ellen J. and Jackie G.
Explanation of what is involved in office phone coverage. Signups for coverage at meeting. IRs can solicit signups at their group meetings, too. (See attached signup form.)

See written report. Reminder that all requests for submissions to the Orange Blossom must be received by the 5th of the month for print in the next month's edition. Requirements for submission of ads have been reviewed in light of the Service Manual – see attached report for information. Orange Blossom continues to be expensive to maintain. Recommendation that IRs show latest OB issue that shows costs and subscriptions in meeting. Challenge to all IRs to get at least one subscription for \$10 to help keep it alive. Subscription form attached.

Institutions: (NAME CHANGED FROM 'HOSPITALS & INSTITUTIONS' PER WSO)

Diane M., Wendy M. h_i@orangecountyalanon.org

Written report is attached. Informational letters about the Al-Anon program have been sent to local courthouses. Al-Anon has been conducting a panel twice a month for a medical group, and has been asked to speak monthly at their recovery program. These are ongoing commitments. Upcoming appearances include participation in the Orange County Substance Abuse Prevention Network Conference and Showcase on October 1, and a Health Fair on October 10.

Alateen: Brandi S., Amy L. alateen@orangecountyalanon.org

No written report attached. Very interested in participation in Alateen panels, etc. A new Alateen meeting began on August 20, and Alateen Stephanie introduced it (see flyer). More news on Alateen to come in future meetings.

Round Robin: Ralph B. round-robin@orangecountyalanon.org

Upcoming Round Robin with speaker Janet B. on Wednesday, September 30 at 10am at St. Andrew's Church, 600 St Andrews Road, Room 1508, Newport Beach. Babysitting available if call in advance 949-574-2238. Round Robins are a good way to get new people interested in your meetings. Recommend that each meeting have a Round Robin every 90 days to keep the meeting healthy and the Central Office financially sound. All contributions at a Round Robin go to the Central Office.

Alateen Liaison: Position Open.

Special Delegate Report: Elizabeth K., Southern California Delegate

Written report is attached. Report about the 2015 World Service Conference "Living Our Spiritual Principles: Expanding Our Vision" including where to learn more about the conference, the 'chosen agenda item', finances, the annual report, Thought and Task Force summaries and policy clarifications. Link for Conference Summary: al-anon.org/members, click Service Structures, click District Resources or Area Resources, click 2015 Conference Summary.

New Business: None

Unfinished Business: None

ASK-IT-CAN: Chair Julie S. substituted for Chair-Elect Cianna. No questions submitted. None.

Next Intergroup Meeting will be held on October 21, 2015 at 7:30 pm.

With no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned at 9:20 pm. Motion to close by Roger 2nd by Bill P. The vote was unanimous. Meeting closed with the Serenity Prayer.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Lou L. (Secretary, Service Board) Al-Anon Information Service Office of Orange County