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MINUTES OF THE INTERGROUP MEETING OF 16 JUNE 2021

Call to order and Serenity Prayer – by Carol G. at 7:33 PM (presiding for Amber E.- not present)

Silence cell phones please

Twelve Traditions – read by Sharon D.

PRESENT:

Officers: Chair- Amber E. (not present), Ex-Officio- Kevin O., Chair-Elect- Carol G., Secretary- Geri M., Treasurer- Lydia M., Office Manager- Irene L.

Committees: Public Information- Norma Jean W., Isabel C., Marni C., Institutions- Tina T., Sophia F., Ginger C., Round Robin/Phone Coverage- Anna Marie S., Alateen- Vickie M., Keli M., Orange Blossom- Glenna F., Rachelle A., World Service- Brandon C., Richard M., Alateen Liaison- Open, Foreign Language Liaisons- Spanish- Tania V., Farsi- Ben P., Historian/Nominations- Matt St. M.

Invited guest, Yoly W.H., San Diego, spoke on Al-Anon Spiritual Principles used in business meetings. The focus was on Concept #12- Service.

REPORTS:

Chair- Amber E. (not present)- Carol G. presented Chair's report. Amber expressed gratitude for support received during her tenure as Chairperson. She reported that Kevin O., on behalf of the board, has pursued legal services from the nonprofit Public Law Center. An application was submitted requesting free or discounted legal services to aid in completing revision of the bylaws. Amber also reported her communication with the law firm, Atkinson, Andelson, Loya, Ruud, and Romo, requesting they return the balance of a \$500 retainer. She stated that OCAI-Anon was billed \$258.88 for legal consult; the firm will return \$241.12 balance.

Secretary- Geri M.- read minutes of April 21, 2021. **Motion** by Barbara S. (60-42) to accept minutes with corrections: Isabel C. *was* present; Motion withdrawn by Andy (add language), *based on Chair's representation that no further work with law firm would be conducted prior to subsequent IGR meeting, June 16, 2021.* Seconded by Julia G (#60-1371). Yes= 43, Abstentions= 7, **Motion carried.**

Treasurer- Lydia M.- see report.

7th Tradition- please continue to contribute through OCAAnon.org. Include meeting information where indicated.

Office Manager- Irene L.- see report. Highlights: 30+ in-person meetings have resumed; literature sales down 62.9 % comparing May 2020 to May 2021; OC office hours- Tues.-Thurs., 9:30-4:30. Irene requested that she not receive texts regarding Al-Anon business outside of her employment hours.

Ex-Officio- Kevin O.- gave an update on response from Public Law Center. He reported that the firm agreed to conduct bylaws review on pro-bono basis. Kevin thanked all for support and expressed gratitude for his time spent in service on board.

Carol G. recognized all outgoing board members and thanked them for their service.

Alateen- Vickie M. (not present), Keli M. (not present)- no report.

Alateen Liaisons- Position open.

Foreign Language Liaisons- Spanish- Tania V. (not present), Farsi- Ben P. (not present)- no report.

Institutions- Tina T., Sophia F., Ginger C.- Tina reported that OC Rescue Mission, Tustin, has requested panels. She stated that all letters for Inmate Correspondence Effort go through WSO, Virginia Beach, following safety protocols. Tina asked for more male volunteers to correspond with male inmates.

Ginger C. reported that literature is being sent to prisons through Defy Ventures organization. Additionally, literature has been sent to shelters like Women's Shelter, Long Beach.

Nominations/Historian- Matt St. M.- no report.

Orange Blossom- Glenna F., Rachelle A.- Explained, to assist new members, the procedure for submitting information to OB.

Public Information- Norma Jean W., Isabel C., Marni C.- Marni reported that 97% of volunteer time slots for AI-Anon booth at OC Fair have been filled. She also presented report regarding traffic on Google ads.

Norma Jean reported that 161 letters have been sent to local therapists. She also thanked Marni for technical assistance.

Isabel thanked Norma Jean and Marni for their help. She reported that she has purchased Spanish literature, water, and ordered pens for OC Fair booth. Isabel stated that PI committee will attend a Fair information meeting on June 18.

Round Robin/Telephone- Anna Marie S.- stated that there were few RR this past year, albeit, successful. She has maintained her commitment to office phone coverage on weekends.

World Service- Brandon C., Richard M.- Richard presented report on SCWS Area Assembly from May 15, 2021 (see report). He announced an SCWS Area Workshop on June 26, 2021.

Brandon reported further on Area Assembly meeting regarding discussion on hybrid meetings. Stated there is a presentation on *What a Healthy Meeting Is* on SCWS website.

Old/Unfinished Business- OC Fair Outreach- The Public Information committee presented proposal to reallocate 2020 OC Fair advertising funds, previously approved in 2019, for the 2021 OC Fair bus stop ads. Rationale: The number of responses to AI-Anon ads at the 2019 OC Fair was significant. There was a large increase in website traffic and phone calls to the 1-800- number.

Motion by Mark S. (#57-57) to approve reallocation of previously approved 2020 OC Fair funds in the amount of \$10,000 for OC Fair 2021 advertising. Seconded by Sharon D. (#60-82). Yes= 36, No=5, Abstentions= 3. **Motion carried.**

Carol G. thanked SCWS tech team reps. that were present for their work in preparing for and assisting with the meeting.

Announcements-

Birthdays- 6 yrs., 10 yrs., 15 years!

Next Intergroup meeting- August 18, 2021.

Motion to close by Melinda (#57-89). Seconded. **Carried.** Meeting adjourned with Serenity Prayer at 9:07 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Geri M., Secretary, Al-Anon Information Service of Orange County