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MINUTES OF THE SERVICE BOARD MEETING JANUARY 21, 2015

Steve F. (Chairperson) called meeting to order with the Serenity Prayer at 7:00 pm
Twelve Traditions read by Ben P.

PRESENT:

Officers: Chairman Steve F., Chair-Elect Julie S., Treasurer Ada G., Acting Secretary Mary Lou L.

Committee: H&I Irv C., Diane M., Alateen Joe S., Amy L., WS Liaison Carol G., Historian open position, PI – Gwen B., Orange Blossom Bobbie O., Marie P.

Visitors: Website Ben P., Office Angel H.

Chairperson – Steve F.

(Acting) Secretary– Mary Lou L. Motion: By Ada G. – to accept minutes from December 3, 2014 Service Board Meeting as presented. 2nd by Irv C. All in favor. The motion was carried.

Treasurer – Ada G. Written report. Income is up, expenses down as compared to last year. Cash flow in December good because of fundraiser. Problem printing reports from new accounting system QuickBooks; using Excel now. Inland Empire is using same accounting system and can print reports. **Ada will explore resources (announcement at IR meeting and ask in the Orange Blossom and SCWS, etc.) for further training on QuickBooks. Julia will schedule meeting with Inland Empire if other methods do not get results.** Passed basket for 7th Tradition.

Office Coordinator- Julia T. Written report. Julia has been contacted about the Orange Blossom delivery time being too late to share the events listed. Discussion resulted in moving the deadline for submission from the 10th of the month to the 5th of the month. **Bobbie O. to put announcement in Orange Blossom and announce at IR meeting.** Office liability insurance has increased by \$37, totaling \$1026 for 2015. Health insurance has increased by \$12 a month (to \$210) in 2015. The CAL book *Many Voices, One Journey* is now available in Spanish (*Muchas Voces, Un Mismo Viaje*) for \$19.93. Julia introduced Angel, the new part-time personnel who works on Fridays and other times as needed.

Chairperson – Steve F. Steve provided a listing and map of *Al-Anon Districts by City for 2015*. Discussion about information exchange between meetings via email ensued. This medium provides opportunities to gather information and discuss issues in preparation for presentation at board meetings. Some between-meeting exchanges will be with the group as a whole and others will include specific group members as necessary. Website was discussed, with examples shown of proposed pages. Board members provided feedback regarding web pages. **Ben/Steve will run a parallel site and beta test. They will notify board and provide deadline for feedback.**

Chair-Elect – Julie S. World Service is going to amend its process by forwarding information to IR groups. **Julie and Carol G. have been invited to join a Task Force on the topic of criterion for listing and delisting groups.** Nomination/Election Committee was discussed. **Julie will help to run the election according to the Bylaws.** Discussion to accomplish this included: insert in Orange Blossom, timing of nominations, forms, instruction/flyers for IRs to take back to meeting, form for resume, nomination at February IR meeting, description of board positions/duties, institutions for IRs. **Ada and Bobbie will also work on the process.**

Ex-Officio – Dave S. No written report. Absent.

World Service – Carol G. Written report. Working on criteria for directory listing. Most groups have registered with World Service; there are only a couple left. Recommendation was made to set deadline of June 30 for groups to register or they will be removed from the directory. Discussion of IRs and their eligibility followed. No persons who are members of another 12-step program can serve above the group level. Discussion of the need to make this clear by providing a reprint from the Service Manual and explanation. Announcement at nomination meeting. Reps must be registered in office two week prior to nominations. The Southern California World Service area has a new board, including Kathi Maggio from District 63 (Alternate Delegate) and Sandy Palmieri from District 57 (Secretary). The board is elected for a three-year term.

Orange Blossom – Bobbie O., Marie P. Written report. A report was provided on the breakdown of costs and options. Discussion included having a fundraiser, perhaps at the Anniversary Party, groups to subscribe for their reps rather than getting free subscriptions, flyer for IRs to take back and discuss at meetings, online version, raising the subscription, selling at meetings, passing an envelope at meetings for drawing of a subscription, etc.

MOTION: Bobbie O. made a motion that the yearly paper subscription of the Orange Blossom be increased from \$7.50 to \$10.00 as of June 1, 2015. 2nd by Marie P. A vote was taken, 10 in favor, 0 opposed. The motion carried.

MOTION: Carol G. made a motion that the yearly online subscription of the Orange Blossom, with the same format as the paper version, be available for \$5.00 beginning June 1, 2015. 2nd by Bobbie O. A vote was taken, 10 in favor, 0 opposed. The motion carried.

Bobbie O. and Marie P. will review options and prepare information for the next IR meeting.

Round Robin – Dan L. No written report. Absent. Steve F. reported there was lots of work being done to get telephone coverage. Calendars/sign-ups are in the process of being automated.

Public Information – Gwen B. No written report. No PI next month, but had two contacts in December and January. The AA Central Office asked to have an AI-Anon presence at the OC Fair. Booth was discussed: WS has a banner; cost is \$200 for the booth space. The challenge is how to staff a booth at the OC Fair since there are many days and many hours – thus many shifts – to be covered. **Gwen will obtain more information from AA contact and share with board.** Marie indicated District 66/64 would like to become more involved with Intergroup. Three members (Elva, Rosa, Georgina) are interested in PI. This is good because more bilingual people are needed. **Gwen will contact them regarding PI and telephone answering.**

Hospitals and Institutions – Irv C. Written report. Volunteer lists have been cleaned up resulting in 80 volunteers for panels. Working with organizations to check contacts, etc. Trying to make inroads into high schools. **Steve F. will give contact information to Irv. C. regarding Casey (teacher, former board member) and leads from fair. Also lead from Olivecrest.**

Alateen – Amy L., Joe. No written report. Report that New Directions for Women's event, *Be Brave Be Safe*, was looking for an Alateen speaker for this weekend. They have contacted Cathleen and groups but are unable to find a speaker at this time. **Amy and Joe will work on identifying speakers for future events.** Changes in the Area Board: The new Area Alateen Process Person is Teresa and the Area Sponsor Coordinator is Cathleen. Alateen has a new e-book (*Hope for Children of Alcoholics*) which is available on the website. The Recertification Workshop for the OC AMIAS will be held March 7. It is customary for the Service Board to provide funding for the luncheon of this workshop.

MOTION: Amy L. made a motion that the board donate \$200 for the luncheon at the OC AMIAS Recertification Workshop. 2nd by Joe S. A vote was taken, 9 in favor, 1 abstain, 0 opposed. The motion carried.

SCAC is coming up – we will be voting on transportation donation of \$300 for the bus.

Foreign Language Liaison – No written report. Absent.

Alateen Liaison – open position.

Nominations and Historian – TBD. No report.

Old/Unfinished Business: None

New Business: None

Chair – Steve F. Next Service board meeting is January 21, 2015 7pm.

Reminder – what is said here, stays here. It is not appropriate to talk about service board meetings with people outside of board.

Motion to close by Ada. 2nd by Joe. Meeting closed with the Serenity Prayer.

Respectfully submitted, Mary Lou L. OC Intergroup Acting Secretary