

FINAL

MINUTES OF THE SERVICE BOARD MEETING March 18, 2015

Steve F. (Chairman) called meeting to order with the Serenity Prayer at 7:05 pm
Twelve Traditions read by Dan

PRESENT:

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

Committee: H&I Irv C., Diane M., Cianna C., Alateen Ellen J., Amy L., Joe S., WS Liaison Carol G., Mary Lou L., Historian open position, PI – Gwen B., Ralph B., Orange Blossom Bobbie O., Marie P., Round Robin Dan L., Spanish Language Liaison Myrna N., Office Coordinator Julia T.

Visitors: District 60 DR Marlene, Kelly

Secretary – Karen S.

Motion: By Cianna C. – to accept minutes from January 21, 2014 Service Board Meeting as amended. 2nd by Irv C. All in favor. The motion was carried.

Treasurer – Ada G.

Written report attached. Recommends that Angel (part-time employee in the Information Office) needs to be trained on QuickBooks. **Julia agreed to provide the training to Angel.**

Passed basket for 7th Tradition.

Office Coordinator- Julia T.

Written report. Regarding the request by a member to donate the “old cover” pamphlets to H&I and PI, the following motion took place. **MOTION: Carol G. made a motion to decline the request to purchase the old cover soft literature and donate it to PI and H&I. 2nd by Ralph B. A vote was taken, 11 in favor, 1 opposed and 2 abstained. The motion carried.**

Regarding the concern brought to Julia by members that some of the SB nominees may have dual membership, **Julie S. will contact all the nominees to ensure that they are members of AI-Anon only and not dual. Anyone who is a dual member will need to be removed from the ballot.** We need to be sensitive to anonymity and will only announce that someone has withdrawn his/her name from the ballot. A general reminder that any position above the group level – and this includes IR – cannot have dual membership. **Julie S. will make sure that this continues to be covered in the IR newcomer meetings held before each IR meeting.** If someone needs a refresher on this, it is covered on pages 82 & 126 of the Service Manual. These pages have been revised by WSO, so make sure you are referencing the revised writing.

Chairperson – Steve F. Service Board Review of the Office Coordinator needs to be conducted. **Requests that all SB members fill out the review form and get it back to him no later than the IR meeting on 4/15/15.**

Prefers hardcopy.

Report on AI-Anon website redesign. Ben doesn't have the tools to redesign it for us. Steve has a developer that gave us a quote of \$1,000. Will be done in WordPress, is Microsoft driven. Delivery time is 4 weeks.

MOTION: Ada G. made a motion to move ahead on the redesign of the website with the outside programmer, at a cost of \$1,000 and to get estimates of cost to add other options as requested by the board. 2nd by Bobbie O. A vote was taken, 15 in favor, the motion carried.

Chair-Elect – Julie S. Worked on the Group Manual revision. Pages 1-6 were removed, as they are in the Service Manual. **Requests that each committee/position review the duties of their position (found on pages 20-24) and let her know of any corrections before the next IR meeting on 4/15/15.** Any method of submission is ok.

The WSO has a task force called “Do Not Refer” and this task force has requested of the SB a copy of the document produced by the SB on 4/20/10 regarding the criteria for meeting listing. **MOTION: Carol G. made a motion to grant use of the 4/20/10 confidential document to the WSO Task Force “Do Not Refer”. 2nd by Ralph B. A vote was taken, 14 in favor, 1 abstained, the motion carried.**

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

Public Information – Gwen B., Ralph B. No written report. Orange County Fair AA rep contacted us to see if we want to attend the OC Fair this year. Last year we did not attend but did give outdated meeting directories.

In the 4 week period, AA uses 150 volunteers. It's a 3 hour commitment, 2 volunteers per shift, free admission to the fair and free parking. The fair runs 7/17-8/16/15. Application is due next week. Booth fee is \$200.

MOTION: Gwen B. made a motion to have an Al-Anon presence at the Orange County fair for a 2-week commitment at a \$200 booth cost fee. 2nd by Ellen J. A vote was taken, 15 in favor, 0 opposed. The motion carried.

South County panel is now on Saturday AM and it's going well. Long Beach Job Corp for 16-24 year olds looking for a speaker once per month. PI working with H&I on it.

Hospitals and Institutions – Irv C., Cianna C., Diane M. No written report. Panels and panel leader lists are being reviewed now. Diane is continuing to work on the referral to meetings issue – now trying to see if the DA Office or Probation office is giving out list of Al-Anon meetings to those who got DUIs. More to come on this.

World Service – Carol G., Mary Lou L. No written report. A revised criterion for meeting listing was provided. **Everyone - Please read in 1 week and tell Carol of any questions, comments.** Once document is finalized, we will do an online vote to approve/or not.

4/23/15 - The document that Carol proposed to be used on the website has been approved by the board. The results of the online vote were: 12 for, 1 against and 5 abstained/no response. This is the final copy that was approved.

New Meeting Directory Listing:

1. Only meetings registered with the Southern California World Service Area and the Al-Anon World Service Office can be listed in the Intergroup's printed and online directories of Orange County and Greater Long Beach Area meetings.

2. Groups are registered by the Southern California World Service Area and the World Service Office with the understanding that groups will abide by Al-Anon Traditions. See page 31, "Al-Anon/Alateen Service Manual, 2014-2017," for information on meetings not eligible for registration, including those with outside affiliations, joint meetings of Al-Anon and AA members, AA-members-only meetings, and meetings that use outside therapies, such as guided meditation.

3. The Orange County Intergroup staff will assist new groups in registering with the SCWS and WSO, or new groups can register at the Southern California World Service Area Web site, www.scws-al-anon.org, and then call the Al-Anon Information Service of Orange County (Intergroup), 714/748-1113, to arrange a directory listing.

4. Once registration is completed and a WSO number has been obtained, meetings can be listed in the OC Intergroup on-line directory. New meetings are listed in the printed directory after they have been established for six months.

Orange Blossom – Bobbie O., Marie P. No written report. Reported that Brian B, an Al-Anon member has volunteered to take over monthly design of OB. Continued discussion of what the future of the OB will be in terms of print, online, both, or ?? **Committee will bring a limited number of choices to the next IR meeting on 4/15/15 which will be voted on at the IR meeting. We should assess the Orange Blossom in one year – next board needs to put this in a calendar – and see if changes are warranted at that time.**

Marie P. will need help with Spanish submissions in the next year. The Spanish Language Liaison will assist.

Alateen – Ellen J., Amy L. No written report. March 7 AMIAS Recertification went really well. Total cost was \$159.20. **MOTION: Amy L. made a motion to contribute \$300 towards the SCAC bus for the upcoming SCAC convention. 2nd by Gwen B. A vote was taken, 15 in favor, 0 opposed. The motion carried.**

Round Robin/Phone coverage – Dan L. No written report. Good response from membership for phone coverage for the period Dec-Feb. But only 1 volunteer since the last IR meeting. **Dan will reach out to the IRs at the next IR meeting – suggested to give out a flyer that the IRs can put in their meeting's IR notebook explaining the big picture of what we need. Ellen will help Dan. Also we should put a note in the next OB asking for help and also thanking the meetings that have done the phone coverage.**

Foreign Language Liaison – Sophia F., Myrna N. Spanish Language meetings are going to have a meeting on Sat. April 25 from 10-12 at the Kaiser meeting place. Agenda not set but primary focus will be to start finding out what the meetings need for support from OC. **Myrna should send any ideas to Steve and Julie for assistance.**

Alateen Liaison – open position.

Historian – TBD

Old/Unfinished Business: None

New Business: Marlene, District 60 Rep (DR) presented concerns expressed by some District 60 members.

Next Service board meeting is May 20, 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 G. 2nd by Amy L. Meeting closed with the Serenity Prayer at 9:40 pm.

Respectfully submitted, Karen S. OC Intergroup Secretary