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MINUTES OF THE INTERGROUP SERVICE BOARD MEETING OF 19 May 2021

Call to order and Serenity Prayer – by Amber E. at 7:05 PM

Silence Cell Phones (please)

Twelve Traditions – read by Norma Jean W.

PRESENT:

Officers: Chair - Amber E., Ex-Officio - Kevin O., Chair Elect – Position open, Secretary - Geri M. (not present), Treasurer - Lydia M., Office Coordinator - Irene L.

Committees: Public Information- Norma Jean W., Marni C., and Isabel C.; Institutions - Tina T., Sophia F. (not present) and Ginger C. (not present); Nominations - Matt St. M.; Round Robin/ Phone Coverage - Anna Marie S.; Alateen - Keli M. (not present), Vickie M. (not present); Orange Blossom - Rachele A., Glenna F.; World Service - Brandon C. and Richard M.

Reports:

Secretary - Amber asked for the minutes to be read. **Motion** by Lydia to approve the minutes with corrections: Under the Chair Report, the motion for the lawyer was not "carried unanimously" (Rachele voted no on the motion) and the correct address for donations is ocalanon.org. Anna Marie seconded. **Carried.** (9 in favor and 1 abstained)

Treasurer, Lydia M.: See submitted report. CD rolled over on May 11. It has approximately \$38,500 in the account earning .1% interest and will now have a November maturity date. Our salary expense was higher because there were three pay periods in April. \$1,300 purchased in literature and our shipping costs more closely matched our shipping income this month. The 7th Tradition link on ocalanon.org now has an option for meeting # and Day/Time/Location.

Office Manager, Irene L.: (see written report) Highlights include that you can put "Service Board" on contribution link when we make our 7th Tradition for this Service Board Meeting. Suggest members be aware that meeting attendees who are putting their phone numbers on the screen during Zoom Meetings have been texted obscenities. Our rent for June is reduced because our CAM (Common Area Maintenance) was reduced for the year. World Service has 8 titles (including "How Al-Anon Works") out of stock right now - be patient. The two quotes in Irene's report are from S-73 "Talk to Each Other".

Chairperson, Amber E. - Amber set up a Thought Force on "Online Intergroup Meeting Etiquette/Structure" with Rachelle as leader and Irene as Host. Carol and Matt are on the Thought Force as well.

Amber suggested Carol head up a Thought Force for the Orientation of New Service Board members.

Rachelle suggested that KBDM (Knowledge Based Decision Making) was not used in regard to hiring a lawyer. Glenna noted that we learned a lesson from this, suggested we should have erred on the side of inclusivity and received feedback from the IG reps. Lydia hopes the By-Law revisions can continue to include in-between options to vote on items. Carol was concerned about the expense of an attorney. Carol offered that we should have all our Bylaw changes approved by the Intergroup contingent on attorney review. Rachelle feels the Board should make amends to the Intergroup. Marni believes we need to be more diligent in our discussions and avoid our repetitive errors. Amber said we spent \$230 on the lawyer for questions on Irene's review and for the Google Review.

Marni pointed out that we have not put the minutes on the website in three years. Suggested posting the minutes on our website.

Amber thanked everyone for their service during her tenure.

Chair-Elect, Carol G.: Carol requested that all outgoing Service Board members attend the July Board meeting to provide a transition. Kevin suggested conducting an orientation meeting (for all outgoing, current, and incoming board members) prior to the July Board meeting.

Carol would like to continue the By-Law revisions now and each year on an ongoing basis (like So Cal World Service process).

Ex-Officio, Kevin O.: Kevin reached out twice to the Public Law Center to see if they provide pro bono services for 501(c)(3) By-Law reviews. He is waiting for call back. Glenna would like the following questions answered by the lawyer: Can our Orange Blossom be an online version only? Should we require Intergroup approval for ALL contracts including de minimis contracts?

Alateen- Vickie M. (not present) and Keli M. (not present): No Report

Announcements: Currently, there are 23 meetings that are back to meeting in person. There are two upcoming events - Words of Wisdom on May 22 and Live and Let Live on May 22.

Farsi Liaison, Ben P.: No report

Institutions, Tina T., Ginger C. (not present), and Sophia F. (not present): OC Rescue Mission wants an AI-Anon Panel on a monthly basis on Wednesday Evenings in Tustin. They need 4 volunteers who will need to pass a background check that costs \$19 each. Tina will use funds from her budget to cover the expense. She also spoke to the former SCWS Institutions

Coordinator regarding the letter writing campaign to prisoners. There is a need for male volunteers for this service opportunity. Tina asked Kevin to take the letter writing campaign application to the Garden Grove men's stag meeting. Kevin agreed.

Nominations/Historian, Matt: Special election went well. Carol G. is the new Chair Elect.

Orange Blossom, Glenna F. and Rachelle A. - June issue is done. Rachelle handled this issue by herself with Glenna's oversight.

Public Information, Marni C., Isabel C., and Norma Jean W.: Marni said that we are participating with an information booth at the Orange County Fair. Our dates at the fair are from July 24th to July 31st. Signups are on our website at ocalanon.org. Isabel is in charge of the contract for the fair and made corrections on the application. Isabel also changed the storage unit to the Office Coordinator's name. Norma Jean sent out 161 letters to therapists in Irvine and Santa Ana. The "Al-Anon, You and the Alcoholic," "For Professionals," and a bookmark were included in the mailings. Marni created the labels.

Round Robin/Phone Coverage, Anna Marie S.: Taking phone calls on weekends and her husband has helped.

World Service, Brandon C. and Richard M.: New Chair for SCWS is Martha Z. Our S. Cal Delegate, Tim, will conduct a Town Hall on June 26th. The Town Hall topic is transitioning meetings from their current format (e.g., online) to a new normal which may include hybrid meetings and online meetings becoming part of the Area (as opposed to part of World Service).

Old Business - None

New Business - Lydia is resigning since she has moved out of Orange County. We'll need a new treasurer. Next meeting- suggested we discuss having special meetings to make changes to the by-laws.

Birthdays - Marni is 10!

Next Service Board Meeting is July 21, 2021.

Motion to close by Norma Jean. Richard seconded the motion. **Carried** by Unanimous vote 11-0.

Meeting adjourned at 8:50 pm.

Serenity Prayer.

Submitted by Kevin O., Ex-Officio (recorded minutes for Geri M., secretary- not present)