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**Minutes of the Orange County/Greater Long Beach
Intergroup Service Board Meeting of
September 20, 2023**

The Intergroup Service Board meeting of September 20, 2023, was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by the Chair, Ajit S. The Serenity Prayer was recited.

Readings:

Twelve Traditions – Teresa F. (Oversight Committee – filling in for Ben as webmaster)

Twelve Concepts of Service – DJ K.

Spiritual Reading – Ajit from Courage to Change, Page 188, July 6

PRESENT:

Officers: Chair – Ajit S., Chair-Elect – DJ K., Ex-Officio – Sarah G., Secretary, Cherie E., Treasurer, Sam M.

Committees: Alateen – Tawny T. (absent), Institutions – Alejandra M. and Morgan M., Nominations/Historian – Theresa M. (absent), Orange Blossom – Jon M. and Cheryl S. (absent), Public Information – Linda T. and Eric N., Fundraising Liaison & Phone Coverage – Dan P. (absent) and Gary G., World Service – Veronica B. and Lauren H. (absent)

Non-Voting Liaisons:

Farsi Language Liaison – Ben P. (absent)

Spanish Liaison – Cindy R. and Marilen H.

Office Staff:

Sam C. and Mike F. (absent)

REPORTS:

Treasurer: Sam M.

The full monthly report is linked under calendar of events on the website. As of August 31, 2023, the current period total sales were \$10,616.39. The total cost of sales was \$8,995.28, resulting in a gross profit of \$1,621.11. Total operating expenses were \$4,128.46, leaving a net operating loss of (\$2,507.35). Interest income was \$60.15, resulting in a net operating loss for the month of (\$2,507.35). Total assets as of August 31, 2023, from checking/savings/other equals \$155,039.00.

7th Tradition - Please continue to make contributions through ocalanon.org. There is a button to click for contributions. Please include meeting information where indicated.

Secretary: Cherie E.

Quorum: A majority of the Service Board was present to satisfy the quorum requirement. Of 16 voting members, 12 were present.

The minutes of July 19, 2023, were reviewed. Corrections were made.

Action: Motion made by Veronica B., seconded by DJ K., to approve the minutes as amended.

Decision: Motion passed unanimously.

Cherie reported she has received 35 emails in the last month (on the ocalanon.org email) from people who say, "Please put me on the email distribution list for Intergroup meeting agendas and reports," or "I am the new ISR (or Alternate ISR) for xyz meeting. Please add me to the list." Unless the email is sent from Teresa F. the SCWS Records Secretary, there is really no way to know whether the person is actually a registered ISR. Cherie asked: Should I add them anyway? Do I verify? Ask them?

Feedback was to put them on the email list for the agenda. Ask SCWS Records Secretary to verify. If not registered, let them know and refer them to website directions for registration.

Old (unfinished) Business – None.

New business is listed under the Chairperson's report and New Business sections of these minutes.

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Office Oversight & Continuity Committee (OCC): Julie S. (Chair)

Julie reported that proposed revisions to the By-Laws are expected in 2-4 weeks. They will be submitted to the Board for review and approval before submitting to the Intergroup.

Written Report Submitted:

Purpose :

Oversee office management duties from the Service Board to lend continuity.
To oversee office operations in conjunction with the current Intergroup Chair.
Annual review of office employees known as Member Services Representatives (MSR)

Who :

Oversight Committee to consist of 5-7 members
Term is 3 years and 2-3 new members to join while 2-3 rotate off
Positions to be on the Committee should be Intergroup Chair; Chair-Elect; Ex-Officio & Treasurer
Members who have had previous service as Intergroup of OC & GLB or SCWS Area Board
Members who have special small business or similar experience to help the committee

How :

Standing positions on the Service Board take the positions on the committee.
Invitation to prospective members by submitted resume

Special Tasks :

Current special tasks are reviewing and revising the Office Manual; Group Manual & Intergroup By-Laws

Office Staff: Sam C.

Teresa F. met with Ajit and Sam regarding taking votes by polling instead of counting hands. Sam will set up the polls and track responses, post results.

Service Board Chair: Ajit S.

Board Update – Cheryl J. will be assisting Jon with the Orange Blossom. She will join us next meeting.

Chair-Elect: DJ. K. – Has some suggestions to make regarding new ISR orientation meetings. He will write them up and submit to Board for review.

Ex-Officio: Sarah G.

At this time, there is no date set for the Office Anniversary party (typically held in September).

Alateen Activities Coordinator: Tawny T. (absent) – No Report.

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Spanish Liaison: – Cindy R. and Marilen H.

They are going to begin attending Spanish meetings (within our Intergroup area) next week.

Farsi Liaison: Ben P. (absent) – No report.

Institutions: Morgan M.

They are contacting institutions that currently have AA panels to see if Al-Anon could present on Family Night. They are also brainstorming on how to get panels into hospitals and institutions. Suggestions were made to contact Linda and Eric (Public Outreach) and to explore Zoom options for panels.

Nominations/Historian: Theresa M. (absent). – No report.

Orange Blossom/News Editor: Jon M. and Cheryl J (absent)

Because the Orange Blossom is fully digital now, additional content can be published each month (i.e., there is no page restriction). Jon is looking forward to working with Cheryl.

Public Information: Linda T. and Eric N.

No report.

Fundraising Liaison and Telephone Coverage: Dan P. (absent) and Gary G.

They are trying to set up after-hours telephone coverage. They will work with Sarah G. on this.

World Service Liaison: – Veronica B. and Lauren H. (absent)

The SCWS Committee meeting was held August 19. Twenty (20) Alateens attended.

October is the deadline to submit your name/resume for the new panel (Board) to begin January 1, 2024 through December 31, 2026.

October 28 is set at the Hilton LAX for Road Trip – You and your Board Connect (a day of information, interaction, and fellowship with the Board of Trustees, Executive Committee and the Executive Director.

See detailed report posted with Meeting Minutes.

OLD BUSINESS:

None

NEW BUSINESS:

A current 2023-2024 Service Board roster, with names, positions, and emails, and phone numbers will be distributed to the Board (with the changes over the last few weeks). A similar roster (but using the names, positions and ocalanon.org email addresses only will be submitted for posting on the website and in the Orange Blossom.

Discussion regarding Board meetings being held in person. Aside from logistics (where), there were pros and cons regarding in-person Board meetings. A suggestion was made about the value of having at least one in-person meeting each year for the Board to meet each other in person and develop connections with the people they would be serving with. Jon M. made a motion to hold at least one Service Board meeting in person each year; seconded by DJ K. Motion passed.

Birthdays:

Morgan – 4 years (September)

Alejandra –6 years (August)

Next scheduled Intergroup Service Board Meeting is September 20, 2023.

Motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Sam M. and seconded by DJ K. Motion passed.

Respectfully submitted,

Cherie E., Secretary