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**Minutes of the Orange County/Greater Long Beach
Intergroup Service Board Meeting of
November 20, 2024**

The in-person Intergroup Service Board meeting of November 20, 2024, was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by the Chair, DJ K.. The Serenity Prayer was recited.

Readings:

Twelve Traditions – Sofia I.

Twelve Concepts of Service – Ajit S.

Spiritual Reading – DJ read from One Day at a Time, March 12.

ROLL CALL:

Officers: Chair – DJ K., Chair-Elect – Marque H., Ex-Officio – Ajit S., Secretary, Cherie S., Treasurer, Marilen H.

Committees: Alateen – OPEN, Co-Secretary – Sofia C.; Fundraising & Telephone Coverage – Cheryl J. and Dick G.; Institutions – Gary G.; Nominations/Historian – Barbara Y.; Orange Blossom – Jon M. and Cheryl S (Absent).; Public Information – Eric N., Toni C., and JoJo D.; Spanish-Speaking Liaison – Cindy R.; World Service – Veronica B.)

Office Staff:

Mike F.

Oversite Committee: Julie S. (Absent)

REPORTS:

Treasurer: Marilen H.

The full monthly report is linked under calendar of events on the website. As of October 31, 2024, the current period total sales were \$12,60.76. The total cost of sales

was \$6,980.64, resulting in a gross profit of \$5,220.29. Total operating expenses were \$3,786.90, leaving a net operating profit of \$1,433.39. Interest income was \$364.88, resulting in a net operating profit for the month of \$1,798.27. Total assets as of August 31, 2024, from checking/savings/other equals \$162,446.11.

See attached Treasurer's report. Switching of banks from F&M to US Bank is nearly complete. F&M account should be able to be closed by December 31. CDs have been transferred. Auto pay for Zoom, phones, and insurance needs to be set up. Check scanner installed at office; users need to be set up.

7th Tradition basket was passed. Amount collected was \$44.50.

Secretary: Cherie S.

Quorum: A majority of the Service Board was present to satisfy the quorum. Of 18 members, 17 were present.

The September 18, 2024, Service Board meeting minutes were reviewed.

Action: A motion was made by Cindy R. and seconded by Jon M. to approve the minutes as presented.

Decision: Motion passed.

Old (unfinished) Business

See Page 4 for Old Business Action Items.

New Business

See Page 4 for New Business

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

No report.

Service Board Chair: DJ K.

Unity in service is the best way to serve our fellowship.

Reported on having in-person Service Board meetings. Members have asked if they are open; Orange Blossom still says they are being held on Zoom. Current location does not permit the meeting to be open. Should we find another venue?

Motion: JoJo D. moved to find another public location to hold Service Board meetings. Cindy R. seconded.

Decision: Motion passed unanimously. Several suggestions were made for possible venues, which will be researched.

Office lease renewal is due December 21 and will be finalized before the due date.

Chair-Elect: Marque H.

The By-Laws working group has had its first meeting. They are reviewing the entire By-Laws.

Discussion regarding Oversight Committee Charter (a vote will need to be taken prior to March 25 if this Committee will continue). Feedback has been that there needs to be transparency regarding what the Oversight Committee is responsible for. Goal is to have a temporary charter completed prior to next Board meeting.

Ex-Officio: Ajit S.
No report.

Brief Al-Anon Related Announcements:

Several announcements regarding upcoming speaker meetings, round robin (Sunday Mariners Meeting on January 19), and marathon holiday meetings.

Alateen Activities Coordinator: OPEN
No report.

Co-Secretary: Sofia C.

Is updating the records roster in accordance with email confirmation registrations from SCWS Records Coordinator.

Farsi Liaison: Open
No report.

Fundraising and Telephone Coverage: Cheryl J. and Dick G.
Cheryl announced the upcoming Alathon; she will be attending.

Phone coverage is being provided for holidays only at present. Dick requested the Board have an open discussion about what do about phone calls from members with concerns or complaints at next Service Board meeting. See attached report.

Institutions: Gary G.

Al-Anon is back in Juvenile Hall with panels in the intake unit on the 1st and 3rd Monday of each month. See attached report.

Nominations/Historian: Barbara Y.

Will be working on a Resume format for those nominated for Service Board at the February Intergroup meeting. Will be printed in the Orange Blossom and will also have copies made available at the Office.

Orange Blossom/News Editor: Jon M. and Cheryl S. (Absent)

Reminder that the deadline for inclusion in the Orange Blossom is the 10th of the month (for the following month's publication). While capacity for content is quite large, the total

file size for the Orange Blossom cannot exceed 10 MB (in order to email successfully to the ISRs and everyone who subscribes).

Public Information: Eric N., Toni C., and JoJo D.
The OC Justice Center requested information about Al-Anon.
The DUI Court presentation was made.

Spanish Liaison: – Cindy R.
Would still like to have another co-chair for this position. Has been added to The Board Corner.

World Service Liaison: – Veronica B.
See attached report.

Office Report: – Mike F.
No report.

OLD BUSINESS:

Action Items:

- By-Laws – Thought Force; Oversight Committee Charter; Updates - Marque H.
Status: Thought Force working group has begun meeting and are working on By-Laws.
- Membership Survey – Marque H.
Status: Not started.
- Office Lease Renewal – DJ K.
Status: Will be completed by December 21.
- Archives Located? – Barbara Y. & DJ K.
Status: Sarah has. DJ will contact her.
- Research requirements to hold successful hybrid Intergroup meetings – Cherie S. & Marque H.
Status: Not Started

NEW BUSINESS:

Question was posed about what “like positions” means with regards Service Board members serving on both the OC Intergroup Service Board and other arms of service. The By-Laws do not provide a definition; this should be addressed in the By-Laws changes.

ARTICLE V, Section 3. Service Board, A. Nominations, d. Nominees should not be committed to a like capacity in any other Al-Anon Service.

Service Board Meeting
November 20, 2024

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Birthdays:

Marilen H. – 16 years (Oct.)

Gary G. – 27 years (Nov.)

Next scheduled Intergroup Service Board Meeting is January 15, 2025.

Motion to Close:

Motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Cindy R. and seconded by Toni C. Motion passed.

Serenity Prayer

Respectfully submitted,

Cherie S., Secretary

October 31, 2024

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BALANCE SHEET

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ACCT DESCRIPTION

ASSETS

CURRENT ASSETS

101	Deposits In Transit	\$	693.80	
102	Cash in Bank Farmers and Merchants		5,248.80	
10201	U S Bank Checking #4418		21,097.28	
10301	U S Bank Money MARKET#1280		101,275.91	
110	Petty Cash		145.79	
130	Inventory		<u>33,984.53</u>	
	TOTAL CURRENT ASSETS			<u>\$ 162,446.11</u>
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LIABILITIES & EQUITY

CURRENT LIABILITIES

205	Accounts Payable	\$	1,792.00	
232	Accrued Payroll Tax - Federal		.02	
233	Accrued Payroll Tax - State		(36.57)	
236	Sales Tax Payable		<u>622.72</u>	
	TOTAL CURRENT LIABILITIES			<u>\$ 2,378.17</u>
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EQUITY

283	Fund Balance		160,433.42	
	Loss		<u>(365.48)</u>	
	TOTAL EQUITY			<u>160,067.94</u>
	TOTAL LIABILITIES & EQUITY			<u><u>\$ 162,446.11</u></u>

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0940 OPERATING STATEMENT 6-30

ACCT	DESCRIPTION	CURRENT PERIOD	FOUR MONTHS YEAR TO DATE	PERCENTAGE CURR.	YTD
SALES					
302	Unidentified Contributions	\$ 2,653.36	\$ 7,676.54	21.3	18.7
303	Alateen	270.55	589.05	2.2	1.4
304	Books	3,497.52	10,177.48	28.1	24.8
305	Contributions - Other	711.20	4,385.82	5.7	10.7
306	Directories & Newcomer Packe	539.15	1,724.90	4.3	4.2
307	District 57 Contributions	241.00	1,091.18	1.9	2.7
308	District 60 Contributions	468.08	1,697.13	3.8	4.1
309	District 63 Contributions	1,086.55	2,510.44	8.7	6.1
310	District 66 Contributions	1,483.21	6,426.46	11.9	15.6
311	Miscellaneous Lit	193.42	633.98	1.6	1.5
313	Orange Blossom	10.00	23.00	.1	.1
314	Pamphlets	633.90	1,553.75	5.1	3.8
315	Shipping	54.00	169.00	.4	.4
316	Spanish	368.82	1,325.71	3.0	3.2
317	Workbooks	250.00	1,106.00	2.0	2.7
	TOTAL SALES	<u>12,460.76</u>	<u>41,090.44</u>	100.0	100.0
COST OF SALES					
402	Purchases	4,172.45	12,864.73	33.5	31.3
410	Supplies		35.22		.1
415	Direct Labor	2,850.00	12,543.00	22.9	30.5
442	Payroll Taxes	218.02	965.60	1.8	2.4
	TOTAL COST OF SALES	<u>7,240.47</u>	<u>26,408.55</u>	58.1	64.3
	GROSS PROFIT	\$ 5,220.29	\$ 14,681.89	41.9	35.7
OPERATING EXPENSES					
510	Operating Supplies		41.91		.1
512	Freight & Postage	62.79	237.96	.5	.6
520	Rent	2,072.54	8,290.16	16.6	20.2
522	Equipment Lease	160.06	625.69	1.3	1.5
524	Computer Expense	64.99	359.95	.5	.9
529	Telephone	221.21	883.59	1.8	2.2
530	Repairs & Maintenance		40.00		.1
535	Insurance - General	290.62	1,445.28	2.3	3.5
549	Website Fee		21.17		.1
552	Vehicle Expense	180.90	634.49	1.5	1.5
555	Trade Show Expense		332.72		.8
564	Legal & Accounting	300.00	1,200.00	2.4	2.9
565	Meeting Fees		300.00		.7
566	Office Expense	228.79	553.79	1.8	1.4
567	Bank Charges	.01	1.01		
568	Merchant Fees	204.99	636.14	1.7	1.6
	TOTAL OPERATING EXPENSES	<u>3,786.90</u>	<u>15,603.86</u>	30.4	38.0
	OPERATING PROFIT or (LOSS)	\$ 1,433.39	\$ (921.97)	11.5	(2.2)
OTHER INCOME & (EXPENSE)					

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ACCT	DESCRIPTION	CURRENT PERIOD	FOUR MONTHS YEAR TO DATE	PERCENTAGE CURR.	YTD
901	Interest Income	<u>364.88</u>	<u>556.49</u>	<u>2.9</u>	<u>1.4</u>
	TOTAL OTHER INCOME & (EXPENSE)	<u>364.88</u>	<u>556.49</u>	<u>2.9</u>	<u>1.4</u>
	NET PROFIT or (LOSS)	<u>\$ 1,798.27</u>	<u>\$ (365.48)</u>	<u>14.4</u>	<u>(.9)</u>

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CHANGES IN FINANCIAL POSITION

October 31, 2024

0940 BALANCE SHEET ANALYSIS 6-30

ACCT DESCRIPTION CURRENT PERIOD FOUR MONTHS YEAR TO DATE

CHANGES IN ASSETS

CHANGE IN CURRENT ASSETS

101	Deposits In Transit	\$ 261.81	\$ (687.62)
102	Cash in Bank Farmers and Merchants	911.06	(26,051.99)
10201	U S Bank Checking #4418	997.27	21,097.28
103	Farmers & Merchants Savings		(4,048.02)
10301	U S Bank Money MARKET#1280	364.88	101,275.91
104	Farmers & Merchants CD#9179		(77,830.01)
105	Farmers & Merchants CD#9454		(18,741.40)
110	Petty Cash	(57.19)	44.34
130	Inventory	1,597.81	5,837.30
	NET CHANGE IN CURRENT ASSETS	<u>4,075.64</u>	<u>895.79</u>
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CHANGES IN LIABILITIES & EQUITY

CHANGE IN CURRENT LIABILITIES

205	Accounts Payable	\$ 2,651.78	\$ 1,792.00
232	Accrued Payroll Tax - Federal		.02
236	Sales Tax Payable	(374.41)	(530.75)
	NET CHANGE IN CURRENT LIAB.	<u>2,277.37</u>	<u>1,261.27</u>
	NET CHANGES IN LIABILITIES	2,277.37	1,261.27
	CHANGE IN EQUITY		
	Net Profit or (Loss)	<u>1,798.27</u>	<u>(365.48)</u>
	NET CHANGE IN EQUITY	<u>1,798.27</u>	<u>(365.48)</u>
	NET CHANGES IN LIAB. & EQUITY	<u>\$ 4,075.64</u>	<u>\$ 895.79</u>

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STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS

October 31, 2024

0940 CASH FLOW ANALYSIS 6-30

ACCT	DESCRIPTION	FOUR MONTHS YEAR TO DATE	TOTALS
	INCREASES TO CASH FLOW		
205	Accounts Payable	\$ 1,792.00	
232	Accrued Payroll Tax - Federal	<u>.02</u>	
	TOTAL INCREASES TO CASH FLOW		\$ 1,792.02
	DECREASES TO CASH FLOW		
	Net Loss From Operations	\$ 365.48	
110	Petty Cash	44.34	
130	Inventory	5,837.30	
236	Sales Tax Payable	<u>530.75</u>	
	TOTAL DECREASES TO CASH FLOW		<u>6,777.87</u>
	NET CHANGE TO CASH FLOWS		<u>\$ (4,985.85)</u>

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YEAR TO DATE COMPARATIVE

For the Four Months Ended October 31, 2024

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ACCT	DESCRIPTION	YEAR TO DATE		VARIANCE	
		CURR YEAR	PRIOR YEAR	DOLLARS	PERCENT
SALES					
302	Unidentified Contributions	\$ 7,676	\$ 4,729	\$ 2,947	62.3
303	Alateen	589	848	(259)	(30.5)
304	Books	10,177	11,795	(1,618)	(13.7)
305	Contributions - Other	4,385	4,269	116	2.7
306	Directories & Newcomer Packe	1,726	1,713	13	.8
307	District 57 Contributions	1,091	4,111	(3,020)	(73.5)
308	District 60 Contributions	1,698	2,156	(458)	(21.2)
309	District 63 Contributions	2,510	2,699	(189)	(7.0)
310	District 66 Contributions	6,425	4,872	1,553	31.9
311	Miscellaneous Lit	635	715	(80)	(11.2)
313	Orange Blossom	23	11	12	109.1
314	Pamphlets	1,554	1,931	(377)	(19.5)
315	Shipping	169	156	13	8.3
316	Spanish	1,325	1,736	(411)	(23.7)
317	Workbooks	1,106	972	134	13.8
	TOTAL SALES	41,089	42,713	(1,624)	(3.8)
COST OF SALES					
402	Purchases	12,865	18,995	6,130	32.3
410	Supplies	35	75	40	53.3
415	Direct Labor	12,543	10,827	(1,716)	(15.9)
442	Payroll Taxes	965	854	(111)	(13.0)
	TOTAL COST OF SALES	26,408	30,751	4,343	14.1
	GROSS PROFIT	\$ 14,681	\$ 11,962	\$ 2,719	22.7
OPERATING EXPENSES					
510	Operating Supplies	42		(42)	
512	Freight & Postage	239	221	(18)	(8.1)
520	Rent	8,289	10,219	1,930	18.9
522	Equipment Lease	626	1,454	828	57.0
524	Computer Expense	360	240	(120)	(50.0)
529	Telephone	884	872	(12)	(1.4)
530	Repairs & Maintenance	40	96	56	58.3
535	Insurance - General	1,444	1,290	(154)	(11.9)
549	Website Fee	22	20	(2)	(10.0)
552	Vehicle Expense	634	711	77	10.8
555	Trade Show Expense	333		(333)	
564	Legal & Accounting	1,200	1,200		
565	Meeting Fees	300		(300)	
566	Office Expense	554	232	(322)	(138.8)
567	Bank Charges	1		(1)	
568	Merchant Fees	636	370	(266)	(71.9)
	TOTAL OPERATING EXPENSES	15,604	16,925	1,321	7.8
	OPERATING PROFIT or (LOSS)	\$ (923)	\$ (4,963)	\$ 4,040	81.4
OTHER INCOME & (EXPENSE)					

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YEAR TO DATE COMPARATIVE

For the Four Months Ended October 31, 2024

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ACCT	DESCRIPTION	YEAR TO DATE		VARIANCE	
		CURR YEAR	PRIOR YEAR	DOLLARS	PERCENT
901	Interest Income	556	168	388	231.0
	TOTAL OTHER INCOME & (EXPENSE)	556	168	388	231.0
	NET PROFIT or (LOSS)	\$ (367)	\$ (4,795)	\$ 4,428	92.4

November 20, 2024

Service Board Meeting, Fundraising and Telephone Coverage.

I attended the Alathon planning meeting on November 9, 2024.

I have a commitment, which is Co-Treasurer.

The Alathon date is December 14th 2024

The Theme is Spirit of Giving.

I have fliers too.

I have meeting directories to hand out as well.

I also have a flier for a Holiday Marathon Meeting Presented by;

Rice and Shine Al-anon. for Thursday November 28 2024

Thank you

Cheryl J

November 2024 Report Phone Answering
Richard Gayton

While answering a phone call for the Central Office on a holiday I got a call from a distraught woman who seemed traumatized by her involvement in *Gottawanna* Alanon groups. Two other people report similar experiences from my Monday night group. Seven others have contacted Central Office in the past year. They make similar reports: non rotation of leadership, being assigned to sponsors, being berated in front of the group for their attire, being told when to share, mandatory dues and pressure to attend outside events. Last Intergroup a *Gottawanna* representative expressed concern over their fellowship being unfairly treated.

Over a decade ago, after discussions with *Gottawanna* representatives and interviews with many of their numerous former members, Intergroup decided to remove all *Gottawanna* groups from the Orange County Central Office list of meetings for behaviors contrary to Alanon Traditions. This action was difficult to make considering how open-armed our fellowship is by nature-however it was from clear, first-hand evidence.

According to Al-Anon Guidelines Pamphlet, G4, local service committees (AIS) set criteria for groups to be included on their meeting lists. If a group does not meet these criteria, it can be removed from the list and informed of what actions are needed to be re-listed. However, removal from the meeting list does not prevent the group from participating and voting at AIS meetings.

It is proposed that this issue be discussed openly at our board meeting using Al-Anon principles of communication. Allowing it to simmer silently among members of the board only reproduces the dynamics of the alcoholic family that keeps secrets to avoid conflict or "upsetting the alcoholic." It produces disunity on the board and infighting. The question for the board is (a) how to handle calls to the office from people who feel they have been hurt by the *Gottawanna* groups and (b) how to support numerous other members within the 200+ listed Orange County Al-Anon meetings who are feeling the after effects of past treatment in *Gottawanna* meetings.

In my opinion as a board member, clinical psychologist, and most importantly, an Al-Anon member affected by the disease, newcomers who seek out Al-Anon are particularly vulnerable to organizations who replace the co-dependency of the alcoholic family with a kind of authoritarian co-dependency; not unlike the family they are trying to recover from.

I move that this be an agenda item to be openly discussed in the Board Meeting.

Respectfully submitted
Dick G.

H&I
Intergroup Report – 12-4-2024

Greetings:

We are working with the AA Public Information Coordinator, Chris W., and doing panels at high school health classes. We had a very successful one's in September at Bolsa Grande and in November at Los Amigos High School. The next one is being planned for Santa Ana High School.

Here is the response that Chris the AA PI Coordinator received from the school.

Hello Chris

I am hoping to have your wonderful panel back into LAHS once again this semester. The empowering messages of recovery, respecting oneself and unconditional love sent that day are ones that all students should have the opportunity to hear.

Thank you,
Capri Masuda
Health Education
Psychology

We now have panels on the 1st and 3rd Mondays of the month at Juvenile Hall at 6:30 P.M. They require a background check that is good for 6 months.

I am looking to restart panels at facilities we used to do panels such as Phoenix House and Cornerstone. If anyone has a contact at a recovery facility that has a family day, contact me and we will see what we can arrange.

For anyone interested in volunteering to be on a panel, you can send me your contact information via phone or the email listed below and I will be building a list of panelists.

Thanks,

Any questions call:

Gary G. (714) 396-0371
h_i@ocalanon.org

WS Liaison Report to OC Information Service Board

11/20/2024

1. I attended the Assembly meeting on Saturday November 16. GRs voted in the following three items:

- 1) Approval of Bylaws with the proposed updates, which included updating the principal current address, some language changes and adding SCAC to the bylaws. SCAC is Back!!

- 2) Approval to renew insurance coverage for Al-Anon Groups in Southern California.

- 3) Election of new Chairperson of the Board - Only one qualified Al-Anon member submitted her Resume. The GR options to vote included: Yes, No or Abstain. The majority (over 70%) voted Yes. Irene C. is the new elected Chairperson

2. Upcoming Events:

- 1) January 18, 2025

[SOS – Save the Date / CDS Guarda la Fecha](#)

Details and Zoom information coming soon. Please visit

<https://www.scws-al-anon.org/calendar-of-events/>

- 2) April 4 – 6, 2025

[48th Annual Southern California AFG Convention](#)

Double Tree Hotel, Ontario

<https://www.afgconvention.org/>

- 3) **In addition** - A.A.'s 2025 International Convention with Al-Anon Participation, in Vancouver, British Columbia, Canada, July 3-6. Help celebrate A.A.'s 90th Anniversary! Attendance is anticipated to include 4,000 Al-Anon members, including members of Alateen, along with 50,000 A.A. members.

<https://www.aa.org/international-convention>

Love in Service,

Veronica B.