

# Sacramento Valley Intergroup Overeaters Anonymous (SVIOA) Business Meeting Minutes

**Tuesday November 13, 2018**

## Location

Christ Temple Apostolic Church, 9001 La Riviera Dr. Sacramento, CA

## Opening

Chair opened the meeting with the serenity prayer at 7:00 p.m. Christina read the 12 steps

## Call to order

Call to order-Voting members in attendance: 7 board + 1 committee chairs + 13 meeting reps. = 21 Non-voting guests: 0

Previous Minutes October 2018 Meeting minutes were read one correction suggested. Motion moved by Judy to approve as amended; 2<sup>nd</sup> by Scott- motion carried with 2 abstentions

## BOARD REPORTS

**Chair: Christina**

- Asked that all new requests for agenda items be emailed to Christina at least one week prior to the Inter Group meeting and all written reports that require a print out are requested to be sent 2 weeks prior.

**Vice-Chair: Val**

- Absent- In her absence Ballots will be counted by Rick and Scott

**Secretary: Nancy Mc**

- Read Concept 11 with short presentation- sign up sheets were sent around and will be maintained by Nancy going forward. However, the box of name tags were not sent over from Val so some will be hand printed

**Treasurer: Cathy Ann**

- There was a dash in the address of the post office box and some mail was returned to members, it has since been corrected. The actual address is: PO Box 255085. Reports Will be emailed to Secretary as they were not distributed tonight.
- All forms for donations and sales tax will be updated with new tax amounts.

**Region 2 (R2): Barbara M. Adrienne, and Chandra S.**

- Chandra attended the fall 2018 Assembly in November in Pomona, Ca - She served on the 12 Step Within Committee and will email Nancy report to distribute to IG reps, Board and committee chairs.

- Chandra will ask Adrienne to email Nancy her report from service on the Public Information Committee
- 6 chairs from 6 different regions from around the world attended the Assembly; they shared their experience, strength and hope and it was inspiring. The Chair from Sydney Australia shared a non-conference approved program entitled “The first 12 days in OA” program and some groups from Seattle also use it.

**World Service:**

**Judy B**

- No report

**Webmaster:**

**Debbie**

- The new website platform is up and running. The online newsletter will be coming out soon, all those formerly on the list to receive will continue to receive it.
- No record of hits as of yet
- Email Accounts: Using GSuite was cumbersome and hard to use, by virtue of Higher Power and further research -some additional information was provided by GoDaddy. They offered \$1.99 per email, per month, this equals \$6.93 monthly and \$83 per year. Compared to GSuite which is \$35 per month or \$420 for all 7 emails per year.
- **Do not use:** [oawebmaster@sacvalley.org](mailto:oawebmaster@sacvalley.org) the correct email is [webmaster@sacvalleyoa.org](mailto:webmaster@sacvalleyoa.org). The six other email accounts are operational:
  - [oachair@sacvalleyoa.org](mailto:oachair@sacvalleyoa.org)
  - [oavicechair@sacvalleyoa.org](mailto:oavicechair@sacvalleyoa.org)
  - [oasecretary@sacvalleyoa.org](mailto:oasecretary@sacvalleyoa.org)
  - [treasurer@sacvalleyoa.org](mailto:treasurer@sacvalleyoa.org)
  - [oaR2ep@sacvalleyoa.org](mailto:oaR2ep@sacvalleyoa.org)
  - [oaWSBC@sacvalleyoa.org](mailto:oaWSBC@sacvalleyoa.org)
- We have a pay pal account that accepts donations

**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

Answer Phone: Luann

- Absent

Events Mary

- Absent

Elections Val

- Ron and Scott to count ballots

Group Growth vacant

Literature Gail

- Gail brought several boxes of excess literature to the meeting to provide an assortment of literature made available for the taking to all groups attending the Intergroup meeting, left over literature will be brought back in December. All those taking literature were to mark the quantity of what was taken on the inventory sheets provided.

Media Angela H.

- absent

Newsletter Susan H

- absent

Professional Outreach VACANT  
Public Information VACANT

Please announce to your groups of openings

Retreat Rick

- Evaluations forms from retreat were received and 4 people volunteered to serve on the 2019 Retreat committee.
- Former Board member submitted written Job descriptions
- Received the Binder with registration information
- The Regions chairs that attended assembly were able to provide Rick with speaker recommendations for the 2019 Retreat.

Speaker List Susan H

- absent

12th Step Within Vacant

Young People Kimberly

- Absent

Sponsorship Vacant

## GROUP CONCERNS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS-

ALL SLOTS FOR THE THANK-A-THON ON THANKSGIVING MORNING ARE FILLED 9AM-12PM AT JOURNEY CHURCH

## CONTINUING BUSINESS

50/50 Raffle- Carried over from July 2018 SVIOA meeting Grace presented a report Outlining a financial statement of raffle funds and 4 reasons not to hold raffles at the retreat:

1. It is not an effective fundraiser. Total donations of cards, and money equaled \$1995, after 50/50 raffle SVIOA only received \$620 a loss of \$1375.
2. SVIOA doesn't need a fundraiser after donating \$3197 to Region 2 and \$9592 to WSO in 2017
3. Tradition 7: Every OA Group ought to be self-supporting, declining outside contributions -Oa does not solicit and the freedom of no ulterior financial motive is attractive. Pressure to buy raffle tickets since it a focused section of retreat-distracts from the recovery being offered at the event. Gambling aspect may affect those in another 12-step program
4. Raffles and 50/50 drawings are regulated by the State of Ca and we may not be in compliance. Penal Code 320.5 subdivision b4a states 90% of gross receipts generated by the sale of raffle tickets for any given draw are to be used by the eligible organization for charitable purposes. Is it legal for a non-profit in CA to perform a raffle in NV?

### Comments:

Rick Z read several evaluations and all comments were positive stating they did enjoy the 50/50 raffle, it was fun and enthusiastic, 2 evaluations had no comment answered "no".

Cathy Ann- to eliminate the feeling of not being able to participate due to finances, all those attending could receive 1 ticket

Gail- Concern from her group is that this is billed as a "fundraiser" may be received better as donation or part of the program/fun.

Mary- Fun element- all participants could possibly "Bid" for certain gift cards and not win random ones

Judy- Gift cards and 50/50 raffle are separate issues

Grace: Suggestions as to how raffle is helpful but the actual matter at hand is: not effective fundraiser; legality; outside contributions; fund raiser money used for scholarships

Grace motioned that all proceeds from 50/50 raffle be used to fund scholarships, Gail 2<sup>nd</sup> motion.

Discussion on motion- all money goes into same account so no way to separate 50/50 raffle money proceeds

Gail- I would rather donate directly to Svioa instead of Raffle

Ron- How is the Scholarship amount/threshold determined? Answer-this is determined by the retreat committee and recipients are asked to do service at the retreat. there is request on application, usually the limit is 5 scholarships.

Nancy called the question- favor 5; opposed 12 abstained 1 motion failed

Grace motioned the 50/50 Raffle be eliminated - Gail 2<sup>nd</sup> this will be tabled to December meeting in the interest of time.

### SVIOA Standing Committee Recommendations

Motion to Merge committee as outlined below and update descriptions

- Combine Answer Phone, Newsletter entitled **Meeting News and Publicity**
- Combine Media and Events entitled **Events**
- Combine Group Growth, Literature, Speaker List entitled **Group Support**
- Combine Professional Outreach and Public Information entitled **Public Outreach**
- By Laws Retreat and Sponsorship committees will remain as is

Group feedback- great idea, SVIOA business; Committees can be more than 1 person

Motion carried unanimously. The combinations will be added to Policy and Procedures.

Grace, Gail, and Mary Sh will duty statements for the new combined positions.

### 2018 Bylaws and Policy and Procedures

Recommended revisions were presented by adding to the original document highlighted in red. Gail motioned we take the recommendations back to groups to vote on/amend at December meeting- Harry 2<sup>nd</sup> all in favor 2 abstentions

### 2019 Elections

Motion was made by Jan and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Nancy to stay 5 more minutes to get results from elections:

All members in the running secured the positions

- Chair-Val
- Vice chair - Nancy
- Secretary- Jan H
- Treasurer- Grace
- R2- Chandra nominated for 2<sup>nd</sup> term; Adrienne continues-Luanne nominated for 2-year term
- WSO- Barbara M for 2 yr
- Deb was nominated for 1 yr WSO
- Web Master- Rene

### ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned at 8:07 p.m. Closed by joining hands and reciting the OA promise.

Respectfully Submitted,

Nancy McOwen

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SVIOA Intergroup Secretary