

**Valley Intergroup Service Council  
Meeting Minutes for July 6, 2015**

- I. Opening: Chairperson Dawn A. opened meeting with the Serenity Prayer.
- II. Purpose of Intergroup: Read by Alan C.
- III. Concept 7: Researched / Read Kira E.
- IV. New Members:
- V. Intergroup Representatives Questions and Concerns: None
- VI. June 2015 Minutes:
  - a) June 2015 Minutes reviewed and accepted. Motion presented and carried to accept June 2015 Minutes.
- VII. Treasurers Report: Amy C. –
  - a) Group contribution summary – Seems like contributions are trending down for the past few months
  - b) May 2015 was negative \$1,200, for operations
  - c) Close to where we are supposed to be at overall
  - d) Inventory write-off – Keith did a physical inventory, short some stuff write off was \$130.
  - e) Required to review the by-laws
  - f) Adjust the amounts that we have in the cash accounts, prudent reserve, etc
  - g) Done some analysis – keep 6 months worth of expenses totaling \$12,500
  - h) Estimated expenses for VSC are \$2,500 per month
  - i) Board is suggesting a \$2,500 increase to \$15,000
  - j) Last year (2014) average expenses were \$2,647
  - k) Current excess amount in prudent reserve has been allocated to duplicate what we did last year. This was \$4,700 last year
  - l) Literature fund recommendation to increase from 2,000 to 2500, 1500 for literate and 1000 for sales tax
  - m) Consider discussing what the budget ought to be for the VSC dinner this year, may not have been enough last year
  - n) Workshop fund doesn't need to be review right now
  - o) See below for more details.
- VIII. Reports: (Board Member -) Barbara
  - a) Financial Report: See below
  - b) Board Report: Barbara
    - i) Lots of time looking for new admin person – currently open.
    - ii) Should have a budget in August for IG to review
    - iii) Things are going well, last board position was filled
    - iv) Committees are being formed to work on board business
  - c) Office Administrator Report – Keith B.
    - i) No issues, looking for a replacement for Keith
    - ii) They have interviewed someone for the position
    - iii) He is still available for a little more time
  - d) Webmaster Report: Alan C.
    - i) 2200 visitors in June, 60% are from mobile devices
    - ii) At bottom of page, there is an email address for webmaster for ideas and feedback, send activities, etc.
    - iii) Up 90% of the time.
  - e) General Service District 70: . – Don Z.

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- i) See below for full update put together by Don Z.
- ii) \*\* 2 events coming up
  - (1) CNCA Summer Assembly, Petaluma – August 1st
  - (2) CNCA 06 – Archives, 193 Mayhew Way, WC – July 11<sup>th</sup> / August 8<sup>th</sup>
  - (3) AAWS Trustees are looking for stories to help create new literature
  
- f) H&I Liaison: OPEN
- g) PI/CPC (Public Information and Cooperation with Professionals) Chairperson: Bob W. –
  - i) Filled spots last month at Axis
  - ii) Meeting in July:
    - (1) Thursday July 16th at 6:30 pm - AXIS DUI class - 6666 Owens Drive Pleasanton
    - (2) Tuesday July 21st at 2:30 pm - AXIS DUI class - 6666 Owens Drive Pleasanton
  - iii) \*\* Looking for an area wide PICPC chairperson at Central Office Level, responsible for all Easy Bay – there is an email address on the website to reach Bob - [PICPC@trivalleyaa.org](mailto:PICPC@trivalleyaa.org) – 2 year sobriety requirement.
  - iv) Anthony has resigned his position at Central Office, knee injury.
- h) Workshop Coordinator: Ann M. –
  - i) \*\* Home Group Workshop is Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> 11:30 – 2 St Clair’s Episcopal Church
  - ii) Panel, experience on home group
  - iii) There will be food and beverages
- i) Special Events Chairperson: Kira E. –
  - i) \*\* Picnic flyers and tickets – pass these out at your meetings
  - ii) \*\*You can now check out tickets to sell
  - iii) Sign up sheet was passed around for commitments, sign your groups up
  - iv) \*\*Picnic Planning meetings are going to start next week on Wednesday nights – Valley Service Center First one is July 22 6:30 picnic planning meeting
  - v) Al Anon table with literature? This is a unity event, could be a nice place to have a table.
  - vi) Picnic Sunday, August 16th at Black Avenue Park near Aquatic Center, 11 – 3pm, speaker at 12. Park is open at 10am and needs to be cleaned up by 4pm.
  - vii) We will be selling the picnic tickets for \$5, drinks are free again.
  
- j) Outreach Chairperson: - Virginia V. – absent but provided email update
  - i) Went to Monday Night young people’s meeting. Nick was recently elected to be an IG rep. Welcome Nick!
- k) Hotline Chairperson: Gerry W is CoChair and Denae is Chair. Co chair with Denae
  - Total calls: 94 total calls. 16 Missed Calls. Missed calls which includes hang ups. 432 minutes used.
  - \*\* Still need volunteers for hotline – sign up on-line.
- l) EBYPAA Liaison: Danielle –
  - \*\*Upcoming event – Young peoples camping trip July 10<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup> Yuba
  
- m) NCCAA Liaison: Janet V. –
  - i) \*\* Conference in Fresno October 30 – November 1, 2015. Grab some orange flyers and announce at your group.

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- IX. Old Business  
    Elections  
    a) \*\* H&I liaison – Position is still available
- X. New Business  
    a) Motion – let the trusted servants handle Recommended Increases for Accounts – Passed!  
    b) Motion – Let Virginia continue commitment and check in during August meeting – Passed!  
    c) Crossroads is withholding contributions until VSC has a budget - Ok
- XI. Group announcements were completed.  
    a) As Bill Sees It (Doug D.) Fridays @ 7:00pm; Trinity Lutheran Church, Pleasanton  
    b) Broken Elevator (Gerry W.) Thursdays @ 7:00pm, Ashbury United Methodist Church, Livermore. Book Study.  
    c) By the Book (Tia K.) Book Study, Tuesdays @ 7:30pm; St. Clare’s Church, Pleasanton.  
    d) Carry the Message (Barbie) Wednesdays @ 8:00pm; Veterans Hall, Livermore  
    e) Crossroads Fellowship (Kathy R.) Meetings 4x /day 7x /week; 386 Preston Ct, Livermore. Last Saturday is Birthday Party with chips, and potluck starting at 6:30pm  
    f) Friday Night Live ( ) Discussion Meeting, Fridays @ 7:00pm at St. Philip Church, Dublin, Ca.  
    g) Hilltoppers (Wynn S.) Discussion Meeting, Wednesdays @ 7:30pm, Lynnwood Methodist Church, Pleasanton. – Open, co-ed discussion meeting.  
    h) Jaywalkers (Terry S.) Book Study; Saturdays @ 9:00am, St. Philip Church, Dublin.  
    i) Ladies Lifeline (Janet V.) Women’s Speaker / Discussion, Tuesdays @ 6:30pm; Trinity Lutheran Church, Pleasanton.  
    j) Letting Go Group ( ) Topic/Discussion, Tuesdays @ 7:30pm, Baptist Church, Concannon & Holmes, Livermore.  
    k) Monday Night Live (Nicole ) Open/Discussion, Mondays @ 8:30pm, Tri-Valley YMCA, Dublin.  
    l) Primary Purpose (Theresa M.) Speaker Meeting, Mondays @ 8:00pm, St. Philip Church, Dublin.  
    m) Saturday Breakfast (Linda S.) Discussion, Saturdays @ 9:00am, Good News Family Fellowship, Dublin, Childcare available (\$5 donation suggested).  
    n) Sunday Morning Coffee (Roberta R.) Discussion, Sundays @ 8:00am, St. Philip, Dublin.  
    o) There is a Solution (Cindy A.) Wednesdays @ 12:10pm, United Christian Church, Livermore.  
    p) Tri-Valley Fellowship (Kelly K.) Multiple meetings daily, please see our website trivalleyaa.org  
    q) Unscripted Men’s Group (Kevin O.) Speaker / Discussion, Wednesdays @ 8:00pm, Tri-Valley YMCA, Dublin.  
    r) Women Staying in the Book (Donna T.) Women’s Book Study, Thursday @ 5:30pm, Tri-Valley YMCA, Dublin.  
    s) Words of Wisdom (Jo L.) Open / Discussion, Fridays @ 6:00pm, St. Augustine’s Church, Pleasanton.
- XII. Recap of Meeting: Complete – Auburn Conference this weekend, Surplus question  
XIII. Volunteer to do Concept 8 in August: Teresa  
XIV. Next Intergroup Meeting: August 3, 7:30-8:30pm at Trinity Lutheran Church  
XV. Birthdays since we last met: None  
XVI. Closed with the Responsibility Statement: “I am responsible...when anyone, anywhere, reaches out for help, I want the hand of A.A. always to be there. And for that, I am responsible.”

## District 70 Liaison report to Tri-Valley Intergroup - July 2015

### Coming Events:

August 1st	CNCA Summer Assembly, Petaluma
July 11 <sup>th</sup> / August 8 <sup>th</sup> WC	CNCA 06 – Archives Committee Workday 12-4pm 193 Mayhew Way, WC
Fall 2016	National Archives Assembly (location TBD)
Spring 2018	Pacific Regional Forum hosted by GSO in CNCA – Area 06 (location TBD)
Summer 2020	AA International Convention – 85 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary – Detroit, MI.

### Agenda Topics for the General Conference:

There are many areas of discussion at the Conference and at least 74 Topics being discussed in this panel. Here are a few of the topics your group may want to weigh in on, group consciences can be presented at the Area Pre-conference Assembly in April .....

- “Discuss a request to increase the maximum the General Service Board can receive from an AA member from \$3,000 to \$5,000 - failed at Area
- “Consider producing a book combining the 12 Step, the 12 Traditions and the 12 concepts 12x12x12 - failed at Area / GSC took no action
- “Consider suggesting the Public Information Committee explore the use of specific social media platforms as potential channels for sharing information about Alcoholics Anonymous. - failed at Area / GSC will consider
- “Consider developing literature for the alcoholic with mental health issues. - passed
- “Consider updating the pamphlet “AA for the Woman” - passed
- “Consider updating the pamphlet “AA Gay and Lesbian alcoholics” - passed
- “Consider developing a pamphlet “AA for Alcoholics with Mental Health Issues”
- Discontinued the production of the PSA videos “A force of Nature” and “Testimonials”
- Approved a new video PSA called “Doors”

AAWS / Trustee’s Literature Committee is looking for members’ stories to help update or create the following literature:

“AA for the Woman”, “AA and the Gay / Lesbian Alcoholic”, “AA for Alcoholics with Mental Health Issues” – 500-800 words double spaced 12-point font include complete name, address/email and phone number to [Literature@aa.org](mailto:Literature@aa.org)

Proposed ongoing Agenda items :

- “That CNCA 06 submits a request to delete the words “*of the opposite sex*” from pg 117 of the book “Twelve Steps and Twelve Traditions” - presented by District 4 – motion was carried over and will be voted on at the CNCA Summer Assembly

### Finance:

Just over 40% of all registered groups contribute anything to the General Service Conference and total contributions are flat at around \$7M/yr. supporting only 70% of the cost of providing service to the groups. Shortfall is made up by literature sales. Please consider supporting your GSO.

<http://www.aa.org/>

<http://cnca06.org/>

**Valley Service Center  
Recommended Increases for Accounts**

**Prudent Reserve (needs a group conscience from your Group)**

Current budgeted monthly expenses for the Valley Service Center are at \$2100.00/month (\$12,500/year)

Expenses have increased by about \$350/month (\$2,500/year)

This brings the estimated expenses for the Valley Service Center at approximately \$2500/month

The recommended prudent reserve for Central Office/Service Centers is 6 months of expenses

The Board is recommending an increase in the Valley Service Center's Prudent reserve from \$12,500 year to \$15,000/year ( $\$2500 * 6 = \$15,000$ )

**Literature Fund (needs a group conscience from your Group)**

The literature fund currently covers an estimated tax burden of \$500/annually. Taxes have increased since this fund was last reviewed and the Board is recommending that the literature fund be increased by \$500 to cover the increased tax burden.

**Unity Fund (does NOT require a Vote at this time)**

The Unity Fund is being reviewed and the Board will have a recommendation in the next few months. Money made from our fund-raising special events (Anniversary Dinner each January and Annual Picnic late summer) supplements the donations from the groups and helps fund the expenses of the Valley Service Center. It has been suggested that the budget for food be increased to cover increased food costs and, hopefully, allow our cooking staff to have more flexibility in the menus for these events.

**Workshop Fund (does NOT require a Vote)**

By group conscience, part of the distribution of last year's surplus funds was an increase in the budget for The Workshop Committee from \$300.00 (\$100.00 per Workshop offering 3 workshops/yr) to \$600.00 (\$150.00 per workshop offering 4 workshops/yr) for 2014 and 2015. There is no registration charge for workshops and we do not pass the seventh tradition basket for workshops. The Workshop fund allows us to pay rent to the facility, cover the cost of refreshments and drawing prizes. *This was a temporary increase. The budget for Workshops will be revisited at the end of this fiscal year.*