

**CENTRAL INTERGROUP OF THE DESERT**  
**INTERGROUP MINUTES**  
**September 7, 2006**

1. Jerald W. called the meeting to order with the Serenity Prayer.

**Board Members**

Chairman: Jerald W.  
Secretary: Carol D.  
Treasurer: Fran G.

**Directors**

Bill B.  
Bertha G Stan G..

Also Present: Jim K., Interim Office Manager

**Absent:** Vice Chair, Katrina B.; Director, Ginny P.

2. **STATEMENT OF PURPOSE:** Jerald read the Reason for Central Office and passed around the 12 Traditions to be read by attendees.
3. **INTRODUCTION OF NEW ATTENDEES:** Eight new attendees introduced themselves: **DORIA**, "Ladies Night Out", Wed. 7 PM, P.D.; **JUDY**, "Living Sober, Wed. 10 AM, Fellowship Hall, P.D.; **DANIEL**, Elmer's Men's Stag, Wed., 7 PM, Indio; **JIM**, "Attitude Adjustment", Mon. 7 PM, EMC, R.M.; **BARBARA**, "Attitude Adjustment", Daily 7 AM, Fellowship Hall, P.D.; **JAY**, Desert Men's Big Book Study, Tues 7 PM, Foundation, P.D.; **BRAD**, "St. Paul's Men's Stag", Tues 7:30 PM, St. Paul's Church, P.S.; **DAVE**, "Primary Purpose", Sun. 7:30 PM, D.H.S.
4. **MINUTES:** Upon motion duly made and seconded, the minutes were approved with the following corrections: Jim K. to be removed from list of Board Members and listed as Interim Office Manager; Paragraph #13, Jim K. will continue to chair the PI committee (not CPC).
5. **TREASURER'S REPORT:** Fran presented the Monthly Financial Report for June 30, 2006 and July 31, 2006. . Fran also explained the new and improved formats for the P & L Comparison Reports. The new format reflects our status in "real" time and gives the most accurate picture of our financial status on any given day. The income may appear less but reflects the "cost of goods" each month rather than being adjusted at the end of the year as in the past. We also have an accurate picture of inventory. Upon motion duly made and seconded, the Financial Report was approved as read.

6. **MANAGER'S REPORT:** Jim reported on the following:
  - Sign-in Sheets – Jim reminded everyone about the importance of signing in so that in December we will know who is eligible to run for a seat on the Board of Directors.
  - Donations to Central Office: AA members have donated two monitors and another CPU. One monitor and the CPU is at a volunteer desk. Now both volunteer desks have computers which are invaluable in assisting callers. The new 19" flat screen monitor is in the Office Manager's office.
  - Lots of changes to the physical appearance of Central Office have been made and all by volunteers: New shelves in back room storage, new bookcases, new paint, carpet cleaned, literature and books re-organized.
  - The forms for the 12-step call list and office volunteers have been redesigned and are available on the web site and/or in the office. You can fill out a form on the web and email it to the office manager.
  - Attempting to get 2 people per shift to answer phones so lots of positions are open with numerous options as to day and times.
  - Groupvine articles: Carol D. volunteered to write an article on Tradition 10 and Paul volunteered to write on Step 10. They will be in the October Groupvine. Also, a volunteer from Dist. 9 will be writing on the 10<sup>th</sup> concept. Articles due in two weeks.
  
7. **SPECIAL EVENTS:** Bill B. reported on upcoming Gratitude Dinner. Flyers are out. There will be a committee meeting at Central Office on Wed. Oct 4<sup>th</sup> at Central Office. Still working on putting together the "Traditions Play" and if not Bill has a 15 minute video about AA he can show. Bill also mentioned that there is a AA men's banquet on the same night.
  
8. **OUTREACH COMMITTEE:** Ginny P. absent. There was a comment from the floor about the outstanding job that Ginny has done recruiting new members.
  
9. **WEBMASTER :** Jim K. reported on the following web averages for the last two months. 4535 sessions per month; 73 sessions per day, 7 1/2 screens visited per session. The maximum number of sessions per day was 108. Also, all information for meetings of AA service arms can be found on the front page of the web site. Jim asked for members to contact him if there is anything they want to see on the web.
  
10. **OLD BUSINESS:** We are now taking applications for the part-time position of Office Manager for Central Office of the Desert. Job Applications are available in Central Office and on the Website, [www.aainthedesert.org](http://www.aainthedesert.org)
  
11. **NEW BUSINESS:** We are having a contest to rename the Groupvine due to confusion of it with the Grapevine. The Board of Directors will select the new name from all entries and the winner will receive two tickets to the Gratitude Dinner.
  
12. **GROUP REPRESENTATIVES - COMMENTS AND/OR CONCERNS:**
  - Announcement from the floor regarding the AA convention in Big Bear this weekend. Flyers on the back table.

- Question from the floor regarding “job description” for Intergroup Representative”. There is literature on that function and is available at Central Office.
- Question from the floor regarding Unity Day and if there was a donation to Central Office. Treasurer, Fran, answered that donation will be reflected in the August Financial Report which will be given at the next Intergroup meeting.
- Comment from the floor regarding the possibility of having Intergroup only every other month.

**13. H&I/G.S. Dist. 9 REPORTS:**

- H&I liaison, Dennis, reported that all panels are filled and doing well.
- Dist. 9 liaison, Reese, gave summary of meeting held last Sunday. Only 23% of 53,000 meetings currently contribute to New York General Service. One idea brought up was to pass out “birthday envelopes” so individual members could donate a “penny a day” for each day sober to New York
- They had discussions on more billboards and/or bus ads. No decisions made at this time and the subject was tabled until next meeting.
- Groups should contact the G.S. registrar, D.C., for any group changes. Reese does not have a number for him but will report back to us next month.
- Katrina is the new chairperson for the CPC committee.
- The PI committee, chaired by Jim K., will be doing mass mailings to all schools in our district and Dist. 9 voted to budget \$100 for postage to do those mailings.
- The Archives Committee needs a chair and volunteers.
- The next meeting will be Oct. 1<sup>st</sup> at 6:30 PM at Fellowship Hall in P.D.

**14. SEVENTH TRADITION:** Passed

Upon motion duly made and seconded, the meeting was adjourned followed by the Lord’s Prayer.

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| NEXT BOARD MEETING:      | Thursday, Sept. 21st | @ 6:00 PM |
| NEXT INTERGROUP MEETING: | Thursday, Oct. 5th   | @ 7:00 PM |

Respectfully Submitted,

Carol Davis  
Secretary