

Al-Anon District 1 Meeting. Tallahassee, Florida. September 24, 2017.

Grace Lutheran Church. 2919 Miccosukee Road.

4:35 p.m. to 5:50 p.m.

In attendance: **Susan R**, District 1 Representative; **Lori S.**, District 1 Treasurer; **Adrienne S.**, Public Outreach Chair, GR, Serenity AFG; **Erik R.**, Secretary, GR, First Things First AFG; **Joe K.**, GR, Northside AFG; **Pam R**, member of Thursday's Hope For Today AFG.

Susan opened the meeting with a reading from the pamphlet, The Twelve Traditions Illustrated, Tradition 9, about Service in Al-Anon

OFFICER REPORTS:

Secretary (Erik R):

The minutes of the last meeting, July 16, 2017, were reviewed by those present and approved unanimously.

Treasurer (Lori S):

Lori noted that 3 AFGs, Northside, Hope for Today, and Unity have all donated to the District. Voting members then accepted the Treasurer's Report.

Budget Summary

District Income

Groups	1,245.08
District Meetings	72.00
Individual Donations	
Other Income	
Total Income	1,317.08

District Expense	Budget	Y-T-D
Public Outreach	600.00	247.36
Travel	800.00	132.90
Office Expense	320.00	-38.04
Miscellaneous	300.00	
Total Expenses	2,020.00	342.22
Difference		974.86
Savings	25.00	

Jan 1, 2017 Checking Balance	1,233.77
July 16, 2017 Checking Balance	2,208.63
Difference	974.86

GROUP REPRESENTATIVE REPORTS:

- Joe K: Northside AFG and its associated Beginners' Meeting are both doing well. The Beginners meeting attendance now outnumbers the regular meeting on occasion. The beginners meeting now has its own phone list and calendar. The regular meeting is discussing the 12 Steps and 12 Traditions at the start of the meeting instead of the end. Regular members have expressed appreciation for that renewed emphasis. Joe expressed a desire to bring in more members for service positions in both meetings.
- Adrienne S: Serenity AFG has had a number of newcomers. We are now holding regular business meetings.
- Erik R: First Things First AFG has continued to have good attendance. Literature sales have also been excellent.
- Adrienne S on behalf of Ann M: The Thursday night meeting continues to be active, though with small attendance currently. Ann asks that other members of District 1 attend and chair the meetings as they are able.
- Pam R on behalf of Pam L: The Thursday noon Hope For Today AFG continues to be well attended.

DISTRICT REPRESENTATIVE REPORT

District Elections

- Susan asked those present for their recollections of how the District election in 2014 was conducted. Erik and Adrienne both contributed to that discussion.
- She also urged us to read the relevant sections of the current Service Manual.
- As part of the next agenda item, our fall Gratitude Brunch, the District will hold its elections on Saturday October 14, 2017 at the event.

Gratitude Event

- Susan asked Erik to check if Grace has an in-house microphone and speaker that we can use for the event.
- Members suggested that the District purchase main course food and ask attendees to provide side dishes, appetizers, and desserts. Publix sandwich rings was one suggestion.
- It was suggested that we not prepare elaborate decorations for the event. Instead, we could prepare small table centerpieces; have a single, small sign-in entrance table to hand out name tags and sell raffle basket tickets. Pam R. and Adrienne volunteered to staff that table.
- Susan suggested that our 8 AFGs sign up for salads, desserts or side dishes, and that the District supply drinks, paper goods, and main course items.

Susan asked us to announce at all our meetings that Group elections should take place over the next two months—at whatever time and in whatever way each group decides.

Susan did not suggest a time for the next District meeting. Those present passed the basket and repeated the Al-Anon Declaration. The meeting closed at 5:50 p.m.