

**Al-Anon District 1 Meeting, August 12, 2023, 1:30-3:30**

**St. Stephen Lutheran Church Fellowship Hall**

**Meeting Minutes**

Attendees: Katy M., DR, 1<sup>st</sup> Things 1<sup>st</sup>; Erik R., Literature Coordinator, 1<sup>st</sup> Things 1<sup>st</sup>; Marvin C., 1<sup>st</sup> Things 1<sup>st</sup>, Adrienne A., GR, Let Go and Let God and Alateen Chair; Marie H., Serenity, Nancy H., DISL; Susan R., Treasurer; Susan K., GR, Hope for Today; Carol B., GR, 1<sup>st</sup> Things 1<sup>st</sup>; Linda R., Northside Family Group, Carole H., Secretary and GR, Northside Family Group

The meeting opened at 1:30 pm with the Serenity Prayer. Steps were read by Carole H. Concepts were read by Erik. Traditions were read by Susan R. Warranties were read by Carol B.

Katy led the reading of Warranty 5 (That though the Conference serves Al-Anon it will never perform any act of government; and that like the fellowship of Al-Anon Family Groups which it serves, it shall always remain democratic in thought and action.) discussion ensued regarding a disruptive attendee and the fact that criminal activity can be reported to authorities and that a disruptive member can be asked to leave a meeting but is not expelled from Al-Anon. Fellowship is emphasized over organization. See Tradition 9. Substantial unanimity is 2/3 of voting members.

**Assembly, October 13-15, 2023** – Voting for all new officers for new Panel beginning in January 2024. *All Assembly documents are on the Area 9 website, [afgarea9.org](http://afgarea9.org).* The password for password protected areas is AFGAREA9. Group Representatives are the only people who can vote, thereby expressing the will of the family groups, the grassroots of Al-Anon.

**Gratitude Luncheon, October 28, 2023** – District elections will be held at the Gratitude Luncheon. Groups will elect their new GR and other service positions following the Gratitude Luncheon any time prior to the end of this year.

**Minutes from June 24 Meeting** – Carol B. moved to accept the minutes; seconded by Adrienne. Unanimously approved.

**Treasurer's Report** – Erik R. moved to approve the report as submitted; seconded by Marie H. Unanimously approved.

**Literature Report** - Presented by Erik. He recounted an incident whereby a new member wanted a book but could not pay at the time. The person will pay at the end of the month. Erik let her take the book. The consensus was that he did the right thing.

Several present had observed similar occurrences. The new reader has sold very well. The first printing has already sold out. This has been Erik's busiest month ever as Literature Coordinator.

**Alateen Report** - Adrienne reported that there are now two AMIASes, herself and Bronwen, but a place to meet is the problem. It is recommended that there be 2 AMIASes at each Alateen meeting. Need more AMIASes in our District. Training takes 3 hours. Teens can still attend Al-Anon meetings.

**AWSC** - Katy attended last month. Per diem has been increased as allowable meal costs are increasing. Area subsidizes meals to a great extent. The vote on increased per diem will be taken at the fall Assembly.

**Area Service Workshop** - The purpose is to talk about the many service opportunities and the value of service to recovery. The workshop will be in Orlando. (At the time of this meeting, the ASW was scheduled to occur in September. It has been postponed to November 11, 2023)

**Gratitude Luncheon** logistics were discussed. Nancy H. is chairing the luncheon preparations with a committee. The room is available beginning at 10 for set up. The luncheon will begin at 11. Carol B. asked that there be an agenda breaking down times for each activity; lunch, speaker, elections.

Susan R. prepared descriptions of all positions up for election so that GRs can share them with their groups. All luncheon attendees can vote for all positions. Anyone can stand for any District position available, except District Rep. District Rep must have been a GR. Susan and Katy will work on the election procedure and inform GRs.

**Convention 2023** - Three Rings of Recovery at the end of August. Katy listed workshops needing chairs.

**Convention 2024** will not be in Orlando. Katy needs people to listen to speaker tapes for Convention 2024. "Tapes" will be CDs and thumb drives. She needs volunteers to listen to these "tapes."

The meeting convened at 3:30 with recitation of the Serenity Prayer and Al-Anon Declaration.

Respectfully submitted,

Carole H., Secretary and GR, Northside Family Group