

Al-Anon District 1 Meeting. Tallahassee, Florida. March 11, 2018.

Grace Lutheran Church. 2919 Miccosukee Road.

4:35 p.m. to 6:06 p.m.

In attendance: **Adrienne A.**, District Representative; **Erik R.**, District Treasurer and acting as Secretary; **Susan R.**, Public Outreach Chair; **Al A.**, District Website Chair; **Katy M.**, GR, First Things First AFG; **Nancy R.**, GR, Serenity AFG; **Joe K.**, CMA, Northside AFG; **Jim V.**, GR Tallahassee AFG; **Jacque L.**, GR Hope For Today AFG.

The meeting opened with the reading of the Serenity Prayer followed by the 12 Traditions, and 12 Concepts of Service. Adrienne read from an article in the December 2017 *Forum Magazine*, titled: "Service Led Me to God and to Myself."

OFFICER REPORTS:

Acting Secretary (Erik R):

- Minutes of the last meeting were approved.

Treasurer (Erik R):

- Budget Summary and Income & Expense Ledger were approved
- The 2018 Budget was discussed and the current line items were approved to be carried over for this calendar year.
- District 1 will be responsible for Hospitality at the Spring Assembly. We will need to recruit GEMs to help with the hospitality responsibility. Expenses for GEMs will come out of the Area budget.

Budget Summary 03-05-2018

District Income

Groups	60.00
District Meetings	10.00
Individual Donations	
Other Income	
Total Income	70.00

District Expense

	Budget	Y-T-D
Public Outreach	600.00	
Travel	800.00	
Office Expense	320.00	
Miscellaneous	300.00	

Total Expenses	2,020.00	0.00
Difference	70.00	
Savings	25.00	
2017/12/6 Checking Balance	2,102.09	
3/5/2018 Checking Balance	2,182.09	
Difference	70.00	

Public Outreach (Susan R):

- Phone inquiries are now coming through the World Service Office. Adrienne has a short script that we can use if calls from the public come to any of the Group Representatives. A PDF document of the script is available for download from our District 1 website.

Website Chair (Al A.):

- A web hosting bill for \$220 was presented. Al will check with a colleague, Chris, to make sure it is current and legitimate, as he had been given to understand that this bill was already paid. Al noted that the bill seemed quite high for the services rendered.

GR Reports

- Jim V.: Tallahassee AFG, meeting on Wednesday evenings, reports that no changes to the group have occurred. Several newcomers have started attending. Group attendance is generally between 8 and 18 people.
- Katy M.: The Sunday First Things First AFG, meeting on Sunday afternoons reported that the meeting continues to attract new members and is otherwise going well. Attendance is between 10–15 most weeks.
- Jacque L: Hope For Today AFG, meeting on Thursdays at noon, reported that the members of her group have been self-motivated during the last few weeks when Jacque has been out sick, that one member continues to bring up non-conference-approved literature and organizations (Several of those present suggested that a brief word with the member in private after the close of the meeting to point out places in the script and in our Service Manual that ask us to not bring in such material could solve the problem.)
- Nancy R: Serenity AFG, meeting Tuesdays at noon reported that they now have a number of younger members attending, that a recent business meeting adjusted the budget levels, and that the group is interested in seeing a District Literature Distribution Center being formed for District 1. She noted that meeting attendance was generally between 6–16.

- Joe K: Northside AFG, meeting twice on Tuesday evenings (newcomers and regular meetings), is going well, that a number of service positions need to be filled, that chairperson script revisions have been put in place to prioritize the discussion of the Steps and Traditions. He noted that the attendance at the Newcomer Meeting was generally between 10–20 and at the Regular Meeting between 15-25.
- The District will host an Orientation event for all GRs at Cindy J.s home on Saturday April 7, 2018 from 10 am–12 noon.

DISTRICT REPRESENTATIVE REPORT

Adrienne noted that District 1 continues to need a new position, District Event Chairperson

- She has one person interested. That person has requested that there be a Co-Chair to volunteer to help with this new position
- We are all requested to ask at our own meetings for a volunteer to step up and get this position started.
- The position would be in charge of setting up before and cleaning up after for our Gratitude Luncheon, a workshop on Sponsorship, and possible other meetings.

Adrienne announced that the Area 9 Spanish Coordinator wants to visit District 1 in the near future and attend a district meeting.

- Can we hold a District luncheon meeting and ask all District members to attend?
- Can we identify Spanish-speaking community leaders in our district for her to meet with and establish working relationships with?
- Several of those present noted the presence of Spanish-speaking churches in the area in Leon, Gadsden, Jefferson, and Wakulla Counties that we could contact to attend a luncheon.
- Susan R. volunteered to follow-up on identifying and getting in touch with as many people as she can identify.

PUBLIC OUTREACH REPORT

Susan R. passed out a current list of active AFGs in the District; also the minutes of the most recent Public Outreach meeting as well as a Public Outreach flier that she reprinted for us to take to our groups and pass out for distribution around town, at doctors' offices, libraries, grocery stores, and other public places. The fliers have been approved by the WSO for distribution.

She brought up the idea of donating copies of *How Al-Anon Works* to each public library branch. Erik provided a list of libraries and the Al-Anon books currently available in them. The group agreed that we should also provide at least one copy of *From Survival to Recovery* at each branch using Public Outreach funds. In addition we will check to see if they have places we could display *Al-Anon Faces Alcoholism* brochures. The Public Outreach working group will follow through on this suggestion.

Susan announced that we will receive 200 copies of *Al-Anon Faces Alcoholism* booklets for distribution to all our AFGs. She noted that September is National Recovery Month, and that is an especially appropriate time to be active in public outreach.

Finally, Susan noted that we have new Public Service Announcements from the WSO that can be broadcast on television and radio. She will get the help of the Public Outreach Committee to help her identify stations that might be open to using the national PSAs.

WEBSITE CHAIR

Al A. noted that our District 1 website has been getting inordinate amounts of “spam” since mid-February. He and Chris have not yet been able to firewall these unwelcome intrusions.

The website is up-to-date with its information and announcements.

Because of the limitations of our web hosting company, only PDF documents can be posted to our website. All announcements that we want to have appear on the website (such as these minutes) need to be submitted in PDF format.

SERVICE TOPIC

Katy M. has agreed to present research at the upcoming Assembly for a Red Light/Green Light session on a topic related to dealing with “non-self-supporting” meetings.

- She has gathered useful information on the topic and has been assisted by her Sponsor to do this.
- A question was raised about having the Area capture the live responses to the topic presentations to allow many others in attendance and many others not present to get the benefit of these contributions.

Adrienne noted that our District is being asked to contribute Raffle Baskets to the upcoming Area Assembly. We are also asked to produce book covers and other crafts for the annual convention boutique in September.

NEXT MEETING

We agreed to meet on Sunday, May 20, 2018 at 4:30 p.m. at Grace Lutheran Church, Fellowship Hall, our regular meeting place.

We passed the basket and finished the meeting with the Al-Anon Declaration.