

AI-Anon District 1 Meeting, Saturday November 12, 2022. 1:30-3:30. In person at

St. Stephens Lutheran Church Fellowship Hall

Meeting Minutes

Present: 6 persons attended

Katy M. – DR, 1st Things 1st, **Carol B.** – GR, 1st Things 1st, **Erik R.** – Literature Rep, 1st Things 1st, **Adrienne A.**, GR – Let Go and Let God, **Sarah** – Guest, and **Carole H.** – Secretary and GR, Northside Family Group

The meeting opened with the Serenity Prayer and the reading of the 12 Steps, 12 Traditions, 12 Concepts, and General Warranties of the Conference.

Attendees introduced themselves and stated their group affiliations/roles.

Katy welcomed everyone and mentioned positions that are unfilled. These are Alt. DR, AA Liaison, Group Records, Spanish Coordinator, and Public Outreach Coordinator. AA Liaison position is not filled. The Liaison would have to attend AA Convention at same time as Assembly but, that's not really a problem. The AA Liaison would also open communications with AA so that members can be invited to our Gratitude Luncheons and other appropriate gatherings. And, conversely, AI-Anons could be at AA functions to represent AI-Anon.

Concepts 10 & 11 – Reading of Concept 10 and discussion of recognition of boundaries so as not to step into another's lane. "Carefully defined service authority" is a recognition of roles and their interactions. Assuming another's responsibilities is disregarding that person. Discussion of role and responsibilities of GR. Representative role *not* leadership.

Concept 11 – Relating to family dynamics and roles. Relating Concept 11 and Concept 1. On the back of the appeal letter, speaks directly to Concept 1 and 11. (Carol B. brought up all the work done at WSO.) Adrienne, finding harmony Concept 11 helps us realize that each of us has individual skills and abilities. Harmony requires doing my part and allowing others to do theirs. Mutual trust. Responsibility is shared.

Next meeting: First Warranty

Minutes from last meeting, August 13, 2022. Carol B. moved to accept. Erik R. seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

Treasurer's Report was discussed. Erik R. moved to accept. Carole H. seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

Alateen Report – Adrienne A. shared that she is considering closing the Alateen meeting due to lack of attendance. Senior Center didn't work. Two AMIAS's are required at each meeting. Perhaps it could be held concurrently with the Sunday afternoon group, 1st Things 1st. Adrienne wants to have it concurrently with an AI-Anon meeting. Sunday afternoon space has only one

meeting room. Will be checking with 909 Gadsden for possible Alateen space. Adrienne said that Al-Anon app provides access to 6 Alateen meetings. It was emphasized that Alateens can come to any Al-Anon meeting.

Literature Report – Erik happily reported many sales. Requested discussion in future meetings that will generate a target list of books not usually carried. Four books and five pamphlets are currently provided. A new book of daily meditations is coming out next year. Adrienne followed up with the value of considering other books that are available. Providing Erik with requests to purchase ensures books will be purchased and will make folks aware of more titles.

District Thought Force on Meeting Minutes – Carol B. approves and thinks it is an excellent guideline. Adrienne A. moved to approve. Erik R. seconded. Motion passed unanimously. Katy M. expressed gratitude for the work of the Task Force.

Assembly, October 2022 - Attended by Katy M., Nancy H., Adrienne A., Susan K., and Carol B. Katy expressed deep appreciation for the work of the chair, Elsa, and the value of the program choices.

The area website has a full array of materials and results. *AFGAREA9 is the password for all resources at www.afgarea9.org.*

Al-Anon is international and there are meetings and groups in 130 countries. See the delegate's report for full information on the expansion of Al-Anon.

WSO needs financial contributions even to print the Service Manual, which will cost \$11 when it is ready.

WSO is looking for new Trustees. In considering trusteeship, time is the big commitment to consider, not expertise. Expertise comes with the job.

The mobile app has access to 101 electronic meetings and is serving 117,870 members currently. Electronic meeting guidelines for our area were discussed. The groups that temporarily met via Zoom because of COVID are not considered electronic meetings due to temporary nature. Now, a new nongeographic area includes all truly electronic meetings. New electronic meetings that are not currently on the app can petition to belong to a geographic area. Areas must create guidelines for new electronic groups. Mailing address must be in the geographic area and GR must reside within the District.

Please be sure to look at the Red Light - Green Light issues. First, was the issue of dealing with members who might dominate with sharing and deprive others of time. The second was about the use of the name Al-Anon (see Tradition 6) if there is participation by Al-Anon members in a recovery or health related program. Please see the website for full coverage of these two topics. Link and password are in Italics above.

Gratitude Luncheon – Katy expressed pleasure at the quality of the luncheon and thanked those who participated. Katy will send thank you cards to speakers. She distributed them for member signatures.

Convention 2023 - District 1 is working on the program. This involves coming up with names and presenters for all sessions and assignment of rooms. Involves the write up of all information for the program. Erik R. and Carol B. volunteered to help. Erik suggested we Google the Ringling Circus site for ideas of names and images. Please email Katy with ideas. Raffle tickets are available for purchase for \$5. Winners will get two nights of hotel, registration fee, and banquet ticket. Deadline for sale is June Assembly and winners will be chosen at that time.

Convention 2024 – Convention will be hosted by Districts 1, 2, and 4. Announce at meetings to find out if there are folks willing to work on the convention. These are the positions/functions to be filled: Secretary, Banquet, Hotel Liaison, Web/Tech, Alateen, Boutique, Workshops/Program, Publicity, Literature, Volunteers, Serenity Room, Decorations/Signage, Sargent at Arms, Information/First Aid, Raffle, Entertainment, AA Liaison, Hospitality, Spanish Liaison. Positions that are filled include: Chair, Patricia L., DR from District 2; Co-chair, Katy M., DR from District 1, and Conference Resource, perhaps Linda K.

Playing the Games of Life in Al-Anon – Georgia event in December 2022.

AA Founders Day – June 9-11/2023. Erik will put together a Literature Table for that weekend and requested \$30 for that event. Carol B. moved that he be given the funds. Carole H. seconded the motion. Approved unanimously.

Carol B. announced that ^{1st} Things ^{1st} is now meeting face to face on Sunday afternoons at 3 pm. The new F2F location is United Church of Tallahassee, 1834 Mahan Rd.

Next District Meeting will be on February 25, 2023, at St. Stephens Lutheran Church Fellowship Hall, 1:30-3:30 pm. The meeting ended at 3:30 pm with the Serenity Prayer and Al-Anon Declaration.

Respectfully submitted,

Carole H., Secretary

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