

Al-Anon District 1 Meeting. Saturday, April 9, 2022. 1:30 – 3 p.m. In-person at St. Stephen Lutheran Church Fellowship Hall.

Present: [11 people present]

Katy M.-DR, **Susan R.**, Treasurer, **Erik R.**-Literature Coordinator and acting Secretary, **Colleen M.**-Website Coordinator, **Adrienne A.**-Alateen Coordinator, **Nancy H.**_DISL, , **Carol B.**-Sunday First Things First GR, **Carole H.**,-Tuesday Northside GR, **Mary**-Tuesday Serenity GR., **Pam R.**-Thurs. Hope for Today member, **Lydia R.**, Al-Anon member and possible AMIAS for Alateen.

Meeting opened with a reading of the 3 Legacies: 12 Steps, Traditions, Concepts of Service and Warranties of the Conference starting at 1:31.

Introductions by name.

Minutes of the February 12, 2022 District meeting were examined and approved unanimously.

Treasurer's Report – Susan R.

Proposed Budget and Report both approved unanimously.

Literature Report – Erik R.

- \$123 in sales recorded for the period February 13 to April 8, 2022.
- \$386.10 was spent for the purchase of 2 titles we ran out of: *Hope for Today*, 1 case of 24; and 9 copies of *One Day at a Time*, plus S&H. The WSO is currently completely out of *How Al-Anon Works*. We need that title but cannot get it any time soon.
- Erik volunteered to lead the Area 9 convention Literature Table for 2022 and requests the help of all members of District 1 in this effort. The fund-raising plan he started with has not worked well and has been getting more complex all the time. He decided to make the process much simpler, in line with the slogan, “keep it simple.” He now plans to order all the literature on consignment from the WSO, have it shipped to District 13 Literature Coordinator Chuck F. who will transport it to the convention hotel and bring the unsold literature back to his District where it will be packed and returned to the WSO. Gini S. is the Literature Coordinator for District 12, and will help as well at the convention. [As of Sunday, April 10, 2022 Chuck

F. has now offered to purchase all the pamphlets to be sold at the convention with his own personal funds. Left-over pamphlets, if any, will be returned to him to be donated to the literature stock of his District.

- Discussion at this District 1 meeting suggested that we:
 - Add Large Print copies of our 3 daily readers.
 - Add copies of the title *In All Our Affairs: Making Crises Work for You* (B-15), paperback, \$12 each.
 - Take a box of 24 books to Office Depot to get cost quotes from USPS, UPS, and FEDEX for how much it would cost to ship our unsold literature back to the WSO.
 - Ask at June Assembly, and perhaps at August Convention as well, for donations from the Area and/or all the Districts to cover the cost of return shipping.

Alateen Report – Adrienne A.

- Weekly Alateen Meeting in District 1 will restart on Saturday, April 23, 2022 and each Saturday going forward at Lafayette Presbyterian Church, 4220 Mahan Drive. The Let Go and Let God AFG will meet in another room at the same time.
- Adrienne continues to plan for the Area 9 convention Alateen segment of the program.
- We have a new AMIAS, Mary Ann B., who was an Alateen herself. Also, a possible new AMIAS is Lydia R., present at today's meeting.
- Adrienne plans to visit each AFG in our District to promote the Alateen program and to send fliers to all the school counselors in our District.

Website Coordinator – Colleen M.

- She has updated the District website.
- Erik related that our Area has an official Archives devoted to Area records, activities and events, and District records (and perhaps some Groups) as well. He will work on facilitating a donation to that archive. Adrienne has a box of records from Panel 58 related to the District Representative's records and activities.

- Katy asked to have a District Thought Force related to planning for our website. Colleen will chair the Thought Force and Carole H., Katy M., and Erik R. will work with Colleen.

Pronouns – Katy M.

- The website AFG Connects has discussions about various topics in Al-Anon including the use of male pronouns (he, his, etc.) in our literature to refer to our Higher Power. There are other references that some people may now consider inappropriate because of the changes in usage (from exclusive use of male pronouns to gender neutral pronouns). AFG Connects has a very interesting discussion about this particular topic. Katy will gather some of this discussion for our thoughts and possible future discussion. Many members present expressed great interest in this topic.

Group Records

- Each AFG needs to update their Trusted Servants names, addresses, etc.
- Katy will send out the form needed to make the changes for record keeping at the WSO.

Discussion of Concept 9: Principles before Personalities, especially the section written by Bill W.

- Leaders have to do their work between the two extremes of pleasing everybody and pleasing only themselves.
- Time ran out for more in-depth discussion of this and other points not yet brought up. We will continue it at the next District meeting, hopefully allowing more time for this important topic. We might consider having this as the sole subject of a meeting or create a workshop devoted to the ideas of this Concept.

DISL Responsibilities Thought Force has not met in person, or by phone to complete a report with recommendations on which to vote.

Next District 1 meeting: Saturday, June 11, 2022, 1:30 to 3:30 p.m. (2 hours) at St. Stephen Lutheran. This date could be changed by Katy M. if this meeting date/time is found by St. Stephen church to be unavailable.

Future Events:

Assembly – 6/24/22 to 6/26/22

AWSC – 8/5/22 to 8/7/22

Convention – 8/26/22 to 8/28/22

Assembly – 10/7/22 to 10/9/22

Meeting closed at 3:09 p.m. with the Serenity Prayer and Al-Anon Declaration. Literature sales took place immediately after the meeting for about 20 minutes and netted \$73.40 in cash and checks. This money was given to the Treasurer to deposit in our District Bank account.