

DISTRICT 130 MEETING
January 22, 1994

ATTENDING: [REDACTED], District Representative; [REDACTED], Alternate District Representative; [REDACTED], Treasurer; [REDACTED], Fresh Start AFG; [REDACTED], Venice AFG; [REDACTED], Alateen-Teen Steppers; [REDACTED], Nokomis AFG; [REDACTED], Alternate G.R., Wednesday A.M. Freedom; [REDACTED], Step Study AFG; [REDACTED], New G.R. and [REDACTED], outgoing G.R., Stepping Stones; [REDACTED], Steps & Growth AFG; [REDACTED], Peace Pipe Family Group; [REDACTED], Alternate G.R., Step In The Right Direction; [REDACTED], Alternate G.R., Saturday Night Live AFG. and [REDACTED], a member of our fellowship.

The meeting was opened by [REDACTED], D.R., with a moment of silence and the Serenity Prayer, followed by [REDACTED] reading the Traditions and [REDACTED] reading the Concepts.

TRADITION 1 was read by [REDACTED]. After the reading of the tradition, [REDACTED] explained that this tradition was important to the Al-Anon program in that it points out clearly that common welfare of the fellowship should come first; that in this manner, everyone benefits ... not just the most vocal. [REDACTED] added that we all should listen to individual members and when there is a special need by a member, we should suggest a one-on-one after the meeting.

TRADITION 2 was expounded on by [REDACTED] stating that in Al-Anon there is NO such thing as individual authority. ALL decisions are by majority. All of us are "trusted servants". When one person gets into the habit of controlling a group, the whole group suffers, and members who may need help desperately are lost in the process. There is a fine line between a caring G.R. that leaves decisions up to the group and the one who lovingly controls. Progress of the members are endangered when someone forgets that there is but "ONE AUTHORITY" (not an individual or even a clique of members) and that is a loving GOD as he may express himself in our group conscience. We help to guide through sharing, LISTENING, and explaining the program, NOT giving advice, no matter how good we think that advice is. When a G.R. sees that everyone is relying on her too much, and no one else will take any responsibilities then it is time for her to back away and stop enabling the group.

I. REPORTS:

A. District Report: A formal District Report was not presented. A copy of the South Florida Area Budget for 1994 was distributed with the hopes that all G.R.'s will present this information to their individual groups as they will be voting on it at the May Assembly.

B. Treasurer's Report: A motion was made by [REDACTED] and seconded by [REDACTED] to accept the report as submitted (Attachment I) and motion was passed unanimously. District Expenses: Any expense which may be reimbursed by the District should be forwarded to [REDACTED]. When in doubt as to whether or not it is an appropriate reimbursable District Expense, check with [REDACTED] or [REDACTED] prior to making commitment.

C. Secretary's Report: A motion was made by [REDACTED] and seconded by [REDACTED] to dispense with the reading of the Minutes. Motion passed unanimously and Minutes were approved as submitted.

D. Where and When: [REDACTED] asked that any changes be submitted so that Susan can make corrections on the new Where and When's.

E. CPC/PI: In [REDACTED] absence, [REDACTED] presented the Marketing Plan for District 130 - Panel 34: 1994-1997 (see Attachment II). On motion by [REDACTED] and seconded by [REDACTED] a target project budget in the amount of \$150 for fiscal year 1994 was unanimously approved for the PI function.

F. Alateen: An in-depth discussion was held on the Behavior Guidelines for Alateen Conferences in conjunction with the Recovery Rodeo Round-Up to be held at the Manatee Civic Center in Palmetto on April 9, 1994. The Alateen's are in dire need of additional sponsors. Please search your desire to grow through service and consider sponsoring an Alateen group.

G. Archives: [REDACTED] volunteered to become the Archivist in that [REDACTED] resigned this position when she assumed the position of Secretary. [REDACTED] donated a tape recorder to the District so that those wishing to share their Al-Anon history and experiences may do so on tape.

II. ROLL CALL:

Roll Call was dispensed with, as is normally done, due to the length of meeting and the confusion which arose prior to the meeting concerning the paving of the parking lot.

III. OLD BUSINESS:

A: GRATITUDE DINNER: [REDACTED] reported on the Dinner in [REDACTED] absence due to illness. There will be no tickets sold at the door; tickets must be turned in no later than Monday, February 21, 1994. The Chairperson for the Dinner has requested that a group conscience be taken by each group to determine if the individual groups could donate a book for the raffle. Al-Anon type gifts will be accepted for the raffle. Speaker will be announced at a later date.

B. CONVENTION BOUTIQUE: ██████ urged that each group start talking up the Convention and Boutique as the Convention may be scheduled for September 23 through 25, 1994, but time has a way of slipping by rapidly. ██████ encouraged everyone to start with their home-made Al-Anon related boutique items now so that they would have sufficient time to donate all that was their intent. A sample of a boutique item was shared and everyone was reminded that the theme this year is "It's About Time".

IV. NEW BUSINESS:

A. CALENDAR: ██████ D.R. explained the importance of having a district calendar, the primary importance being that no two events will be scheduled on the same date and, secondarily, every G.R. will have the opportunity to refer to the calendar and take dates back to their groups. Dates which will be recorded on the calendar include group anniversaries, speakers, etc. If you have any item which you would like included call ██████ (█████).

B. AREA SERVICE WORKSHOP: The On The Island AFG volunteered to Chair this workshop. The purpose is to have all area service personnel meet in a central place to share their experiences, strengths and hopes. Lodging will be provided for those requiring same by an Al-Anon member in this area. More concise details will be provided at a later date.

V. OTHER: ██████ reported that three (3) new books are being formulated. WSO will be looking for sharings and she urged that everyone give thought to how they could share their own program. She emphasized that all material is edited by WSO for the proper spelling, punctuation, etc. so no one need not share if their only concern is that they do not spell well or may not be up on punctuation.

WSO will be moving to Norfolk in 1996, if all goes as planned. If Norfolk is not a reality, then the second site choice is Dayton, Ohio. Please be aware that after the move WSO will be able to accomplish financial objectives; however, the move will be costly. Each group is urged to take up a "Special" collection if they can afford to do so.

The District 130 Permanent Mailing List was again reviewed by all in attendance to ensure the proper information was contained within the list. If there is a change within your group, please contact Becky or Marion to have the necessary changes incorporated into this list.

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Please mark your group calendars for the 5th Annual North Florida AFG Convention scheduled for September 9, 10, and 11, 1994, in Daytona Beach. Theme: "It's A Family Affair".

NOTE: Change in location for the meeting place of the Stepping Stones to Pilgrim United Church of Christ, Midway and Kings Highway, Port Charlotte.

VI. ADJOURNMENT:

Prior to the adjournment, a special verbal commendation was given to Bernice from the District for valuable service in her CPI work. The meeting was then adjourned with the Lord's Prayer at 12:20 p.m.

With Al-Anon Love in Service,


Substitute Secretary