

DISTRICT MEETING

MARCH 26, 1994

ATTENDING: [REDACTED], District Representative; [REDACTED], Alt. D.R.; [REDACTED], Treasurer; [REDACTED], Tuesday Night Alt. and Fri. Night Treas. [REDACTED], Dist. Alateen; [REDACTED], Wed. Step Study and new Fri. Morning Meeting; [REDACTED], Thurs. Peace Pipe and Sunday Keep It Simple; [REDACTED], Wed. Freedom Group; [REDACTED], Growth Investment Person; [REDACTED], Eng. Fri. Night AFG; [REDACTED], Steps & Growth; [REDACTED], Mon. Night Fresh Start; [REDACTED], Secy., Steps & Growth.

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

Tradition Three was read by [REDACTED], who said that she was reminded of an Alateen story in which the members wanted to help a favorite political candidate and found that what they were doing was taking away from their program and hurting their recovery. The purpose of Tradition Three is to help families and friends of alcoholics. [REDACTED] referred to 'Thinking It Over', Tradition Three, Al-Anon 12 & 12.

[REDACTED] shared on Tradition Four. Said it is like Tradition Three. Each group has its own personality. Each format is unique. We must not become too competitive or too professional. No one polices us. Tradition Four asks that we govern ourselves. The Group Representative is the voice of each group.

CORRECTION; Minutes of Jan. 22, 1994 meeting; page 2, item B. Last sentence should read 'Prior authorization must be obtained before expenditure is made.'

TREASURER'S REPORT: COPY ENCLOSED.

[REDACTED] made a motion to accept the Treasurer's Report as read. Seconded by [REDACTED] It was passed unanimously.

[REDACTED], D.R., passed around copies of 'Alateen Talks Back On Sponsoring An Alateen Group'.

DISTRICT REPRESENTATIVE'S REPORT:

██████████ said that she is not receiving notification of speakers in the District. She said that she needs to be contacted so that she can spread the word as she attends different meetings. Please notify her. Doing so could mean greater attendance at meetings. She also said that the district will pay mailing expenses and brief long distance calls to her to inform her of such meetings will be reimbursed.

DISTRICT MEETINGS WILL BE HELD ON EVERY FOURTH SATURDAY IN UNEVEN MONTHS. NEXT MEETING WILL BE ON MAY 28.

██████████ said that she would like the district to consider sending out a newsletter on the odd months. ██████████. agreed that it was a good idea and said that she would be willing to help.

██████████, South Fl. Delegate goes to World Service Conference Apr. 24-27. Please send cards of support or love gifts to her as a group. The address is: ██████████, ██████████ Hilton Inn, 455 Broadway, Tarreytown, N.Y.10591.

The W.S.C. was cut from from seven days to four. Each year a summary of the Conference is printed and will be available in several months. It can be ordered from the regular literature order sheet for two dollars. Be sure to specify 1994.

The No. Fl. Service Seminar will take place on Apr.30 in Lakeland.

SPRING ASSEMBLY IS IN NAPLES MAY 29-22 AT THE COMFORT INN.

No details yet. Your G.R. or Alt. should attend to represent your group.

Friday, May 20 at assembly there will be a speaker, then orientation for GRs.

THE FOLLOWING SATURDAY, MAY 28, THERE WILL BE A DISTRICT MEETING.

JULY- OUR SERVICE SEMINAR. MORE LATER.

SEPT. 23-25 SOUTH FL. AL-ANON CONVENTION IN WEST PALM BEACH.

OCTOBER - FALL ASSEMBLY.

The Forum needs sharings. Most sent in will be printed in time.

The Sunshiner contains area news and minutes of the Assembly. It is sent to GRs and Alternates six times a year. Additional copies are available for three dollars a year by subscription.

W.S.C. meeting cost will be discussed at Assembly. Cost is \$1200. per Delegate Each area is billed \$800. New York picks up \$400. 'Totally Equalized Cost' will be discussed.

Enclosed Contribution Fact Sheet explains suggested distribution of group funds.

Assembly will vote on sending \$1500. to New York.

██████████ asked at world service for donations for the convention boutique.

New meetings!

██████████ reported starting a new meeting on Friday morning at 10:30 at Venice Bible Church, 2395 W. Shamrock Dr. in the Teen Room. Response has been good. Also, Monday Fresh Start has added a newcomer's meeting at 7:30 before the regular meeting. That's at St. Nathaniel's Church on Biscayne Blvd. in North Port. ██████████ says that there is a real need for a newcomers meeting in the area.

Alateen- ██████████ Venice Alateen is averaging 5-7 members. The group is without a GR, at present. Three Alateens are going to the Alateen Conference in St. Petersburg July 22-24.

CPC/PI- No Report.

Archives- ██████████ turned over the Archives to ██████████. She reported that one of the gifts to our district from the Area was a packet, 'Al-Anon Family Origins' which contains two audio tapes, 'Lois and The Pioneers', plus the book, 'Lois Remembers' and photographs of Lois W. and Anne B. This was sent to our district in recognition of all you GRs who sent in your group's histories.

Correction- P.M.A. ██████████ 's home phone no. is ██████████. Work no. is ██████████. Please correct it on your list.

Roll Call:

██████████ Fresh Start GR-newcomers meeting starting at 7:30. Group has grown. Averages 15 members.

Venice AFG- ██████████ GR-7P.M. Beginners Meeting averaging 15. 3 or 4 newcomers. Regular meeting is large, averaging 20-25. Sunshine AFG is doing well. Helen B.-GR reporting. Averaging 20 members.

New Life- N/A

B.O.C.A.- N/A

██████████.- Nokomis Tuesday- 20 to 25 members. Recent topics have been love, self-worth. Monthly Step meeting. Next Tues., March 29 is their anniversary. Speaker will be ██████████ from Sarasota.

Wed. Freedom Group- ██████████.-Alt.GR. Usually have 15-18 attending. Meeting is growing.

Wed. Step Study- ██████████ GR. Attendance 10-20. Speaker April 13, ██████████.

Alternatives- N/A

Arcadia- N/A

Steps and Growth- ██████████.-GR. Attendance averages 20. Alternate Step and discussion meetings. 3 regular male members. Thurs., Mar. 31, ██████████ will speak. Also April 14 ██████████ will speak.

Member of World Ser. Comm.

Peace Pipe - ██████████. Attendance 10-13. Getting new members from A.A. 3-4 male members.

On The Island- ██████████- Alt. Attendance averages 9. Lots of men attending. The group is hosting the Service Seminar in July. There will be a speaker, ██████████ on April 21.

Friday Night AFG- Englewood- ██████████. GR-Attendance 20-24. Good participation.

Friday, Step In The Right Direction- ██████████ Attendance around 15. Recent topics: Balance; Patience; Tolerance. Step meeting once a month. Speaker, ██████████ April 29.

Sat. Night Live- Speaker on April 23 will be ██████████

Keep It Simple Sunday-N/A

Gratitude Dinner:

██████████. filled in for ██████████ who was ill and pulled it all together. Did a great job. ██████████ said that she had a lot of help from the group. Profit from the dinner was \$350.36. ██████████ moved that the district send \$350. profit from the Gratitude Dinner to New York. ██████████ seconded the motion. It was passed unanimously.

Convention:

Theme for the convention is 'It's About Time'. Convention is being held in West Palm Beach Sept. 23-25. We need donations for the boutique. Also need people to help with pricing articles etc. in addition to manning the room.

██████████ mentioned that donations need not be handmade, since there are many program oriented items in the stores today. Be sure to register early.

Service Seminar:

██████████ reported that the Service Seminar will be held July 16 at Venice-Nokomis United Methodist Church. Coordinators and officers will be doing a presentation on their service specialties. Housing will be needed for some of the people from out of town. Will anyone who can help with this please contact ██████████ or ██████████. Suggested time for the Seminar is 11 A.M. to 4 or 5 P.M.

-Service Seminar (continued)

[REDACTED] said that the host group is considering a pot luck luncheon. A flyer will be out as soon as possible. Lots of help will be needed.

More from Becky:

New York is definitely moving in '96. Probable location is Norfolk, Va. When we do move, do we buy or lease? Is it against Traditions to own property?

This is a proposal to be voted on. Under consideration is a fifteen year trial purchase.

A day of workshops will be discussed at our next District meeting on MAY 28.

[REDACTED] said that it is one of her duties to visit different groups in the district. Since she has been so busy at work she has had little time to do so. At this time, she is not able to attend any daytime meetings.

There was a question from a GR about using non Conference Approved literature. We can use short quotations but should not bring in outside literature.

[REDACTED] and the DRs from Lee and Collier Counties have been discussing working together and supporting each other as districts.

The meeting ended with the Lord's Prayer at 12:30 P.M.

With Al-Anon love in service,

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

District Secretary

Next district meeting is on Sat., May 28 at 10 A.M.