

MINUTES OF DISTRICT 130 MEETING

July 22, 1995

The meeting was called to order with a moment of silence followed by the Serenity Prayer at 10:06 a.m., on Saturday, July 22, 1995, by District Representative [REDACTED]. Following the Serenity Prayer, the Traditions were read by [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] read the Concepts with [REDACTED] sharing on Concept I (responsibility) and [REDACTED] sharing on Concept II (reliance). [REDACTED] further explained the concept as working from the bottom up vs. working from the top down.

In attendance were the following: [REDACTED], Alternate District Representative; [REDACTED], PC/PI; [REDACTED], Friday Night Al-Anon; [REDACTED], Sunshine AFG; [REDACTED], Sunshine AFG; [REDACTED], Venice AFG; [REDACTED], Fresh Start AFG; [REDACTED], Fresh Start AFG; [REDACTED], Thursday AM Steps & Growth; [REDACTED], Sunday Keep It Simple; [REDACTED], Peace Pipe AFG; [REDACTED], Wednesday AM Freedom; [REDACTED], Wednesday AM Freedom Group; [REDACTED], Wednesday Stepping Stones; [REDACTED], Step in the Right Direction AFG; [REDACTED], Wednesday Step Study; and [REDACTED], On The Island AFG.

The Minutes from the May 27, 1995, meeting were approved with the following correction to clarify Alateens not being able to attend speaker meetings. "Children under the age of 16" MOTION TO APPROVE the Minutes as amended was made by [REDACTED] and was seconded by [REDACTED]. **MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

The TREASURER'S REPORT was presented and due to the absence of [REDACTED] was elaborated on by [REDACTED]. MOTION TO APPROVE was made by [REDACTED] and seconded by [REDACTED]. **MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

[REDACTED] shared:

- A. The post card received from [REDACTED], noting that [REDACTED] is very thoughtful in showing her appreciation for those who share with her;
- B. District 149, Naples, has a Literature Distribution Center (LDC) and we were encouraged to order our literature from Naples as they provide the same discounts as WSO and mailing time should be shorter;
- C. The Relocation Fund still needs assistance and each group is encouraged to support this fund. As the relocation is being made in the year 1996, WSO has indicated that any individual contributing \$19.96 or more will receive an Architectural Rendering of the new facility as a souvenir;
- D. The Forum, Feed Back Sheet, needs contributions along the line of Al-Anon Humorous Sharing. It was further explained that any sharing received have the spelling and grammar corrected prior to publication;
- E. She will be attending the Area World Service meeting in August to set the Agenda for the Fall Assembly. Please communicate with [REDACTED] in writing any concerns or issues which you feel needs a clarification. One topic at WSC meeting will be voting on the guidelines for Area Level elections. These guidelines are outlined in our Service Manuals; and,

F. New Where and When's were distributed and we were encouraged to destroy all OLD copies and use only the new edition as there are new telephone numbers.

[redacted], Alternate D.R., shared with the group the map which she received at the Spring Assembly which outlines the Districts in our area of Florida.

[redacted] from Fresh Start AFG, distributed very colorful flyers for the fall Picnic and requested prizes, in the price range of \$1.00, for distribution. [redacted] indicated a need for new items (not used) and these prizes should be appropriate for the children attending as well as the adults. The Theme: Indians and there will be face painting. A MOTION that "seed" money be provided for this function in order that they may make their purchases when items are on "sale" was made by [redacted] and second by [redacted].
MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

[redacted] indicated that her group is going to present a workshop for the Convention. She indicated that any group interest should contact the Convention Chairperson who would provide a list of topics which still need to be coordinated for the Convention.

The issue of the purchase by the District of two large coffee pots was again discussed. ON MOTION made by [redacted], second by [redacted], the group **UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED** this purchase.

Under **OLD BUSINESS**, the issue of whether children should attend Al-Anon Speaker Meetings was again discussed. Page 27 of the Service Manual states that "Alateens are members of the Al-Anon fellowship"; however as a matter of courtesy, anyone having a teen who wishes to attend a Speaker Meeting should check with the speaker prior to taking the teen to the meeting.

DAY OF WORKSHOPS: Each group was encouraged to think about their group sponsoring this worthwhile District function.

YEAR OF RENEWAL: The purpose of this concept is so that all of us will take a good look at not only ourselves but also our groups and our district, as sometimes we become complacent, stagnant. Do a group inventory using the Al-Anon Guidelines, Al-Anon Form G-8. A fearless, morale inventory is worthwhile for not only the newer members but also the members who have been in the fellowship for a few 24 hours. [redacted] requested that each Group Representatives give thought to the strengths and weaknesses of our district and they would be reviewed and discussed at the next District Meeting.

ALA-TEEN: This District is in dire need of more Ala-Teen meetings which require Sponsors. It is believed that we have the teens wanting their meetings; however, due to the lack of Sponsors, the Monday night meeting is the only one in the District. To sponsor an Ala-Teen group will be one of the most rewarding experiences in your Al-Anon Growth.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:53 a.m., in the usual manner with the Lord's Prayer.

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Beverly Talcott, Acting Secretary