

# District Minutes

## Saturday, November 18, 1995

Meeting was brought to order by alternate DK \_\_\_\_\_ at 10:10 am.

Moment of silence/Serenity Prayer

12 Steps read by Mary

12 Traditions read by Sharon

12 Concepts read by Sandy

Attending \_\_\_\_\_

### Reports

Secretary: \_\_\_\_\_ unable to attend. Thank you \_\_\_\_\_ for taking minutes last time and helping with the preparation of the package for this meeting. \_\_\_\_\_ is taking minutes this meeting. Minutes corrected page 2 at top change \_\_\_\_\_. Motion to approve by \_\_\_\_\_.  
Seconded by \_\_\_\_\_. Minutes approved unanimously.

Treasurer: Report handed out report. total balance 2437.56. Motion to accept treasurers report made by \_\_\_\_\_. seconded, it passed unanimously.

District Rep: Assembly report: Assembly was very constructive. lots of good stuff going on. Please refer the Assembly Report which was mailed to you last month.

Our thoughts and prayers go to \_\_\_\_\_ and her family.

Where & When - \_\_\_\_\_ came through! Monday night Punta Gorda group has changed place, day and time. We will call \_\_\_\_\_ and let you know. Arcadia Meeting: 209 Hickory Street West. Trudy is NOT Alternate GR for Monday night Venice Meeting. She is however the contact.

Group Records Coordinator - New PMA needs to be held in highest CONFIDENCE. We are not anonymous at the district level. Please respect the PMA and do not hand out for public distribution. If anybody has changes to their group status, please call \_\_\_\_\_ at \_\_\_\_\_. \_\_\_\_\_ will contact \_\_\_\_\_ before printing Where & When to check for all changes. The Friday morning group has disbanded.

CPC/PI - no report

Alateen - Monday night Venice meeting doing well - avg. attendance between 3-4 kids. Potential new Englewood meeting on Monday night is being organized by \_\_\_\_\_ however, the district is concerned with the time/day conflict. Tradition 4 says each group should be autonomous. WSO does not dictate policy to Districts. Our common welfare should come first. \_\_\_\_\_ was adamant about not changing the new meeting time and place. Much discussion was involved. \_\_\_\_\_ suggested tabling the matter and reconsidering it again in January after seeing if the meeting was well attended. \_\_\_\_\_ commented that the traditions are made for stability and consistency. \_\_\_\_\_ as said it

was her experience that when an individual dominates a situation, HP comes in and works it all out; All we can do is to let go and let God. The District decided to do nothing at present and let the situation resolve itself.

Archives - came down from North Sarasota! We need someone to take over the Archivist position.

Literature - absent due to illness. A new spiritual book is in the works. A sales tax is being charged on the Area level and at literature depots (LDC) Not at the group level

Newsletter - Great Job ! Please let them know about group anniversaries and special celebrations so they can put it in the newsletter. Let them know your anniversary date is also.

Roll Call - please report on group inventory if your group has done one.

- group inventory turned out well. Although crosstalk has increased, the group is very satisfied with the way things are going. Merry go round skit - Dec. 5 North Port Monday night 8 p.m. -- it is their 22 anniversary! They usually have 10 - 15 in attendance, mostly newcomers. Please come support meeting because they need more stability.

1 - Both 7 and 8 o'clock groups continue to be strong.

- reported for Serenity Seekers -- they decided to read page for the day. Nice comfortable meeting. Meditation Garden Dec.12.

· Tuesday Nokomis - good group inventory - use a variety of literature, order forums 25 for \$1 for newcomers. Sign up to welcome newcomers. Small meeting could be due to moldy, mildewy room. Announcing meeting in local newspaper, having a special holiday party December 12. The group decided to put an asterisk by names on phone list if that person is willing to be a sponsor.

crosstalk is a problem they are dealing with. The group inventory was helpful. Try to get people to realize the value of service.

speaker Wed Dec. 13. Group inventory 4-5 months ago. Major strength is the step study meeting. The group likes the place and cost of rent and feels positive about the district using CAL, etc.

Stepping stones - Ann - decided every 2nd Wed to do a group inventory for first half of meeting. Running late on time of meeting and so now everyone is very aware of starting and ending on time. Only one person was doing all the work of setting up and tearing down and now everyone pitches in.

Steps & Growth - Nov. 30 . speaking. 10 a.m. Group inventory - didn't like the word 'ever' in the suggested group inventory - it is too general. The wording could be changed. Meeting will be held Thanksgiving Day. Will take votes by paper to avoid hard feelings and enhance anonymity. Will replace a regular meeting with a tradition meeting or with some other timely Al-Anon topic. Standing speaker fifth Thursday of the month.

Thursday night Group inventory revealed some new ideas. They will change a meeting to a more basic topic if a newcomer is present.

- Friday night Englewood - Group Inventory - main focus was also newcomers - we need to make them feel special and encourage them to come back. Everyone took personal inventories in regard to newcomers. Also decided to read page for the day.

- Friday night Brickyard - 10 - 15 avg. attendance. - Special Detachment for the Holidays meeting. will do group inventory end of December.

- Saturday night live - scheduled speakers Nov. 25 ; Dec. 2 - speaking. They are going to do group inventory Dec. 8. Problems with getting people into service. People don't know it is everyone's responsibility to help set up/clean up, etc.

s been traveling recently and has not done a group inventory, but will do so soon. 10 - 15 people usually in attendance. Speaker Dec. 10 . No problem with service at the meeting.

### **Old Business:**

Calendar - look for it in the newsletter

Picnic - Tomorrow is the big day! it's all taken care of - lots of fun, games and prizes planned. Please turn in all tickets and monies to Joan.

Day of Workshops - Wednesday step study group volunteered to chair this annual event.

Gratitude Dinner - Sunday Night (brickyard) and Saturday Night Live will co-chair, Friday Night Step-in-the-Right-Direction will assist.

District 130 is doing Hospitality Room, WSC Meeting, December 1996. Holiday Inn in Punta Gorda.

### **New Business**

Convention committees assigned to District 130 are Raffle and Entertainment committees. We need volunteers to commit to these chair positions. What it takes is one Saturday a month traveling to the committee meeting which is held somewhere in the south part of the state. If you say yes, all expenses are paid including hotel and registration fee for convention. August 23 - 25, 1996. Ask HP for guidance -- This is a growth opportunity. agreed to chair the raffle.

North Port Monday night meeting will be held Christmas night.

**District Inventory/renewal - These are the results of a brainstorming session.**

**Things we would like to see happen at the GROUP LEVEL:**

- More Step study meetings
- More support for floundering meetings from other groups
- Avoid all Cliques before, during and after to prevent newcomers from access
- When group holds picnic, etc., get more individual participation
- Brainstorming sessions
- Traditions/concepts - involve others in discussions
- CPC/Alateen other chairman go out to meetings and inform. Do mini workshops about district positions available
- Have meetings to teach people about sponsorship
- Generate more enthusiasm for service work - to take the fear out of service work

**Things we would like to see happen at the DISTRICT LEVEL:**

- Alternate district meetings north and south areas
- Have a pre-assembly meeting, to discuss items to be voted upon. -
- Start/End district meetings on time.
- Crosstalk is wanted for one on one
- Information for new GRs re; district information; how it works - Shift Sept. Mtg to follow WSC
- Send agendas out in advance
- District meetings more livelier
- District. mtg. different time/day
- More creativity to fill positions.
- Avoid all Cliques before, during and after to prevent newcomers from access
- Be mindful of not holding side conversations during district meeting
- Make phone call before district meeting, to remind people to come. - - - - -
- Less talk of old business, more talk of new business
- Traditions/concepts - involve others in discussions
- Implement phone tree or have officers call all groups between district meetings
- CPC/Alateen other chairman go out to meetings and inform. Do mini workshops about district positions available - March meeting - Officers & GR } Questions  
Coordinators - May } Pass out  
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Re Meetings  
Calendar
- DR to visit other meetings
- Each GR have a buddy system - mentor
- Alternate months have meeting for alternate GRs with Alternate DR
- Pass list for special events
- Generate more enthusiasm for service work - taking the fear out of service work

**Things we would like to see the GROUP REPRESENTATIVE do:**

- Information for new GRs re; district package
- Avoid all Cliques before, during and after to prevent newcomers from access
- When group holds picnic, etc., get more individual participation
- Every GR call someone they don't know
- GR meetings - informal rap sessions
- GR informing DR on more consistent basis - communication is essential
- GRs learn how NOT to enable the group
- Each GR have a buddy system - mentor
- A plan for implementing these renewal ideas will be discussed at the January, 1996 meeting. Adjournment at 12:25. Submitted in Al-Anon Love, Nan W.

