

MINUTES OF THE DISTRICT 130 MEETING  
SEPTEMBER 23, 1995

**ATTENDING:** [REDACTED], PAST DR, [REDACTED], TREASURER, [REDACTED], STEPS AND GROWTH, [REDACTED], FRESH START AFG, [REDACTED], FRESH START AFG, [REDACTED], GROUP RECORDS COORDINATOR, [REDACTED], WED, FREEDOM GROUP, [REDACTED], FRIDAY NIGHT AFG, [REDACTED], NOKOMIS AFG, [REDACTED].SECY.

THE MEETING WAS OPENED AT 10 A.M. BY [REDACTED]. WITH THE SERENITY PRAYER. THE TWELVE TRADITIONS WERE READ BY [REDACTED]. AND THE TWELVE CONCEPTS BY [REDACTED].

**REPORTS:**

**SECRETARY** [REDACTED] MADE A MOTION TO ACCEPT THE MINUTES OF THE JULY 22, 1995 MEETING WITH THE FOLLOWING CORRECTIONS-[REDACTED]. FROM SERENITY SEEKERS WAS PRESENT. HER NAME HAD BEEN OMITTED.

**TREASURER'S REPORT**-(ENCLOSED) [REDACTED] SAID THAT [REDACTED] RETURNED THE \$75.00 THAT SHE HAD BEEN GIVEN TO TAKE TEENS TO THE CONVENTION. MOTION TO ACCEPT REPORT BY [REDACTED] [REDACTED] SECONDED. UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED.

**WHERE & WHEN**- N/A

**CPC**- N/A

**ALATEENS**-ONE OF THE SPONSORS TOOK TWO OF THE TEENS TO CONVENTION. TEENS DID A GOOD JOB OF RAISING FUNDS. THE ALATEEN MEETING IS DOING VERY WELL- A GOOD STEADY GROUP. [REDACTED]. AND [REDACTED] ARE SPONSORS. THE TEENS ARE TALKING ABOUT HAVING A ONE DAY ROUNDUP.

**ARCHIVIST**- NEEDED- SOMEONE TO TAKE OVER THE ARCHIVES. THE ARCHIVES CONSISTS OF TWO BOXES AND DOES NOT REQUIRE MUCH SPACE. THIS IS A VERY REWARDING POSITION KEEPING A RECORD OF AL-ANON'S GROWTH IN THIS DISTRICT AND IS A GOOD WAY OF DOING SERVICE.

**LITERATURE**- THE NEW BOOK 'HOW AL-ANON WORKS' IS SAID TO BE A GOOD BOOK. THE COST IS \$ 10.00. TALK TO YOUR GROUP ABOUT ORDERING IT. [REDACTED] SAID THAT SHE HAD READ THE WSC REPORT AND THAT WORLD SERVICE IS RELYING ON THE SALE OF THIS BOOK SINCE LITERATURE SALES ARE DOWN. FORUM SALES ARE DOWN. GRS ARE ASKED TO ENCOURAGE MEMBERS OF THEIR GROUPS TO SUBSCRIBE [REDACTED] OF STEPS & GROWTH SAID THAT THE GROUP GIVES AWAY FORUM SUBSCRIPTION ON THE LAST MEETING OF THE MONTH. EACH WEEK THOSE ATTENDING PUT THEIR NAMES IN A BOX AND AT THE END OF THE MONTH A NAME IS DRAWN. NEED TO BE PRESENT TO WIN.

**GROUP RECORDS**-TABLED UNTIL NEXT MONTH.

**ROLL CALL**-

FRESH START-[REDACTED].-THE GROUP IS CHANGING. THE MAJORITY OF THOSE ATTENDING ARE NEWCOMERS. [REDACTED] AND [REDACTED] HAVE HAD TO ALTERNATE CHAIRING THE NEWCOMERS MEETING. THEY ARE CONSIDERING CANCELLING THIS MEETING.

██████████ BROUGHT IN FLYERS FOR THE GROUP'S 22ND. ANNIVERSARY IN DEC.

VENICE AFG- N/A

SUNSHINE -N/A

NEW LIFE- N/A

TUESDAY SERENITY SEEKERS- ██████████ REPORTED THAT SHE ATTENDS THIS MEETING AND THAT IT IS VERY GOOD AND IS GROWING.

BOCA-N/A

NOKOMIS AFG- ██████████ REPORTED THAT WEEKLY ATTENDANCE IS 8-10. ██████████ IS SPEAKING ON SEPT. 26. ATTENDANCE IS EXPECTED TO PICK UP AS SOON AS OUR WINTER MEMBERS RETURN.

WED. FREEDOM- ██████████. SAID THAT THE GROUP HAS REMAINED LARGE EVEN DURING THE SUMMER. LOTS OF YOUNG PEOPLE ATTENDING AND THEY KEEP COMING BACK. ██████████ SAID THAT SHE WAS SEEING A LOT OF GROWTH IN THEM. CHILDREN ARE STILL WELCOME.

WED. STEP STUDY- N/A

STEPPING STONES-N/A

ARCADIA-N/A

STEPS AND GROWTH- ██████████ STILL HAVING A SPEAKER IN MONTHS WITH FIVE THURSDAYS. ██████████ SHARED THAT SHE HAD SPOKEN AT 'ON THE ISLAND' AND HOW SOME OF HER GROUP'S MEMBERS ATTENDED TO SUPPORT HER. TALKED ABOUT HOW GOOD SHE FELT THAT SHE WAS ABLE TO SHARE SOMETHING SHE HAD NOT BEEN ABLE TO SHARE PREVIOUSLY.

PEACE PIPE- HAVING A SPEAKER THURS., SEPT. 28.

ON THE ISLAND- ON OCT. 19 ██████████. WILL BE SPEAKING.

FRI. A.M. -NO LONGER MEETING.

ENGLEWOOD FRIDAY NIGHT. ██████████ SAYS THAT THIS IS THE BEST MEETING IN SW FL. GOOD ATTENDANCE. CELEBRATING THEIR ANNIVERSARY IN OCT. FLYERS WILL BE OUT SOON.

NEW HOPE-N/A

NEW HORIZONS-N/A

STEP IN THE RIGHT DIRECTION-DOING WELL. SPEAKER OCT. 13. ██████████ AVERAGING IN ATTENDANCE.

SAT. NIGHT LIVE- ██████████ ATTENDS. SHE SAID THAT THIS IS A SMALL MEETING RIGHT NOW.

KEEP IT SIMPLE SUNDAY ██████████. REPORTED THAT THIS IS A STRONG MEETING.

DISTRICT REPRESENTATIVE-

██████████ FILLED IN FOR BECKY, PRESENT DR WHO WAS UNABLE TO ATTEND

DUE TO A SERIOUS FAMILY ILLNESS. SHE ASKED ALL OF US TO REMEMBER [REDACTED] IN OUR PRAYERS. FOR ANYONE WISHING TO SEND CARDS, [REDACTED] ADDRESS IS AS FOLLOWS. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] SUGGESTED ENCOURAGING YOUR GROUP TO DO AN INVENTORY. WE NEED TO FIND OUT FROM THE GROUPS WHY ATTENDANCE AT DISTRICT MEETINGS IS DOWN. ALSO ENCOURAGE ALATEENS TO ATTEND. SHE SPOKE OF AN EXCEPTIONAL ALATEEN SPEAKER AT CONVENTION. SPEAKERS WERE TAPED AND THERE IS A TAPE OF THIS SPEAKER IN THE DISTRICT.

[REDACTED] ASKED FOR SHARINGS ON THE RECENT CONVENTION. [REDACTED] SPOKE OF A WORK SHOP CALLED 'MIRACLES' WHICH WAS VERY GOOD.

[REDACTED] SHARED THAT SOME OF THE WORKSHOPS WERE VERY EMOTIONAL. ALSO THAT SOME OF THEM DID SKITS.

THERE WERE DANCES BOTH FRI. AND SAT. NIGHTS. [REDACTED] SHARED ABOUT THE FUN AND FELLOWSHIP. SAID THERE WAS A LOT OF TEEN SHARING AND THAT [REDACTED] WHO IS 92 YEARS OLD PARTICIPATED IN A WORKSHOP. ATTENDANCE WAS APPROXIMATELY 690 WITH 50 AA MEMBERS AND 30 TEENS.

PICNIC- [REDACTED] BROUGHT TICKETS FOR THE NOV. 19 PICNIC. FOR THOSE WHO MISSED THE MEETING TICKETS WILL BE MAILED WITH YOUR COPY OF THE MINUTES. THE FRES START GROUP NEEDS PRIZES FOR MEN, WOMEN AND CHILDREN FOR THE PICNIC. THEY CAN BE DROPPED OFF AT THE MEETING OR GIVEN TO YOUR GR. THE GROUP PUT ON A GREAT PICNIC LAST TIME SO MAKE PLANS TO ATTEND.

MORE ON A COFFEE POT FOR THE DISTRICT. [REDACTED] HAS ONE THAT BELONGS TO THE DISTRICT. [REDACTED] HAD CHECKED ON PRICES. MEETING VOTED IN FAVOR OF BUYING AN INSULATED 30 CUP POT FOR \$35.00 PLUS TAX. [REDACTED] MADE A MOTION IN FAVOR OF AND [REDACTED] SECONDED. MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY. [REDACTED] READ FROM PAGE 55, 'WHEN I GOT BUSY, I GOT BETTER' AND TOLD HOW IT HAD HELPED HER TO GET THROUGH A VERY TRYING TIME.

TENTATIVE DATE FOR NEXT DISTRICT MEETING IS NOV. 25. MORE LATER.

WE NEED A GROUP TO CHAIR A DAY OF WORKSHOPS. THIS IS USUALLY HELD IN FEB. WHEN ATTENDANCE IS BETTER. [REDACTED] ASKED GRS TO TAKE THIS TO THEIR GROUPS.

[REDACTED] - WORLD SERVICE HAS BEEN ENCOURAGING MEMBERS TO INCREASE THEIR DONATIONS. MANY GROUPS CANNOT AFFORD \$100.00 TO SEND THEIR GRS TO ASSEMBLY. GROUPS COULD RAISE MONEY BY HAVING BOOK RAFFLES ETC. NANCY BROUGHT UP THAT THE ROOM RATE AT ASSEMBLY IS \$77.00 PLUS 10% TAX. [REDACTED] SUGGESTED WRITING TO THE AREA CHAIRMAN ABOUT THIS.

FALL ASSEMBLY-  
SEE PROPOSED AGENDA.

#5-COORDINATORS REPORTS-ANNOUNCEMENT OF NEW INSTITUTIONS AND CPC COORD.

#11 VOTE ON ADDITIONAL FUNDS FOR RUSSIAN LITERATURE TO [REDACTED] GROUP. LAST ASSEMBLY READ A LETTER FROM THAT GROUP EXPRESSING GRATITUDE FOR THE LITERATURE DONATED TO THEM.

#11B VOTE ON ALATEEN ROUNDUP.

#11C VOTE ON SENDING S. FL. AREA CHAIRMAN TO REGIONAL SERVICE SEMINAR, EXPENSES PAID [REDACTED] SAID THAT SHE UNDERSTOOD THAT THE GROUPS NEEDED TO FOCUS ON THEIR OWN EXPENSES FIRST.

#11 F RATIFICATION OF THE '97 S. FL. CONVENTION CHAIRMAN.  
#11 D '96 S. FL. AREA BUDGET FOR ADOPTION.  
ELECTION GUIDELINES. DISCUSSION ABOUT CHANGING ELECTION PROCEDURE.  
ALL GRS ARE ASKED TO TAKE THEIR POLICY MANUALS TO ASSEMBLY.

WORLD SERVICE HAS SUGGESTED THAT WE STOP USING 'KEEP COMING BACK'  
AT THE END OF MEETINGS BECAUSE IT IS A TREATMENT CENTER TERM. THEY  
SUGGESTED THAT WE USE INSTEAD 'WHEN ANYONE, ANYWHERE REACHES OUT FOR  
HELP, LET THE HAND OF AL-ANON AND ALATEEN ALWAYS BE THERE. AND LET  
IT BEGIN WITH ME.'

MEETING CLOSED AT 11:35 WITH THE LORD'S PRAYER.

IN AL-ANON LOVE & SERVICE,  
[REDACTED], DIST. SECY.

A NOTE FROM DEBORAH, ALTERNATE DR:  
BECKY HAS ASKED ME TO FILL IN FOR HER AT THIS TIME. IF ANYONE  
NEEDS TO TALK TO THE DR ABOUT ANYTHING CONCERNING YOUR GROUP  
PLEASE CALL ME.

HOME PHONE [REDACTED]  
WORK [REDACTED]