

Minutes from District Meeting
Saturday, August 12, 2000

Meeting was called to order by D.R. at 10:08 AM. Minutes-of the previous meeting were approved.

In Attendance:

D.R. Report reported Area treasury is short of money due to increase in cost of liability insurance. G.R.s are asked to check with treasurers and send their contributions. Our Area is hosting South Florida Area AFG Fall Assembly on November 17th through 19th. Assembly will be in Punta Gorda at Best Western Waterfront. See flyer enclosed. Our district will provide the hospitality room. When and Where's (including ours) are now on the Web. Forum offers Baker's Dozen (13 copies) from Sept. - Dec. 2000 for new subscriptions. Photo contest for cover on Forum is in process. There will be free subscriptions for the winner of each month. Deadline is Oct. 20th for January issue. Articles from past issues will be used for the 50th Anniversary Issue. There will be a moment of silence and prayers at 4:00 P.M. world wide in gratitude for Al-Anon and to celebrate its 50th Anniversary. March 4th is Lois' birthday. Calendars available from WSO (Two for \$10.00) It is 2001 Commemorative issue.

Treasurer's Report-D.R. read Treasurer's report. She asked G.R.s to check with their treasurer if the checks were mailed to district.

AI SL's Report brought info from WSO for Alateen and CPC.

Alateen- will be approaching a possible Alateen sponsor who is on vacation. Discussion followed. Alateen meetings should be closed meetings.

Archives-chairman still needed. G.R.s are to ask their groups for volunteers.

Newsletter-Discussion followed: Do we really need a newsletter or can the G.R.s glean from minutes what's needed to be reported to group? If we do decide on a newsletter, then a volunteer should produce it. This discussion tabled until January.

Where & Whens ounced new W&Ws will be available soon. She will send 10 copies in white to each group to copy. Discussion followed: It was agreed that the disclaimer, "that the listing doesn't constitute approval of any group's manner of practicing the AlAnon program" should be printed on our W&Ws Each group is autonomous and specialized groups are okay but they will be coded on W&Ws Specifically #for Parents of Alcoholics. Panel agreed.

Convention in Boca Raton on Aug. 18th thru 20th-Our attendees should report to the Wokshop chairman upon arrival that District 130 is there and ready for back-up if needed.

Convention next year will be in Naples at the new Beach Club on Aug. 23 to 26, 2001. Good rates will be available to us. This group will volunteer for the boutique. will contact the chair and sign us up for that.

..... attended the **WSO meeting** in Naples. There were valuable sharings from all of the committees. One suggestion was that the many flyers we sometimes have at our meetings be organized onto a story board, that the G.R. announce during the business meeting that it is there and list items. Members can read them after the meeting and thus save time and allow members to concentrate on meeting without distraction of rattling papers.

The area newsletter, **Sunshiner**, will go on the Web. Next issue will be in October. Web site is up and going-SOUTHFLORIDAAL-ANON.ORG Hard copy of Sunshiner will be mailed to those who request it, if they do not have access to a computer.

Friday night meeting at the Brickyard needs support Tuesday night meeting at Venice Presbyterian Church needs support, meeting time will be changed from 8:00 to 7:30PM starting Tuesday, September 5th. New Hope AFG may need to change meeting place. Every one is invited to help celebrate Wednesday Night Steps and Growth 14th Anniversary. . will be the speaker and refreshments will be served.

Old Business. thanked everyone who helped and who attended the Workshop in July 22nd. It was a good day. Mildred brought up that she thought the price of \$5.00 per person plus a covered dish was too expensive for some people who would like to attend and could benefit from attending. Discussion followed: Lower the price to \$2.00; ask for donation with no price; members buy tickets and give them to those who need them; give each group X number of House tickets to give to someone who needs them. We will discuss this before the next workshop/gratitude dinner.

I brought up the idea of having our district meetings quarterly rather than every other month. It was decided that we need to have our next meeting as planed on Oct. 28th because we will need to finalize plans for our hosting of the Fall Assembly on Nov. 17-19th. We can discuss quarterly meetings at a future date.

Group Issues: reported that the Thurs. AM group and the Friday night Englewood group are taking meetings to Rachele Z's home because she is house bound. They are all blessed by this. Groups are encouraged to do this when a member can't come to mtgs.

Meeting adjourned with closing prayer at 11:45AM
Submitted by . absence of
Secretary,

Next meeting -- October 28, 2000

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