

District Meeting
Saturday, September 18, 2010

The meeting was called to order at 10:08 AM by Lynn D. District Representative. The meeting began with the Serenity Prayer.

Those in attendance were: Lynn D., Patti S., Tina B., Sue S., Denise C., Randy C., Kathleen J., Debbie H., Cathy B., Dr. John K., Maureen K., Audrey G., Stanley F., Harold L., Cathy C., Windy B., Susan B., Maureen S., Carole B., Mary C., Debbie F., Doris M., Bob A.

The Secretary's Report was approved on a motion by Kathleen J., seconded by Debbie H.

The Treasurer's Report was approved on a motion by Sue S., seconded by Carole B. Patti stated group donations are down for the year, thus making it necessary for the District to dip into the prudent reserve to cover expenses. With the Convention being held in Naples this year, expenses are minimal. Next year, the Convention will be on the East coast, increasing expenses for the District. In order to spread out our "fund raisers", Kathleen J. is looking for a committee to help her come up with ideas for events to be held in late fall, early winter. Anyone interested should contact her.

Debbie H. informed the group that shipping costs for literature orders have increased and stated she would be happy to pick up literature at the Convention to be held on the following weekend. Interested groups should contact her in advance.

Alternate DR's report: Sue S. handed out a report on the AWSCM which was held on August 6-8. She went over the report and informed the group that the proposed budget is unrealistic. A copy of the budget was handed out. She indicated the Sunshiner editors are looking for a new printing company as expenses have increased. The Sunshiner may be offered online in the future. There was talk about the Districts from north Florida and south Florida getting together in the future to present a program.

Bob A. gave an update on the website and indicated he has had 853 rejections for people requesting to join the Forum group. Only pre-registered members may be a part of the Forum. Currently out of 141 who receive the weekly calendar, only 27 are registered to be a part of the Forum. He handed out a sign up sheet for anyone interested in being a part of this important part of our website. Much praise was given for the content of the website and all the work he does keeping it up and running. Bob asked about putting graphics on the site for the holidays. It was agreed he can add holiday greetings for all religions.

The Step Workshop was a huge success, over 40 attended the first meeting, with an average of 30 to 35 for the remaining five weeks. Doris thanked the groups that were able to donate a book for the raffle. "It helped boost the funds in the group's treasury and enabled the group to purchase much needed literature". Lynn thanked Doris and Cathy C. for their service.

The Convention is ready to kick off next weekend. Three leaders are still needed for three workshops. Debbie H. And Kathleen J. will leave on Thursday to get things set up ahead of time. Linda J. still needs help with the JRaffle. Both ladies have put in hours of work in order for this to run smoothly - thanks to both.

Picnic: Carole B. handed out 5 tickets to each group along with 3 fliers. If more tickets are needed, contact her. No raffle will be held, but a 50/50 will be done. Hopefully, the turn out will be a good as last year. The date is November 6th, 12 to 4 at Caspersen Beach.

Friday night's meeting in Englewood will celebrate 38 years on October 8th. Great events are planned for that night.

It is with deep regret that Lynn has decided to step down as DR. She has been elected State Chair of the State Long Term Care Ombudsman Council and traveling more than before. She feels she is not able to devote the needed attention to the District. Everyone in attendance applauded her work ethic and the great job she has done for District 130. Sue S. will assume the duty of DR until the next election.

AI SL: [unclear]

Alateen: Due to health reasons, Fred is stepping "aside" for now. Dr. John indicated he would like to resume the bi-monthly sponsor meetings. Our District has the most Alateen meetings.

Archives: No report

Calendar: Up-to-date and on the website

PI: The mailing to doctors has been completed. Dr. John handed out information sheets to be "left" where ever we think they may help.

Intergroup: Sue S. was asked to give the District website information to the intergroup office.

Social Chair: Kathleen J. has been looking for help to develop a program of small fund raisers for the District - i.e. movie night, spaghetti dinner. These events will be offered at a slight fee to help raise money through fellowship. Lynn thought this was a great idea, but suggested each event begin with a short meeting.

Where & When's: Maureen apologized for the miss printing of this months copies. She is trying to get a business discount in order to save costs in printing, which have increased at Staples to \$187.25 and \$177.00 at Office Depot. She will look into other businesses who might print these at a lower cost.

There being no Old or New Business, the meeting adjourned at 11:58. We closed with the Lord's Prayer and the Al-anon Declaration.

The next monthly meeting will be November 20th.

Respectfully submitted,

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