

District Meeting
Minutes – July 28, 2012

.. opened the meeting with a welcome and the Serenity Prayer.

The Traditions, Concepts, General Warranties and Just For Today were read by all.

Attending

The basket was passed with a donation of \$27.00

Secretary's Report: said there were copies and asked for any questions or corrections to the report. It was accepted as is and passed.

Treasurer's Report: gave the budget report and it was accepted and passed.

Alternate DR's Report read Concept #3 shared her thoughts and gave a handout for additional reading. Thanks again great job.

Sponsorship Workshop I. gave a report on the Sponsorship Workshop held on July 13, 2012. It was very well attended with a panel of 4, an ask it basket and a lot of group participation. She was encouraged to expand on other workshops. A donation to district of \$27.00 was made.

Website: still out of town on family business, our prayers are with you.

Gratitude Dinner (2013): reported that the room and date have been reserved for 2013, but as of yet no one or no group has stepped up to chair this event. Please take this back to your group as this is a great event and helps keep our district alive and well. (Place and time are flexible.)

Speaker Marathon: .. reported the Speaker Marathon is scheduled for Nov.13, 2012, 9:00 – 2:00 at St. David's Episcopal Church in Englewood. Registration at 8:30 am. Registration is \$6.00 this also includes lunch. There will be Speakers, a Skit, lunch and great fellowship. Come and bring a friend. All groups are asked for raffle items, baskets, etc. In your baskets please include some Al-Anon literature.

Picnic: .. reported that no one or any group has stepped up to chair this event and it is so very important to the District, so please take this back to your groups and see if we can get this event going. Fall is usually the best due to the temperature. There are guidelines and help in getting this put together so be GOOD to yourself and Al-Anon and get involved.

Alateen Conference: reported on this and after much thought, prayer, blood, sweat and tears the decision was made not to participate. This was done after every available avenue had been looked into but due to safety requirements not being met by all it was next to impossible to sign the forms. Much discussion followed with many opinions expressed and suggestions made but much support was given to n her decision. The money that had been raised by the teens as well as by

donations was set aside until future ideas could be explored. said there was to be a Provider Meeting scheduled 8/11/2012 to discuss this. There was 14 teens and 3 sponsors registered to attend so they had discussed what might be an alternative to help relieve the disappointment and a day trip to Disney World was thrown out for some thought. Discussion followed with suggestions to keep the money and use it for the Convention next year, another was to check into the possibility of taking those teens to the Al-Anon Convention in Miami August 24 -26 where there will be full Al-Ateen participation. This will be looked into as it was mentioned that the money was raised and donated very generously because it was ear marked for Al-Ateen's to attend meetings, workshops and fellowship with other teens. This was tabled to be looked into and to be taken back to the groups and will be discussed at the next meeting.

Group Reports: suggested that for the sake of time that we only hear from groups that have an issue that needs discussed. from Monday Morning Miracles reported on an issue with Anonymity and they will be having a meeting on that subject on 7/30/2012.

from Monday Morning Sunshine Group reported that she had been contacted by a church in Venice that would like to get an Al-Anon meeting started at that location. But due to time this was tabled until next meeting.

DR Report: reported on the following:

TEAM Event: She and 2 others from the South Florida Area had attended and it was a good informative day. They had 3 trustees from WSO and there was lots of interesting information and a lot of good sharing from all. In the beginning Al- Anon was named NAA – Non Alcoholics Anonymous but later changed to Al-Anon. All DR's were challenged to have all the groups in their district consider doing a GROUP INVENTORY before the end of the year.

Assembly: The archives project has been completed. There is a new book on intimacy being put together and is targeted to be available at the International Convention – July 5-7, 2013. Money was a huge issue. If each group could add \$7.00 to their quarterly contribution then they could meet their expenses. As it stands now 63% of their revenue is from literature sales. 1952 was the last time that contributions exceeded sales. WSO has 18 trustees, 9 regular trustees and 9 trustee's at large.

Convention: There will be two workshops put on by people from District 130 at the convention in August. will be doing one on Fear and Nan will be doing one on Criticism.

International Convention: reported that it will be held in Van Couver, British Columbia, on July 5 – 7 2013 but something special will be held on the 4th. So plan on July 4 – 7, 2013. For more on this you can go to the website. www.al-anon-international-convention.com. Registration begins in September 2012. A passport will be needed.

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AI SL: opened with reports from the chairpersons.

Alateen: reported that a new meeting will be started when school is back in session at Murdock Middle School. Back to School Alateen Sponsors Meeting will be held Saturday, August 11, 2012 at 12:00. This is one of the most important meetings we hold so PLEASE attend. This is where sponsors are assigned. Any additional questions contact . 3 new sponsors are in the approval process. And lastly for health issues is resigning as Alateen coordinator but will be here for any help she can give. Brenda we are so very sorry to lose you but health comes first and THANK YOU SO MUCH FOR ALL YOU HAVE DONE.

Archives: reported archive's is in good shape.

Calendar: is out of town on family matters and we hope all is going well.

Public Information: reported that the literature display is being refurbished and that District 5 (AA) has extended an invitation to Al-Anon to put up our display at all their functions thus spreading the hope of recovery to families.

Where & When: passed a where & when around for any corrections so the next printing will reflect those corrections. Also adding an additional 200 copies so no group runs out.

New Business: reported on a possible change to our Conference Structure, allowing change from one area to another. This is a 6 year plan to see what works best. This created lots of discussion with some facts and it was decided that before we go any farther all GR's were asked to take this back to their groups and get input from the members and we will have another meeting to discuss this and decide what we want to do. (An extra district meeting was called to go over this item; it will be Aug. 25, 2012 same place, same time. So GR'S please discuss with you groups so we can do what is best for all.

Old Business: None

Next Meeting: September 22, 2012

The meeting was closed with the Lord's Prayer and our Al-Anon Declaration.

Respectfully submitted: