AFG District 3 Business Meeting September 9, 2006 North Florida Area 09 – Panel 46

Setup: 9 AM - Table setup, refreshments, donation basket, bell, agendas, Folders by Group Name, nametags and pens, hang 12/12/12 banners on rolling board.

Opening: Serenity Prayer read together. Traditions and Steps read together. No new GR present at meeting, no visitors. Said Declaration then introductions. 27 present.

Secretary Report: Passed out secretary report of 07/15/06. Read silently. **Motion** to accept minutes as amended made by Dolores F - One Thur at a Time AFG and motion 2nd by Kevin C - Beaches Alateen.

Motion passed.

Treasurer Report: - Esther L - Monday PM Mandarin AFG

July group donations: \$119.20, August group donations: \$60.00. Expenses July \$512.00; Expenses August \$131.20. Cash Available July \$5156.79, Cash Available August \$5085.59. Prudent reserve July and August \$2500.00

Motion to accept treasurer's report made by Noreen W –Thursday 12&12 AFG and 2^{nd} by Joanie F – OK Ortega AFG.

Motion passed.

LDC Report: Given by Marion — San Marco AFG. Inventory \$7200.00, Outstanding \$3187.84. Bank statement \$7575.68. Prudent reserve: \$3000.00. Book drawing for July — Large Print Courage to Change went to Kathy S — Beaches Mon Morning. August book drawing — How Al-Anon Works to Dale K — New Beginnings AFG. LDC has for sale Best of PO (P90) at \$3.00 each.

Karol O- San Marco AFG noted that the Repeat Day of Workshops would be 10/21/06 and volunteers are needed. Passed around sign-up sheet for volunteers.

AISL Report: Charlene S - One Thurs at a Time AFG. Written report:

I suppose all of you have heard about our bus advertising that fizzled. It seems that the rates quoted were promotional rates and couldn't be honored when we were ready. We were offered 7 taxicabs for three months for the same cost, but had to come back to the district to make the decision. Since then another option has come into play and Dolores, Alt AISL will discuss this with you a little later.

The Area World Service Committee (AWSC) meeting was long and tedious, but full of good information. Toni will share that information with you shortly. I will share the Public Outreach Chairman (POC) report with you. List of Web site addresses handed out to all GRs present.

I have volunteered to do question #2 in the Red Light/Green Light forum at the fall assembly. The question is:

What do you do about people who keep wainting to refer to (or express) their religious beliefs at Al-Anon meetings?"

If you know any references in CAL (Conference Approved Literature) that will help answer this question, please let me know. If you have witnessed the handling of this situation, your sharing will be greatly appreciated. Also, come to the Red Light/Green Light on Saturday night and help me.

Would the other chairmen who have reports to make please come to the microphone?

Alternate AISL - Dolores F - One Thurs at a Time. Written report.

In most markets it is more economical to place a TV spot than a display ad. Therefore I checked with World Service Office. They said if we want to, we can use their PSA with our phone number. I've contacted the local networks. They are sending me their rates and demographics.

Alateen - Rick B-Tuesday Arlington AFG. No report/Not present

Archives – Joanie F – SOS Fernandina Beach AFG. Written report:

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Requested to bring a brief history of each group (8 sentences or less). This is to update those that are in archives and add other groups that are not yet in archives. No pictures please.

Group Records – Tanya C – Faith That Works AFG. No report/Not present.

Newsletter – Mystery Editor. Passed out printings of new "Sharings".

Webmaster - Kevin C. - Beaches Alateen - No report.

When and Where - Peg E - Spiritual Awakenings AFG

Changes to be made to September edition of W/W.

*Wesconnett Al-Anon #002656, new address: Christ Anglican Church, 6850 103rd Street.

*New Beginnings/Adult Child #031110

Street name should be Kingsley not Kinsley.

*No Spanish speaking meetings in area.

<u>Institutions</u> – Kim C – New Beginnings ACA AFG.

Advised on changes on Sharings.

CPC – Harriet W.-Afternoon Serenity AFG. Written report.

New professional people, offices, churches, and groups are being added every day. They are being added to my list for print materials and being notified about AFG. I am being received well.

<u>Public Information</u> – Charlene S for Kathy M – One Thurs at a Time. Written report

- 1. Focus on delivery of folders and discussion with physicians.
- 2. Reached largest orthopedic group in Jax as well as 2 physicians and large psychiatry group out of Baptist Hospital.

Plan:

- Deliver old PSA to psychiatry group
- 2. Prepare more folders for distribution to physicians
- 3. Prepare and begin delivering folders to divorce attorneys et per i tabasan ing talah dalah dalah sali berat

TAS - Susan H - Blueprint 4 Progress AFG. Written report.

July 2006 – 114 Al-Anon phone calls August 2006 – 147 Al-Anon phone calls

Volunteers are needed for Fridays 1 PM to 6 PM and Saturdays 8 AM to 1 PM. Don't have to be home as can obtain messages from the answering service.

There will be a get together for all current TAS volunteers and those who are interested in learning more about TAS during our district day of workshops October 21st. Look for the Day of Workshop flyers for the time.

District Representative News and Calendar:

Oct 6-8 - Assembly in Ocala. \$62.00 +8.5% tax; 352-732-3131; Cut off date is Sept 2, Assembly starts at 7:00 Friday evening, we have 3 GIP for registration on Friday and Saturday.

Oct 21 – District Repeat Day of Workshops

Nov 11 – District Business Meeting

Dec 16 – District Fun Day

DRs were given a list of 3 questions at AWSC in the Brainstorming session:

- What can our district to do support new groups?
 Do groups in our District have beginner meetings?
- 3. How can we encourage all groups to elect and support a GR?

Answers

- What can our district do to support new groups: Promote at every meeting (word of mouth, telephone, flyers, website), attendance by established members, form a new group committee, donate literature, other group members visit new groups, announce new group at others meetings, call other members for support, make a list of guidelines for starting a new group, be sure healthy Al-Anons are attending new meetings.
- Do the groups in our district have beginner meetings? Yes, San Marco Steps 1 3, Beaches
 Penman Steps 1 3, Westside Happy Hour AFG has 2 Regular format focusing on beginners,
 Sunday and Tuesday nights at Westside Club House.
- 3. How can we encourage all groups to elect and support a GR? Have good attendance, ask for volunteers, divide some responsibilities among different members, encourage group members to attend district functions (business meetings, day of workshops, conventions, etc.)

Went over letter in September Sharings. Suggest leaving Forums at treatment centers, hospitals and clinics, Counselors/Therapists office, Schools/Educators offices, Physicians/Healthcare Providers offices, Clergy offices, School nurses, Social service/Mental Health providers, Employment assistance professionals, Municipal Courts, Correction Facilities. Every member was requested to leave a forum somewhere.

Bragging Rights - 4 Alateen sent birthday cards to WSO. Kevin's Card was printed on Fourm back cover.

Fellowship is not anonymous, individuals are anonymous.

The Ramada is making improvements including new beds, mattresses, tables; very comfortable. New microphones in the meeting rooms.

Alternate Delegate, Terri F, is willing to do a writing workshop for the Forum.

November 1st is the deadline with the church for making a schedule for meetings.

December Fun Day – chair is Delores F – One Thurs at a Time AFG.

October 21, 2006-Repeat Day of Workshops- Speaker Jeni, Area Chairperson, needs place to park camper.

New Group Idea - GR to think about literature packs from LDC? Disbanded groups literature box?

French Hope for Today given to French speaking member, Florence. Peg reported that Florence read the steps in French. Book much appreciated.

Sun, Tues, Wed meetings on Penman Road having difficulty w/dominating person back and behaved appropriately when strong members were there, but was back to her old self when the stronger members were not present.

Charlene S - One Thurs at a Time AFG- went over motions to be voted at Fall Assembly.

Mayport Chaplains office called and wanted to donate to Al-Anon. They were notified that Al-Anon cannot accept outside contributions. AA told them the same thing.

The Al-Anon local phone number stamp is very helpful and wonderful for inking pamphlets and forums.

<u>Closing</u>: Meeting closed in circle with group recitation of the Serenity Prayer and Al-Anon Declaration.

Submitted 11-11-06

Kathy May, PI standing in for Susan Nelson, District Secretary

Motions:

- ** Motion to accept amended minutes by Dolores F One Thur at a Time and motion 2nd by Kevin Beaches Alateen. Motion Passed.
- **Motion to accept treasurer's report made by Noreen and 2nd by Joanie OK Ortega AFG. Treasurer's report unanimously accepted. Motion Passed.

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