

DISTRICT 6 AL-ANON- DISTRICT MEETING January 10, 2021

Present: Genevieve (Jenni) Hogan, District representative

Scott Ricker, Secretary, GR;

Carol B, Treasurer;

Judy D. Lit Coordin

George A, Website Co;

Ree M, Answering Service

Randi B, GR	Barry T, GR	Linda B, GR	Maureen F GR	Diana O, GR	
Phyllis H, GR	Laura G, GR	Emily C, GR	Debbie B, GR	Laura S, GR	
	Eileen H.	Diana M.	Shadra L.		

Opened with Serenity Prayer

Welcome/Introductions/Attendance Sheet

Committee Chairs

- **Secretary** - Minutes for December, 2020 accepted as submitted.
- **Treasury Report** – Carol: Currently in Florida but perceives no problem continuing as Treasurer. (“any discussion, or objections”: none)
Treasurer noted spreadsheet error of positive \$10,000 that is not able to be corrected, yet, for technology reasons. Separate Treasurer’s report explained and discussed. Treasurer believes District is in good financial position for 2021.
Barry: Does monthly expenditure include \$5,000 contributed to service arms? No.
Barry: Why are monthly expenses based on NOT “Opening up”. Answer: “Income” in budget IS based on “opening-up”, which would allow for fund raising. The budget will be reviewed again in April, 2021.
- **Breakfast Coordinator...None...**Eileen H.: Martha (former EVI speaker coordinator) has volunteered but I have lost her phone number. No breakfast meetings are currently scheduled. Please ask your groups to consider hosting a meeting some time this year. Contact Jenni H (DR). Barry: Invite Martha to District meeting to “Stand” for the position.
- **Outreach report** – JoAnn: nothing
- **Literature Depot** – Susan H.: nothing
- **Literature Coordinator** – George: Lit Depot is closed but members may call George to arrange purchases. Still able to use cash, check, or credit card. I have inventoried and submitted that to Judy D. to insure accountability.
Judy D: December \$80 in Literature sales.
- **24/7 Answering Services** – Ree: 2 calls in December. Still working with agency operators to increase their efficiency.
Scott: Is our District willing to change to the AA model of accepting calls? (“Diverter” volunteers for 24 hours on a day, for one month). Topic to be on February agenda.
George: I am handling many of these calls already, through the Literature Depot. Our existing phone system is able to handle a change to the “diverter” system.
Diana O: I haven’t seen anything about how to sign up for the answering service. Answer: contact Ree.
Jenni: I have gotten emails asking about meetings in Eugene.
- **Meeting List** – Jeannie: via email. We have nothing to change.
- **EVI coordinator** – Diana M.: We had good speakers for January and Ree for February.
- **Archives** - no

- **Alateen** – no
- **Al-Anon – AA Liaison** - no
- **Web site coordinator** – George: nothing new.

Old business

- Breakfast Coordinator: addressed earlier in meeting.
- Progress on banner--Emily: I have the second banner. I did research regarding wind patterns in Springfield, OR it was unfruitful. We can choose a month to raise the banner. Maybe in the Spring. We should check community calendars to see when other groups have regular events, to avoid. Barry: How much does the city charge us to hang the banner? Answer: Emily/Carol: I believe \$150 for 2 weeks. It is less expensive in Springfield than Eugene.
- “How Al-Anon Works” Friday noon suggested holding an Auction – any progress on this? To be added to February agenda.
Debbie B.: no further discussion yet. I will bring this up again this week.
Judy D: Talked to other member that had questions.
Diana O: Why do they want to do this? Answer: Debbie B: to raise funds for District.
Diana O: Suggest to groups that they contribute to District the amount they would have spent at the Auction. I would be willing to help with a live auction in the Spring.
Maureen: Does this need to be sooo organized? I would be willing to help.
Jenni: Yes, these events need someone to be in charge for events like this.
Emily: I am observing another organization that is in the process of doing an electronic fund raising auction. I will share what I learn.

New Business

- AWSA meeting Feb. 20: Jenni: I am attending. I have asked for feedback from members about the experience of the electronic assembly, or about what they expect the area should be doing for our District.
- Assembly March 20
- Summerfest report: Ree: Kerri K. from Phoenix, AZ is willing to speak for Al-Anon. A second speaker is proposed and I am planning to contact them. Committee is planning an in-person event with electronic component.
- MOTION PROCEDURE IN DISTRICT MEETINGS: Barry T.: I drafted this procedure to begin a discussion for later consideration. It is not intended to be a finished work. We need to have discussion AFTER a motion is made.

Submitted by Barry for consideration: As set forth in "Concept Five", *Paths to Recovery*, (from page 280) this District acknowledges that "The inclusion and consideration of every member's opinion in our fellowship of democracy fosters our unity." To implement that concept in our District Meetings the following rule is adopted:

In all District Meetings after any motion is made but before a vote on the motion may take place, the DR shall ask members for comments on the motion until there is no response from any member. If the motion is passed, the DR shall ask for comments from any member who opposes or voted against the motion until again there is no response from any such member. If there are comments by any such member, after the conclusion of said comments, the DR shall ask if there is any member who requests to have another vote on the motion. If then so requested, there shall be another vote on the motion.

The procedure outlined in the above paragraph shall apply to any vote taken at a District Meeting on any matter whether brought to a vote by motion or some other form of request. At the beginning of each meeting the DR shall give a brief summary of this procedure so that any newcomers to the meeting will be familiar with it before any votes are taken.

Jenni: We need to have a second to the motion.

Debbie B.: For smoothness of the process, try this idea for comment after the second.

George: There is content in the Service Manual about this issue.

Linda B.: Appreciate Barry's work on this.

Emily: suggest two changes, add the word "novel" before "comment". Different between minority opinion and dissenting opinion.

Ree: This is a learning process. This is the business of Al-Anon.

What is my responsibility? The service manual tells me what my job is. It is my job to learn the manual.

Diana O.: What I heard is that there has been inconsistency in voting. I suggest that we have something written down.

Jenni: This is way too complicated for me. We need to simplify this somehow.

I will not read something like this at the beginning of every meeting. I would post it with the agenda. To be placed on agenda in February.

Closed with the Al-Anon Declaration.