

The Sunshiner

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August 2007

AWSC REPORT

AWSC meeting - Aug. 10-12, 2007
NAPLES, FLORIDA

AREA WORLD SERVICE MEETING

Area 10 – Panel 46
August 10-12, 2007
Naples, Florida

minutes
uncorrected.
MW

Friday Aug 10, 2007

Chairperson Juliette L. opened the meeting at 8:00 PM with a Moment of Silence followed by the Serenity Prayer.

Welcome and introductions were made.

Traditions, Concepts and Warranties were read.

Southeast Regional Trustee position is vacant. Resumes need to be submitted by August 15th.

Election procedures were presented and discussed.

Analysis of expenses for AWSC and Assembly meetings were presented by Kathy D. – Dist. 140.

The analysis was in reference to the amount of saving that would be incurred if the number of days for Assembly and AWSC meetings were changed.

There was a five minute break at 9:30. The meeting resumed with a Moment of Silence and the Serenity Prayer.

2008 Proposed Budget was presented by Carol M., Area Treasurer. There was discussion.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:55 PM with the Serenity Prayer and

Al-Anon Declaration.

Saturday, Aug 11, 2007

The meeting reconvened at 9:00 AM by Juliette L. with a Moment of Silence followed by the Serenity Prayer.

Quorum was established. There were 24 voting members. Quorum is 2/3 voting members. There must be 16 members present to do business.

The minutes of the previous AWS meeting were read by Shirley W., Area Secretary – Minutes were discussed and corrected.

Motion # 1

Becky R. District 180 moved to adopt the minutes as amended. Cheryl A. District 169 seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

The treasurer's report was given by Carol M., Area Treasurer Treasurer's report showed a balance of \$xxxxxx.

Motion # 2

Juanita C. District 200 moved to accept the treasurer's report as given. Barbara H. District 190/200 second the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Break was taken at 9:40 and meeting reconvened at 9:45 with a Moment of Silence followed by the Serenity Prayer.

Delegate's report was given by Georgia C

- Reviewed the new appeal letter coming from WSO
- Copy of the latest finance update was distributed

- Discussed the 2006-2009 Ser-vice Manual that is coming out this fall
- Reviewed the Policy Committee discussions

- o Discussed the 'One member one vote' issue
- o Discussed the open and online meetings that are breaking Traditions

- Chosen Agenda Items – Georgia will present two chosen agenda topics to the Conference Committee. Take to your District and bring to Assembly any chosen agenda topics that pertain to Al-Anon as a whole.

- Three Big Questions – Remind your GR's that responses are still being accepted until the Fall Assembly. Responses will be compiled and sent to WSO and the Sunshiner.

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Calendar of Events

Florida South Area 10...2007

NOTE:

Please see flyers and more detailed information by viewing the Florida South Web page:

www.southfloridaal-anon.org

Click—Calendar of Events to view.

Flyers and Registration forms can also be printed out from that page.

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Sept. 22 Sponsorship Workshop

Districts 200 –190

1:00 - 4:00 PM

**South Miami Hospital's
Victor E. Clarke Education
Center**

6200 SW 73 ST. Miami, FL

No charge—Donations welcome

Bring a dish to share

October 20 Day of Workshops

7:30 AM Fellowship

Bring a Breakfast Food

Meetings, 9:00 AM—2:00 PM

Royal Palms Christian Church

9600 Royal Palm Blvd, Coral

Springs

Cost: \$5 per person

Lunch: \$5 per person

Nov. 2-4 Fall Assembly

Clarion Hotel

12635 S. Cleveland Ave

Fort Myers, FL

Reservations must be made by

November 16 -

(Closed) Gratitude Dinner

***Closed—Open to Al-Anon members only.**

St. Andrew's Episcopal Church

210 S. Indian River Dr.

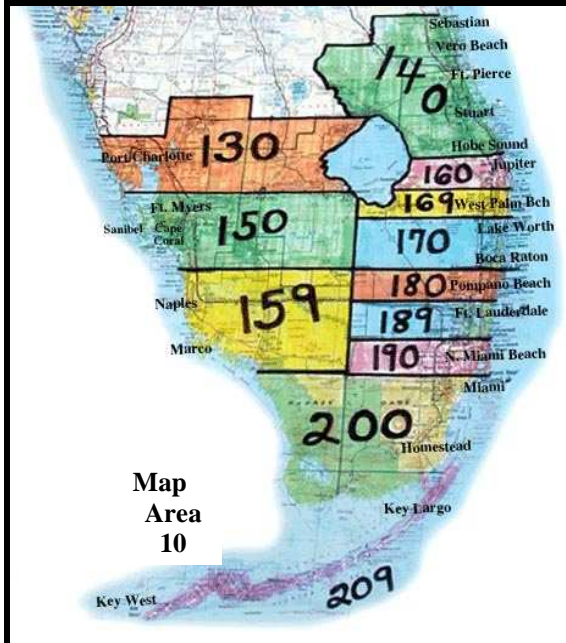
Fort Pierce, FL 34950

Please bring a covered dish

Doors open 6:30 PM

Dinner 7:00 to 8 :00 PM

Program 8:00-9:00 PM



Map Area 10

ENJOY

YOURSELF

VISIT

ANOTHER

DISTRICT

UPCOMING EVENTS OUTSIDE OUR AREA

2008 PITTSBURG WILL BE GREAT: International Al-Anon Convention will be held July 4th weekend. Registration forms will be out in Sept. 2007.

2010 AA INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION: with Al-Anon participation, in San Antonio, TX, July 4th weekend.

2013 INTERNATIONAL AL-ANON CONVENTION: Join the Dream Team in 2013

If you have questions or articles for the newsletter please contact Mary W. Sunshiner46@hotmail.com

ARCHIVES

"Digging Up Our Past"

Archives Coordinator—Jennifer D.

A Reprinted Article From
Florida South's First District Newsletter
Al-Anotes—District 18
Vol. 1 Issue 1 Jan—Feb 1988

RX for a Good Meeting

Suggestions that have helped to get the most from meetings:

1. Before the meeting, prepare your heart and mind through prayer and meditation.
2. Come ahead of time. It always takes a few minutes to settle down so our hearts can listen.
3. Keep an open mind. Remember you are not here to be entertained, but to find a new way of life.
4. Participate, don't just be a spectator. Healing comes not thru the wisdom of what we say, but thru the sharing of feelings.
5. Forget the faults of others and focus on your own inventory.
6. Listen attentively. Give the leader courteous understanding.
7. When the meeting is over, be warm and friendly afterwards and try to live what you have learned.

An Article from Florida Host Committee
Vol 4, No 1 Feb. 1970

IMPORTANT C.A.L. NEWS

You won't want to miss our new CAL (Conference Approved Literature). This pamphlet by our friend, Rev. J.L. Kellerman is called "Merry-Go-Round Named Denial" and it describes itself as presenting the family problem of alcoholism in a new way and throwing new light on many of it's dark and baffling features.

Order this 17 page pamphlet new from WSO at 20 cents a copy.

DR & AISL Reports

District 140: AISL & DR are visiting more groups in District (28 plus 3 Alateen groups). Had an Open Gratitude Dinner and a Day of Workshops. Planning a Closed Gratitude Dinner and 2008 Calendar Fundraiser. Generally 100 calendars are printed and sold at the dinner. New Groups:

- Palm City Serenity by the Garden, Palm City, Wed. 10:30 AM
- Una Puerta Abierta (Spanish), Port St. Lucie, Tue 7:00 PM
- Together We Can Make It Alateen, Jensen Beach, Wed 8 PM
- Hope Grace & Serenity, Vero Beach, Mon 5:30 PM

District 150: Had a Gratitude Dinner, & put Crying Bookmark Posters on 6 busses for the year. Involved in a lot of Public Outreach.

District 159: All positions are filled except Literature. All other positions are doing well. Alateen attendance is very light.

District 160: Will have posters on 50 buses for one month. Making packets to pass to professionals.

District 160 & 169: We have a very enthusiastic group of people who come together with one idea in mind, getting the word of Al-Anon out to our community. Still diligently seeking a venue for the Service Seminar for 2008.

District 180: Planning to put posters on busses. Other positions doing well. Alateen chair and Where & When chair had to step down. Two new Meetings:

- High Noon AFG, Tues at the Broward AIS
- Miracle In Me AFG, Christ Church in Ft. Lauderdale, Sat AM

One meeting has been disbanded—You Are Not Alone Had a Speaker's marathon in June, planning a Day of Workshops in Oct.

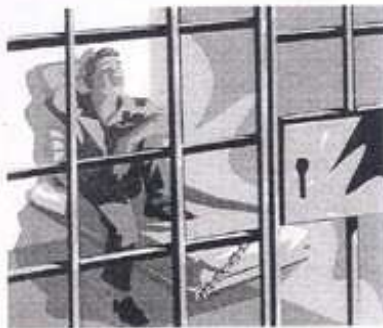
District 189: All is well. Day of Workshops in June was fantastic

District 190-200: Most of our positions are filled and doing well. Have 11 posters on the Metro rail in Spanish & English. Trying to make a contact at the Miami International Airport to place posters there. Planning a Sponsorship Workshop in Sept. 2007 and Serenity Weekend in Jan. 2008. We have a lending library of books and DVDs.

HELP WANTED!

Male Contacts for the Inmate Correspondence Service

What is the Inmate Correspondence Service?



The Inmate Correspondence Service links incarcerated Al-Anon members with members who attend Al-Anon meetings regularly. Letters sharing the Al-Anon program serve as a meeting and the Inmate Contact often serves as a Sponsor to the Inmate. The only requirement for participation in the Inmate Correspondence Service is to have been affected by someone else's drinking.

When an Inmate and an Inmate Contact exchange letters, they share their experiences and understanding of the Al-Anon program as well as how they are applying the Al-Anon principles in their daily lives. **The Inmate Correspondence Service is not a "Lonely Hearts Club" or a "Pen Pal Service".**

How Does It Work?

Male Inmates are assigned to male Al-Anon Contacts; female Inmates to female Contacts. Al-Anon Contacts do not reveal their full names or home addresses. They may use the WSO as their return address. Inmates send their letters to the Al-Anon Family Group Headquarters (WSO). The WSO forwards the letter to the Contact. The local **Al-Anon Information Service post office box** (not personal) may also be used with permission from the AIS.

The Al-Anon Contact's anonymity is maintained at all times.

Al-Anon Declaration

Let It Begin With Me

When anyone, anywhere, reaches out for help,
let the hand of Al-Anon and Alateen
always be there, and - *Let It Begin With Me.*

**The WSO currently
has Inmates waiting
for Contacts.**

For further information, please contact: wso@al-anon.org or
Al-Anon Family Group Headquarters, Inc., Attn: Special Services
1600 Corporate Landing Pkwy., Virginia Beach, VA 23454-5617, (757) 563-1600

Where Will It End?

- Anonymous -

I remember several years ago attending AWSC meetings & Assemblies where the topic for discussion was the translating equipment. This equipment would make it easier for Spanish speaking members to attend Assemblies & Conventions and feel comfortable and to understand what was going on. For several meetings the issue went back and forth due to the concern about who would pay for it, who would be responsible for holding it, and who would do the actual translating. We were assured by the members in favor of this issue that there would be no additional expenses after the purchase, as the translators would all be Al-Anon volunteers. Area purchased the equipment, declining a partial payment from Intergroup, as the equipment would belong to the Area.

Then the Assembly voted to add a Spanish Coordinator's position to the panel and pay all expenses, as it was deemed "necessary." The Spanish Coordinator would be responsible for the translation equipment and would have the responsibility to find translators. This coordinator would also be in contact with all the Spanish meetings in the Florida South Area.

The translating equipment was used at the 2006 Convention where one of the transmitters was lost. I am wondering if that transistor was found or replaced yet? Who is responsible for replacing it?

Spring Assembly 2007: A motion was made and passed by the Area Assembly that we pay the expenses (food, travel, & lodging) for translators to attend Assemblies

What Happened Here? We were assured that there would be no further expenses after purchasing the translation equipment. Seems to me that we have added quite a few new expenses since purchasing the equipment.

Now the concern is to have the Spanish report read in both English and Spanish. Why would this need to be done when we have a translator? Perhaps part of the confusion on these issues is due to new GR's who have joined the Assembly in the middle of the three-year panel. They would not have heard all the previous discussions on the issues before voting.

We have 27 languages spoken in Al-Anon. Are we prepared to accommodate them all the same way? Is all this expense really necessary for our Area?

Where will it end?

Service Commitment

Patte – District 150

There have been many times over the years, that other things have come up on the dates scheduled for Assemblies, District Meetings & AWSC Meetings. However, these dates are scheduled a year in advance so everyone knows when they are and can plan their lives and activities around them. I "ate" a round trip airline ticket because I forgot to check my service calendar before making the reservation. But, I had made the commitment to be at all the meetings; and so I was. It really saddens me to see how many people don't show up or even send an alternate after making the commitment to be an Officer, DR's, AISL, or GR for a three year panel.

The Al-Anon program is based on a triangle that has three parts: Recovery, Service & Unity. It is the commitment to service positions that I would like to see improve in our fellowship. This commitment is not only to our District and Area, but to ourselves. How much of a program are we working when we justify our actions for not doing what we have committed to do?

Importance of Service Sponsorship

-Anonymous-

I really believe that service sponsorship is the answer to the decline of service commitment to our program. I don't know about you but I was never interested in anything outside the meetings until I got a sponsor who was an active member of service. She gave me things to read that came from WSO (none of it made any sense to me at the time) and she invited me to the District meetings just to listen. She encouraged me to chair events & then she was my co-chair to help me out. If it weren't for her I would not have become involved outside of my group. I was not motivated nor did I have enough confidence to act on my own. She encourages me still after all our years together. She and I have different opinions on many issues but none of our differences affect our friendship & the special love we have for each other. The important thing is that she helped me use the whole program the way it was meant to be used. I would like to see more sponsors make this same commitment and do more to encourage their sponsees to become involved. Sadly, we are a bit lacking in strong service commitments today and Al-Anon cannot survive without service. My recovery lacks without service also. We need service sponsors! I have been blessed with many sponsees. They are all in service—some have done a lot more than I have. My sponsor helped me to become an active service sponsor to others. All my sponsees own a Service Manual and we use it because we love Al-Anon and because it holds the secret to our Serenity.

FLORIDA SOUTH . AREA 10. ELECTION PROCEDURES
(approved at the 2005 Spring Assembly)

I. ELIGIBLE CANDIDATES DEFINED:

A. **DELEGATE** All former & outgoing Florida South District Representatives who have previously served a full 3-year term as District Representative in Florida South and who have not previously served as Delegate for the Florida South Assembly.

B. **ALTERNATE DELEGATE** All former & outgoing Florida South District Representatives who have previously served a full 3-year term as a District Representative in Florida South and who have not previously served as Alternate Delegate for the Florida South Assembly.

C. **CHAIRPERSON** Anyone who has not already served a full term as chairperson for the Florida South Assembly and who is an outgoing or former District Representative of the Florida South Area. (Must have served a full 3-year term.)

D. **SECRETARY & TREASURER** Any outgoing or former Florida South District Representative, AISL or Coordinator who has served a full 3-year term in Florida South. No person shall serve as Secretary or Treasurer who has previously held that office for a full term in Florida South.

II. NUMBER OF VOTES NECESSARY TO ELECT:

A. Two-thirds (2/3) vote refers to (2/3) of the number of votes cast by registered voters for the Assembly who are present and voting.

B. A substantial unanimity of 60% of the total votes cast by registered voters for the Assembly who are present and voting.

III. STAFF AND EQUIPMENT REQUIRED:

A. **TELLERS:** Shall be non-voting members of the Assembly.

B. A large writing surface to display candidate, results and writing instruments.

C. Paper ballots.

IV. ELECTION PROCEDURES:

A. The Chairperson asks each eligible candidate if he or she is prepared (willing) to serve.

B. The names of all eligible and willing candidates are written on the board by the Tellers.

C. If the Chairperson/Acting Chairperson is a candidate for any office:

1. The Delegate will chair the election during that specific office election.

2. If the Delegate is not present or is a candidate, the first of the following who is not a candidate chairs the election for the specific office in which the Chairperson or Delegate is a candidate:

- a) Alternate Delegate
- b) Treasurer
- c) Secretary

3. If none of the officers qualify to chair, a Chairperson will be elected from volunteers among the outgoing District Representatives.

D. Ballots are distributed to voters for each vote taken.

E. All Incoming Group Representatives vote on paper ballots.

F. Votes are tallied by the Tellers on the board beside the candidates' names. (Candidates may remain in the room during election.)

V. ELECTION PROCEDURES: DELEGATE & ALTERNATE DELEGATE :

A. On any ballot, a candidate who receives 2/3) of the vote is elected.

B. If there are two or more candidates and 2/3 majority is not obtained on the first ballot, a second ballot is taken. A 2/3 majority is still necessary to elect.

C. If a 2/3 majority is not obtained on the second ballot, a third ballot is taken. A 2/3 majority is still necessary to elect.

D. If a 2/3 majority is not obtained on the third ballot, a fourth ballot is taken between the two candidates with the highest number of votes. A 2/3 majority is still necessary to elect.

F. If still no election occurs, the Chairperson asks for a motion that the choice be made by lot between the two high candidates. The first one drawn becomes the Delegate.

VI. ELECTION PROCEDURES: CHAIRPERSON, SECRETARY, TREASURER:

The procedures are the same as for the Delegate and Alternate Delegate, except a substantial unanimity of 60% of the votes is required.

VII. APPOINTMENT OF COORDINATORS (Public Information, Alateen, Institutions, Newsletter, Literature, CPC, Archivist, Group Records, and Webmaster)

A. A box for each job will be placed in the room (with guidelines alongside). Anyone who puts their name in the box has served at the Assembly level. Coordinators are then drawn at Assembly.

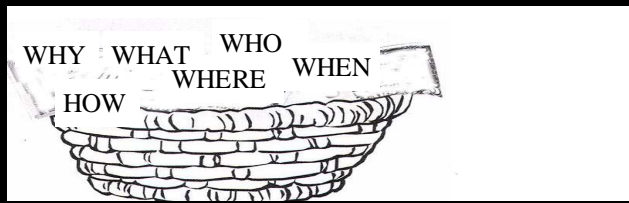
B. All persons requesting positions on the panel be present at election.

*****Working Tradition Seven*****

It is important to remember that regular contributions from each Group in the Area NO MATTER HOW SMALL will make a difference.

Please send your Area contributions to:
FLORIDA SOUTH AREA ASSEMBLY
P.O. BOX 112256
NAPLES, FLORIDA 34108

Write Group ID # on check.



ASK-IT-BASKET

Question: When sending email correspondence or any mail as a representative of Al-Anon, is it acceptable to disclose our place of employment, advertise our business, use business cards or letterheads, promote our personal business in any way while serving Al-Anon? Why or why not?

Answer: No. Tradition Six states the "Our Family Groups ought never endorse, finance or lend our name to any outside enterprise, lest problems of money, property and prestige divert us from our primary spiritual aim. Although a separate entity, we should always co-operate with Alcoholics Anonymous." In Paths to Recovery, pages 184-190, we learn that Al-Anon is a spiritual program with the goal of helping friends and family of alcoholics and we stay on track by focusing on just that. Outside of meetings and when not representing Al-Anon, members are free to endorse what they please. Orange juice is good; water is good. But if I keep pouring water into my orange juice, a little at a time, eventually, I will have something that is not really either. If I were to mix my service with promoting something else, I would dilute Al-Anon's purpose and it could slowly become something it is not intended to be. The slogan, "Mind your own business" helps me to live tradition six. I want Al-Anon to be a safe place where all members feel welcome. If I included information about another enterprise on my Al-Anon correspondence those who do not prefer that business may not feel comfortable. The best way to preserve our identity and keep Al-Anon a place where newcomers feel safe is to remain distinct from any other organizations.

Respectfully submitted,
Lisa S.
District 160

QUESTION FOR THE NEXT ISSUE

Who is qualified to vote at District-AIS Meetings?

I have found some information in the Al-Anon/Alateen Service Manual but not a clear answer to this question so I am asking for help from the DRs and AISLs in our Area. How are you handling this issue at your meetings? Since the decisions made at the District-AIS Levels affect our whole Area, I think it is important to have a clear answer to these District Level voting procedures.

If District-AIS meetings followed the example of the Florida South Area Assembly then only GRs, Alternates, or their qualified, temporary, representatives would be able to vote. Dual members of AA would not be considered qualified voting representatives & could not be GRs, Alternates, or Substitutes for either. Members (including GRs) may be actively holding other positions but I do not believe these other positions qualify them to vote. If they vote it is because they are also a GR or an Alt. GR.

The Al-Anon-Alateen Service Manual suggests that dual members do not vote "Outside the Group Level". **What is the definition of Group Level? Is a District meeting considered "At the group level" or is it "Outside the Group Level"?**

Each Group is autonomous except when it affects Al-Anon as a whole. Some of the "innocent" things we let slide at our District-AIS meetings do affect Al-Anon as a whole. I always thought that once the voting was moved Outside the Group Level, it became the sole privilege of the GRs, Alt GRs, or their group's appointed, temporary group representative.

Some District & AIS meetings are held separately. The responsibility of attendance & voting can be shared by the GRs & Alts. There are many service positions available at the District-AIS level such as Secretary & Treasurer. **In our District these positions are filled by any member of Al-Anon, including dual members of AA.** There is confusion as to who is qualified to vote in these meetings & who can hold these positions & whether the District meeting is considered Outside the Group Level. **When there is poor attendance by GRs at the District meeting is it okay to let other members in attendance vote because we need "bodies"?** Some members believe that if one is holding a position in District-AIS then it is ok to vote even if they are not a GR. Dual members are asked not to vote. Visitors who are not GRs may vote. I find this all very confusing. Seems to me that it would be simpler all the way around & less hassle for our dual membership if the voting was clearly defined and limited to GRs & Alternate GRs, like it is at the Area Assembly. **I would appreciate a response from our DRs & AISLs or anyone who can find these answers in our literature.**

Mary W

*Send your reply to Sunshiner46@hotmail.com
Please use CAL for your findings & include name & page numbers where your answers were found.*

AWSC REPORT
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- Discussed upcoming events
 - o 2008 World Service Conference – April 12-17, 2008 Stanford, Conn.
 - o 2008 Al-Anon International Conference – July 4-6 2008, Pittsburgh, PA
 - o 2010 AA International Convention – July 4th weekend, San Antonio, TX
 - o 2013 International Al-Anon Convention – location not announced at this time
- Pyramid Sponsorship was discussed. New sponsorship pamphlet will be coming out.
- Discussed 'CrossTalk' – CrossTalk is not an Al-Anon word/term. WSO has asked that the term CrossTalk be replaced. We are asked to find a more loving way to object to what is defined as crosstalk by our Groups.
- Newcomers Welcome was discussed. The Newcomers welcome was written by a Group and sent to WSO and it was then included in the group binders. It has been pulled out because of the wording. Not because it was not Conference Approved Literature. Nothing has come out to replace the welcome at this time but you are asked to talk to the newcomer one-on-one and continue to distribute newcomers packets.

Alternate Delegate's report was given by Debbie V.

- Concepts 7 and 8 will be discussed at Assembly. Please take this back to your groups and be prepared to discuss them.

- Thanks to everyone for relaying any room changes in a timely manner.

2007 Convention Report was given by Judy N. District 159

- As of August 8th the registration numbers are – Al-Anon members – 241, AA members 21, Alateen members 10 and Dual members – 15

- The final numbers for the banquet and ice cream social are needed by August 22nd.

- The rooms blocked by the hotel, 144, are sold out. Staybridge is the backup hotel which is two blocks away. The number is 239-643-8002.

Coordinators Report

Archives – given by Jeniffer D

- Asked all districts to bring a display board and a book to participate in the archives display at convention

- Archives articles are being put in the Sunshiner

- New books are being putting together to display and preserve the archives.

Webmaster – given by Becky E.

- Incorporated the new district map into the website

- Continues to work on getting the Area website user friendly for the visually impaired. Goal is to have this completed by Christmas.

- Please only one designated person from each district to contact her about any changes.

Sunshiner - given by Mary W.

- Next issue will be on the website only.

- October issue will be a mailing and posted online. Need articles of interest. The deadline is September 18, 2007 Step 11, the Traditions, the Concepts, and Cal are especially needed.

- Will be mailing 425 newsletters at 41 cents each totaling \$174.25

- DR's and AISL's are asked to participate in the Ask It Basket questions by emailing answers to her verified with CAL. The questions are –

.Who is qualified to vote at the District AIS meetings?

What is meant by "Dual members cannot vote beyond the group level?"

District/AIS considered beyond the group level?

Can members who are holding a position such as secretary, treasurer or an event chairperson in District/AIS vote, or is voting limited only to GR's and Alternate GR's and "qualified temporary reps" as it is done at the Area Assembly?

Literature – given by Judy N.

- Participated in a conference call with Tom C., Associate Director of Communications-Literature.

Agenda included:

- Usefulness of the literature catalog

- New book "Opening Our Hearts, Transforming Our Losses"
- Changes to "How Al-Anon Works" were explained.

- Changes made to "All Our affairs" and "From Survival to Recovery" to clean up some language.

- New CD of "Courage to Change" will not work with Microsoft Vista. Audio version will be available for \$60.

- E-Cal is up and running. They need animation, graphic, poetry and original music.

- Order form for literature only printed during June or July.

- Sharings for the new book "Our Recovery in Relationships" are needed. Sharings using Step 11, the Traditions, the Concepts, and Cal are especially needed.

Break was taken at 11:25. Meeting reconvened at 11:35 with a Moment of Silence followed by the Serenity Prayer.

Alateen – given by Margot

- Annual certified Alateen Sponsor list was submitted. There was a 21% decrease from one year ago

- Alateens 50th birthday – encourage interested parties to challenge groups to start an Alateen group.

- New WSO Alateen Director is Mary Lou

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Goal is to increase Alateen school meetings

- Recommendation to separate co-ordinator duties to Area Process Person and Coordinator

- Discussed the process to get an Alateen sponsor certified

- Asked for any issue that there maybe with the Alateen requirements so that the Ad Hoc committee can address them.

Public Outreach – given by Patte W
- PSA “Sketches” is available

- Report included details of the Public Outreach projects districts have been doing.

- Presented a poster and a fan that her district made from the “Crying Book Mark”

- They need male contacts for the inmate correspondence service. Contact wso@al-anon.org if you are interested.

Group Records – given by Alina V.
- Discussed volume of chances that are sent to her.

- When making changes use the Al-Anon Registration/Group Records change form. Send original to WSO and copies to Area Group Records Coordinator and District Representative

- 370 groups in South Florida are registered based on the area information

Lunch break taken at 12:40. Meeting reconvened at 2:09 with a Moment of Silence followed by the Serenity Prayer.

Motion # 3

Juanita C. from District 200 made a motion that the Alateen Co-ordinator job be split into 2 jobs. One for record keeping and one for coordinator duties – this is done in 80% of Areas. The motion was

second by Carol M. from District 159. There was a discussion and a vote was taken
Yes – 4 No -19 Abstain – 1
Motion did not pass

Breakout meetings for DRs, AISLs, Coordinators and Officers were held for 30 minutes.

Break was taken for 10 minutes. Meeting reconvened with a Moment of Silence followed by the Serenity Prayer.

Break out reports

DR Report – given by Liz G. District 160

- Discussed the different ways districts and information service communicate and work together.

- Discussed upcoming events and activities in their districts.

AISL Report – given by Nan A District 190/200

- Discussed Public Information projects such as ads on buses. Raised money through extra group donations.

- Discussed encouraging GIP’s to participate at Assembly and AWSC meetings.

- Discussed bringing the word to the professional community by contacting them and delivering literature and information about Al-Anon.

- Discussed how Alateen participation is down in some areas due to members getting older. Need to focus on bringing younger children along.

Coordinators Report – given by Patte W. Public Outreach Coordinator

- Discussed the problem of communication and how to get in touch with people

- How and if the Sunshiner is being used and read.

- How the website is being used.

- How it is necessary to send

changes onto the Coordinators

- How DR’s find out about new meeting. Alina will notify the DR’s of new meetings in their district when she receives the paperwork.

- How to distribute literature at Assembly more efficiently and effectively

Officers Report – given by Debbie V.

- Tax Id exemption was discussed. We are exempt from Federal Tax but not state tax

- Discussed the 2006 Federal Income Tax filing with the CPA.

- Discussed having the Alternate Delegate handle all non-profit issues and tax exempt issues.

- Discussed the By-Laws.

Tax Exempt Report

- Federal Government recognizes us a being tax exempt but we are not exempt from state sales tax at this time. The paperwork has been filed with the State of Florida.

- Filing of the 2008 The paperwork has been filed with the State of Florida.

- Filing of the 2006 tax returns. Information has been sent to the CPA. We are waiting for the CPA to contact Carol M. with the status of the filing.

- Postage meter information was presented by Debbie V. There is no discount on first class mail, only on bulk mail. The number of items we mail does not qualify us for bulk mail.

Motion # 4

Georgia C., Delegate, made a motion that the Florida South Area 10 retain the services of a CPA who is not affiliated in any way in our Al-Anon fellowship and we pay them reasonable and customary fees for their services. The motion was second by Cheryl A. from District 169.

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There was a discussion and a vote was taken

Yes – 25 No - 0 Abstain – 0
Motion passed unanimously.

Motion # 5

Stu M from District 180, made a motion that the duties of the Alternate Delegate also include coordinating all activities that pertain to the non-profit and tax exempt corporation effective immediately. The Alternate Delegate will also serve as the parliamentarian and time keeper at all Assemblies and AWSC meetings. The motion was second by Shirley W., Area Secretary

Vote was taken

Yes – 20 No—0- Abstain – 3
Motion passed.

Break was taken for 10 minutes. Meeting reconvened with a Moment of Silence followed by the Serenity Prayer.

Fall Assembly

- November 2-4, 2007 at the Clarion in Ft. Myers
- District 150 will do registration
- Items for GR folders needed by 6:00 PM

Election procedures were discussed.

- Coordinators need to provide guidelines of their job at the next AWSC meeting. Guidelines should include any special skills that are required to do the job.

Motion # 6

Kathy D. from District 140, made a motion that sentence 2 under Section VII/A read: Anyone who puts their name in the box has served at the Assembly level for a full 3 yr term in Florida South by the end of the panel. The motion was second by Judy N. Literature Coordinator.

Motion was discussed and vote was

taken

Yes – 13 No - 12 Abstain – 0
Motion passed and will be presented to the Assembly.

Motion # 7

Kelly G. from District 189, made a motion that we accept the entire election procedures as amended for presentation at the Fall Assembly. The motion was second by Alina V., Group Records Coordinator.

Motion was discussed and vote was taken

Yes – 25 No - 0 Abstain – 0
Motion passed.

2008 Service Seminar Report – given by Cheryl A.

- Discussed the cost and possibilities for a location to hold the seminar.

Break was taken for 10 minutes. Meeting reconvened at 5:50 PM with a Moment of Silence followed by the Serenity Prayer.

Motion # 8

Alina V. Group Records Coordinator, made a motion that the amended 2008 budget be accepted. The motion was second by Michael Sue J. from District 189

Verbal vote was taken
Motion passed unanimously

2008 Convention Report – given by Becky R.

- Jan 25th is the first executive committee meeting. A room for the convention meetings has been reserved starting in January or the 3rd Saturday of each month.

- The Spanish program is in need of a district to chair it.- The location is Ft. Lauderdale, the last weekend in September

- Contracts for the banquet and ice cream social have been completed

- Registration form has been completed

Alateen Conference

- 2007 report given by Michael SueThere were 41 Alateen and Al-Anon present. Saturday night there was a dance and a 50th birthday party for Alateen. The conference made a profit of \$XXXXX

- 2008 Conference chairperson Corey K will stand for the position at the next Assembly with Mark F as the co-chair.

Motion # 9

Juanita C. from District 200 made a motion that the South Florida area will have a Alateen Conference every year starting 2008. The motion was second by Barbara H. from District 190/200.

Vote was taken

Yes – 20 No - 3 Abstain – 1
Motion passed and will be presented to the Assembly.

Dinner break was taken at 6:45 PM The meeting reconvened at 8:36 PM with a Moment of Silence followed by the Serenity Prayer.

Quorum was established with 19 in attendance.

Motion # 10

Kathy D. from District 140, made a motion that the AWSC meetings be held Saturday to Sunday and that the turnover meeting be a day event. Members traveling more than 100 miles would be reimbursed by the Area for ½ their hotel room if they came on Friday night. The motion was second by Georgia, Delegate

Motion was discussed and vote was taken

Yes – 6 No - 15 Abstain – 0
Motion did not pass.

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Other Business

- Ad Hoc Committee for convention guidelines has requested guidelines from other areas and is waiting for responses. Committee will meet and discuss the current guidelines and bring recommendations back to AWSC.

- The Alateen Ad Hoc Committee status was discussed. The committee was asked to re-address the guidelines and attempt to streamline the APP duties.

- List of district contributions will be provided to DR's by Carol M., Treasurer.

Calendar of Events

FL South Convention August 24-26
Fall Assembly November 2- 4

Convention needs chairperson for workshops on Saturday at 8:00AM, Friday at 5:30PM and Sunday at 8:30AM.

Upcoming district events were announced.

Ideas in the suggestion box were read.

Meeting was adjourned by Juliette L. at 9:58 PM with the Serenity Prayer and Al-Anon Declaration.

Submitted by

Shirley W.
Area Secretary
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