

District 29 Minutes - February 5th, 2022 - Area 39

- **Present:** DR Laura L., Treasurer Pat H., Sandi D., Diane S., Clifton Springs, Al G., Victor Parents, Ann S., Pat H., Secretary, Kelly R-W, Penn Yan AFG, Stevan R., Cdga. Monday Noon.
- Meeting was opened with the Serenity Prayer
- Reading of the Traditions, Concepts, and Warranties
- Secretary's Report - minutes from January were revised and approved
- Treasurer's Report - Balance is \$494.97 - GR's voted to pay \$10, for now, for the meeting room and review the amount as we get further into the year and see what donations look like. Our treasurer will put together a recent and historical report regarding donations, expenses, and income. We will discuss what is a prudent reserve at our next meeting.

Old Business: We went over some of the findings from our District Inventory:

Goal is to generate more Group Representation at the District level, some ideas below:

- Communicate with other Districts to get information – share meeting minutes
- Rotate location of District meetings - we discussed the pluses and minuses of rotating.
- DR to visit groups to discuss service needs for our district. DR will report on progress.
- GR's can further contribute by suggesting topics for district meetings and ensuring their groups have a subscription to the Forum and acquiring a service sponsor.

Education goals:

Educate GR's and DR's and other members on their roles and responsibilities by reading Al-Anon service manual guidelines at District meetings. Periodically ask for training if anyone has needs or incorporate every meeting one new training topic

Meeting conduct:

Some members reported that there is dominance at our meeting: suggestion was to continue the practice of reading guidelines at meetings to avoid double dipping.

Our purpose as a District:

1. Communicate information from WSO, NYN, AIS, District and the Groups
2. Raise money for our district and AIS through Day of Sharing - we are considering a Day of Sharing in the Fall.
3. Support GR's in general ie: service questions, group concerns
4. District to establish long term goals and short-term goals

We discussed District 29's response to the NYN thought force on electronic meetings service positions. The district has concerns regarding people participating from other states, but would consider. Laura, our DR, sent the survey results from our district discussions to NYN.

New Business:

- GR guidelines (G-11) were handed out and it was mentioned that any Al-Anon or Alateen member who is willing to represent the group at the district and area assembly, and who is not also a member of AA, is eligible to serve as GR., and to please review these guidelines periodically.
- We reviewed security options for online meetings if a meeting is "zoom-bombed".
- We talked about the Spring Assembly - May 20th, 21st, 22nd. District 14 is hosting this electronic meeting and the theme is Hope For Today. New GR's were encouraged to attend the new GR meeting at Assembly.
- Finger Lakes Area Answering Service (FLAAS) - Al-Anon meeting schedule is being updated per Ann S.

Group Reports:

- Clifton Springs - closed - where to send money and literature? Diane is going to get in touch with past members to make the decision to finally disband. We referred to p. 59 in Service Manual - When a Group Disbands.
- Victor Friday ACA - closed - will send money to our district treasurer and set aside for starting another meeting in Victor.
- Victor Parents - hybrid, doing well.
- Cdga. Monday Noon is voting on a new GR.
- Penn Yan AFG doing well - meets electronically.

Next meeting on Saturday March 5th at 10:30 am

Meeting closed with the Al-Anon Declaration.

Gratefully, Pat H.

