

Al-Anon District 25
Monthly Business Meeting
August 11, 2022

Attendance

Juliana B, DR; Bill G, Treasurer; Bill K, Secretary; Sharon K, Ferndale Friday GR; Alycia H, Sea of Serenity GR; Kaz B, Touchstone GR and **Tech Admin**; Jerry B, Sunrise Super Glory GR; Peckie P, LDC; John B, Public Outreach Coord;

Opening

The meeting was opened at 6:37p with the Serenity Prayer. Welcome was read. Members volunteered to read the Traditions, Concepts, and the Warranties.

Secretary Report - Bill K

- the minutes reflect 5 suggested amendments that were discussed and agreed upon in 5 motions that all passed unanimously by the GR's (highlighted in red), and that file is attached at the **end** of this report.
- Motion to approve the minutes, as amended, was offered/seconded/unanimously approved.

Treasurer Report - Bill G

- Income 7th Trad (\$308); lit.sale (\$9); sav. Div, (\$1.70) Expenses - \$0.00. Net - \$318.70
- July 30 Fundraiser resulted in \$390 from raffle tickets; \$107 donations; \$63 lit. sales.
- A motion was made/seconded/unanimously approved to "Accept Area travel reimbursement figure of 59.5 cents/mile for DR".
- Following discussion, a motion to "Return \$100 contribution to Spiritual Breakfast Treasurer" was seconded and unanimously approved.
- Copy of "Approved D25 Financial Practices" included for future reference.
- Motion to accept Treasurer Rpt as amended was seconded and unanimously approved.

Group Reports (4 GR's attending)

- ▶ Sunrise Super Glory (Jerry B, GR) Averaging 15 members, split evenly between in-person and virtual using the hybrid format.
- ▶ Ferndale Friday (Sharon K, GR) Continuing Zoom only with 9-10 attending. Holding sporadic social gatherings in Elizabeth Park.
- ▶ Sea of Serenity (Alycia H, GR) Attendance of up to 20, with the split between in-person and virtual fluctuating while using hybrid format. The group voted to support discontinuing D25 FaceBook acct. Vote to make service arm donations resulted in amounts exceeding what budget had projected for the entire year.
- ▶ Touchstone (Kaz B, GR) Zoom only with geographically widespread attendance of at least 20. Reported that recent biz mtg had voted to make an additional \$500 donation to D25.

DR Report (Juliana B)

- At AWSC, four suggested motions for Fall Assembly were considered: 2 passed and 2 failed. Final copies of those to be considered will be sent to GR's so group conscience can be determined.

- Updating Group records procedure reported: "GR's are to contact Group Records Coordinator (Yvette) group-records-@wa-al-anon.org and she will update A59 and WSO sites". Motion: "GR's will report any group meeting changes to D25 TA for publishing to D25 website and passing along to Area Group Records Coordinator for Area and WSO web updates. GR is responsible for checking all 3 website periodically and following up with D25 TA for corrections and applicable communication to Area and/or WSO." Seconded/unanimously approved

- Status of Global Electronic Meeting (GEM) and Permanent Electronic Meeting reported. GR's to take details of PEM to groups for discussion as they will be voting on this at Fall Assy.

- Peaceful Waters group status motion: "Change status of Peaceful Waters from active to inactive at Area and WSO; Bank account stays as it is until Peaceful Waters members take a group conscience." Discussion. Motion seconded and approved unanimously.

Committee Reports

- ▶ District Alateen Coord - no report
- ▶ Lit Disturb. Center Peckie P
 - Current D25 Literature Inventory was presented by Peckie. Value: \$1851.80
 - Current Alateen Inventory held by Julie E. Value: \$207.50
 - Total D25 Inventory value: \$2059.30
 - New Al-Anon/Alateen Service Manual electronic version available now; printed version forthcoming. Discussion determined that LDC will not order printed versions for each group prior to being requested to do so as (attending) GR's indicated virtual preference. In response to query from DR whether projected income from lit. sales would be reached, Treasurer reported that current sales already exceed projected figure.
- ▶ Public Outreach Coordinator John B
 - Anticipating an opportunity for an Al-Anon presentation as part of the 'Wellness Wednesdays' program at WWU, perhaps in October. Contact with the Counseling and Wellness Center (Gwen Koenig) is on-going.
 - 4 D25 members will be covering 9.4.22 shifts at the Al-Anon booth at the State Fair.
 - With the recent WSO Survey reporting that 41% of those responding say behavioral health counselor recommendations is why they came to Al-Anon, an effort will be resumed on outreach to such providers as well as to treatment and correction facilities.
- ▶ Tech Admin Kaz B
 - To further clarify the duties of the TA, a motion was made:
"Group Rep (GR) will report any group meeting changes to District 25 (D25) Technology Administrator (TA) for publishing to D25 website. D25 TA will pass that info. along to Area Group Records Coordinator who will update Area website and pass along to WSO for their web update. GR is responsible for checking all 3 website periodically. If changes are necessary, GR will correspond with D25 TA those changes for cascade to all sites as aforementioned." The resulting motion was seconded and unanimously approved.
 - A motion: "On the Contact page of the website, the Webmaster listing will be removed" was made/seconded/unanimously approved.
 - A motion to remove the District FaceBook page was determined to be unnecessary as the page had already been taken down by the previous web coordinator.
- ▶ Fundraiser Committee
 - \$390 raffle ticket sales and \$107 donations. Donation total goes to church - rental.
 - \$1100 budget shortfall; minus \$390 fundraiser income; \$710 is new goal.
 - Nancy F is stepping down from committee.

Old Business

- standard info re: D24/Area59/WSO vacancies
- standard info re: opportunities for submissions to The Forum and to WA Wanderings

New Business

- Budget Comm - volunteers, starting date, deadline for GR approval: begin to focus.
- District /Service Manual - discussion: delay until new GR's have 1 year experience.
- Bakerstock - no new info about "AA event with Al-Anon participation" received.

Closing

The meeting was closed at 8:39pm with the Al-Anon Declaration

Respectfully submitted, Bill K - secretary

▶▶ Amended minutes - corrections/additions in red below ◀◀

Al-Anon District 25
Monthly Business Meeting
July 14, 2022

Attendance

Juliana B, DR; Bill K, Secretary; Julie E, Alateen Coord; Nancy F, Hope for Today GR; Sharon K, Ferndale Friday GR; Molly U, Happy Hour GR; Alycia H, Sea of Serenity GR; Kaz B, Touchstone GR and Information **Tech Admin**; Joy P, B.C. visitor.

Opening

The meeting was opened at 6:31p with the Serenity Prayer. Welcome was read. Members volunteered to read the Steps, Traditions, Concepts, and the Warranties.

Secretary Report - Bill K

With no additions or corrections the June, 2022 minutes were unanimously approved by GR's.

Treasurer Report - (written summary provided/reviewed)

- Income: 7th Trad = \$25; phone cancellation = \$25.49
- Expenses: \$0.00
- Net: \$50.49
- ▶ Treasury Report spreadsheet modified to reflect recently approved financial realignment. This permits excess funds for donations and special projects to now be tracked and shown.
- ▶ Contributions to Area (\$1953) and WSO (\$2929) were noted.
- ▶ Necessary transfer of \$1677.65 from checking acct to Excess Fund acct to reflect level of \$4882.00 that was recently approved.
 - a motion was made, 2nd, and unanimously approved to accept written report as submitted

Group Reports

- Hope for Today (Nancy F - GR) No report
- Happy Hour (Molly U - GR) Still operating with concurrent format. Doing fine. Indicated likely upcoming agenda items.
 - Ferndale Friday (Sharon K - GR) Remains on Zoom with 9-12 attendees. Considering in-person social events at Elizabeth Park. Plan for a raffle basket for upcoming fundraising event.
 - Sea of Serenity (Alycia H - GR) Hybrid format continues with 10-15 attendees (5 in person and 5-10 on Zoom). Aiming at 3 baskets for fundraiser. Requested input from other Groups on formulas used for donations to service arms.
 - Touchstone Men's (Kaz B - GR) Remains Zoom only with low-mid 20's attending. Will attempt to get basket for fundraiser or vote to make cash donation.

DR Report - Juliana B

- Has been nominated to serve on Area budget committee, and will volunteer at Fall Assy.
- AWSC (8/6/22) will be at Ocean Shores; anticipating \$120 for motel + meals and travel.
- Fall Assembly (10/7-9/22) will be at Moses Lake; estimating expenses of around \$300.
- Remind Groups that DR is available to attend monthly business meetings.

- Nongeographical Electronic Meetings now have an Area Chair. Guidelines are being written for Area participation.

Committee Reports

District Alateen Coord. - Julie E

- June report included again in this month's agenda.
- All GR's attending have been given the "job description" for the Alateen Point Person, and they are requested to attempt to create that service position in every Group in order to assist Julie in getting an in-person Alateen meeting established in D25. They are asked to contact her by email with questions so as to get Point Persons in place during August-September.

Literature Distribution Center - Peckie P (written report submitted)

- work on requested literature continues

Public Outreach Coordinator - John B (written report submitted)

- no committee meeting this past month
- a 're-set' committee meeting on outreach efforts anticipated in July-August

Information Technology Administrator - Kaz B

► From written report included in the agenda, the following were discussed by members:

- Three recommendations from the ITA

1) Immediate

There currently exists several overlapping and redundant gmail addresses. These may incur additional cost, are confusing, offer no usefulness, and potentially may allow security compromises.

A motion was offered: "The ITA will terminate all gmail addresses that exist outside of the whatcomafg.org domain." There was a 2nd, and the motion was unanimously approved.

2) Secondary

With significant effort and research, and with the help of Lithium (the current website host), Kaz restored access to the D25 website following a 2-day outage in early July.

Arising in discussion, Kaz indicated he would be updating the site in order to maintain and improve site security and minimize the possibility of future outages.

The District has not contracted with the site host for outside assistance, thus Kaz will be doing this work over a period of time.

3) Longer term

Revisiting the usefulness of the existing website with its WordPress complexity (updating and maintaining and security uncertainty), and also the pros and cons of transitioning to an alternate web host as discussed in prior District meetings - both deserve attention when 1) and 2) are satisfactorily in place.

► Existing FaceBook account:

- Discussion revealed "mischief" through the acct was unlikely because access to it is very limited.

- However - safe or unsafe - almost no one is posting on the page over the past year.

- The site was described as "not healthy".

- No action was taken. Topic to be revisited at August meeting.

► Clarification of ITA "job description"

- There is a desire to determine - as "gatekeeper" and as "editor"- what material the ITA has at their discretion that they can add/change/update versus actions that must be presented (through KBDM?) for consensus and authorization of the GR's.

- There was no discussion of this item.

Fundraise Committee - Nancy F

- The flyer for the July 30 event was shared; GR's asked to announce event and share flyer.

- All Groups are asked to create raffle **basket** (to be delivered to the event).
- Rick W (Ferndale) will be the AA speaker. The AI-Anon speaker is being recruited.
- Peckie P (LDC) and John B (POC) have been invited to attend, share info about Literature and Outreach efforts, provide info relating to opportunities for service, and have literature for sale during the event. [Both subsequently indicated they will be attending/sharing]

Old Business

- Open positions at the District, Area, and WSO levels were reported.

New Business

►Peaceful Waters Group:

- Kaz B is technically still the Group treasurer and he reported the following:
 - **At least 4 members/officers of PW have been contacted by D25 DR and others. None of them feel they can speak for the group and they are not amenable to getting folx together to reconvene and f/u w status/bank account, etc.**
 - **Kaz reports that he deposited 7th Trad income collected fr earlier meetings and the account balance is now over \$500 and will not decline as long as it remains over \$500.**
 - Statements continue to come to him from the bank.
 - He can monitor balances, but he has no group conscience authorization to take any action.
- Very few meetings since COVID began, and none since last winter.
- The old in-person meeting site would not be available going forward.
- No action was taken. Instead Juliana B offered to research/report back if any other Districts had had similar situations that offered D25 insight in moving ahead with updating the status of Peaceful Waters in AI-Anon records and with re-allocating the existing funds.

►Accurate and Updated D25 info available on all 3 AI-Anon level websites:

- The topic was not addressed through member discussion.
- However, notes included on the agenda stressed importance to newcomers - and to all - that individual Groups need to make sure their meeting info is accurate on whatcomafg.org and other service arms as needed by contacting DR or ITA so all sites reflect correct info. **We have not made a decision to include GRs contacting TA for A59/WSO record keeping. Our model since 1/2022 has been for DR to ask GRs to contact A59/WSO to make changes as they come up. DR has been assisting w oversigt, providing WSO info and problem-solving.**
- Upcoming AA Bakerstock event:
 - AI-Anon members had contacted AA committee to ascertain if this event would be "An AA event with AI-Anon participation". DR was told that that was most likely their intention, but that the committee had not determined that officially at this time.
 - Without that certainty, individual Groups would have autonomy on how/whether they would announce and promote it.
 - It was pointed out that Bakerstock precisely overlaps the AI-Anon Speakers Convention.

Service Topic Discussion - none

Closing

The meeting was closed early at 7:47p with the AI-Anon Declaration

Respectfully submitted, Bill K - secretary