**District 19 Minutes of March 13, 2021 on Zoom**

Corrections made 3/19/21

The meeting was opened at 1:00 by Mary with a moment of silence followed by the Serenity Prayer.

The Steps were Read by Liz

The Traditions were read by Kathy B.­­

The Concepts were read by Sharon

The timekeeper was Kathy B.

Introductions: A total of 23­­ members were present; including 8 Coordinators and 10 GR’s.

Mary introduced “the wave or jazz hand” response to use instead of using our hands to clap. The hearing-impaired use this as a hello, thank you and applause. Many people used this during the meeting rather than everyone speaking over everyone else to say hello or thank you.

Jody read Concept Three and shared her experience, strength and hope by reading out of “Reaching for Personal Freedom” workbook. Cecly, Carlotta, Ellen K. and Frank commented how they use Concept three in their lives.

Billy went over the voting procedures and the raised hand feature and also (via the chat) reminded everyone of the NCWSA Convention that will be held September 17-19, 2021 at the DoubleTree Hotel in Sacramento.

**VOTING**: Mary asked for opinions from the Coordinators (8) if they would be interested in meeting amongst themselves on a quarterly basis to glean information or to share E/S/H. Passed by majority vote.

Mary then asked if the Group Reps (10) if they would be interested in meeting amongst themselves on a quarterly basis to do the same. This was passed by majority vote as well.

DR Mary asked all of us what kind of workshops would interest them for the future meetings. She asked that suggestions be mailed to her at [rep@southvalleyalanon.org](mailto:rep@southvalleyalanon.org). She would also like us to bring this back to our groups for suggestions as well. Her hope is to have all members of D19 involved in all our workshops.

**BREAK (***during this time some members mentioned that they could not log onto the zoom meeting this morning, nor could they find the information. I responded that the ID and password are on the agenda that I send out a week or two in advance. There were also questions of what email address they were sent to. Cecly advised that the website (*[*click here*](http://southvalleyalanon.org/) *) under the members tab, has all this info and then some. Thank you Cecly! She also asked that anyone who wishes to be on the email distribution list email her at* [web@southvalleyalanon.org](http://web@southvalleyalanon.org) )

**NEW BUSINESS**

**Treasury Report:** Frank reported that we are up $1705.06 over last year’s total amount. He is also very grateful when members bring something to his attention as this means we are reviewing his reports!

**Open Positions:** Helen R. stood for and was unanimously voted in as the District DAPP (District Alateen Process Person). Thank you, Helen! Also, Ellen K. was unanimously voted in as Alt. Literature Coordinator. Congratulations Ellen!

**Updated Bylaws and Guidelines:** Mary thanked everyone who was on the committee for the last three years for their hard work and commitment to revise these two important documents.

* Jody commented that she was on the Guidelines committee many years ago and they were not originally adopted by the District. They were only guidelines and/or suggestions of things you can do, but don’t have to do. Over time they became adopted, and the reasoning is they are just suggestions of ways to do a job and falls under our Third Concept.
* Cecly commented that the previous guidelines were last adopted back in 2014 and this is just a formality, that we adopt these Guidelines as the replacement of the 2014 body of work, and that there are “no musts” in Al-Anon.

Separately and with unanimity, both these bodies of work were approved and adopted.

**GR and Coordinator Reports “Successes and Challenges”.** Mary asked that those who wish to share to use the raised hand feature to give their report.

Billy, Cecly, Zen, Liz, David, Jody, Monique, Ampara, Rose T and Kathy D shared.

**\*\*\* *It was at this point that, unbeknownst to me, my recording went blank for the duration of the meeting and therefor I only recalled from memory what was said. My sincerest apologies to all.)***

What I can recall is:

* Cecly spoke about her continued work in updating the website with more content and asks that she be contacted if any group announcements be sent to her to add.
* Zen commented that she feels at home being the Alt. Archives Coordinator and met with Carlotta to physically look at what is there.
* Liz shared that as Group Records Coordinator, she will be sending out update forms to be reviewed and corrected as needed.
* David is settling in as Literature Coordinator and that he has 300 copies of “Al-Anon Faces Alcoholism” pamphlets (200 in English and 100 in Spanish) and can send them out to us by request.
* Rose T spoke of the wonderful tools that she as the new Information Line Coordinator. People leaving a message on the voice mail will automatically forwarded to her phone and email address for timely responses.
* Ampara stated that on Saturday March 27, 2021 from 12-1pm, the Hanford meeting will have a phone speaker meeting featuring Mary O. Please see the District Calendar [here](http://southvalleyalanon.org/event/hanfordnoonevent/) for additional information.
* Kathy D spoke about how she has been attending some meetings outside of Visalia and remarked that before Zoom, she would not have done so. She also commented that as GR for the Friday Morning Visalia meeting, the attendance has sharply dropped and is asking for support. It meets from 11:30-1:30 pm every Friday.

Mary O closed the meeting at 3:01 pm with the AlAnon Declaration.

Respectfully Submitted,

Kathy D, Secretary