

District 19 Business Meeting Minutes
November 12, 2022

Mary O. opened the meeting at 1:00 with the Serenity Prayer.

The Steps were read by Ellen, the Traditions by Patty H., and the Concepts by Jody

9 Group Reps were in attendance.

Members shared their experience, strength and hope regarding Tradition 11 with readings from Reaching for Personal Freedom, ODAT and Hope for Today.

October's business meeting minutes were voted on and approved with unanimity.

Treasurer Report: Kathy B is absent today due to a family matter, so no report was given. However, Mary O reported that things are moving right along with our bookkeeper, Kim. The contract has been signed by the Officers and everything else will be in place shortly.

Our District still has open positions available. This includes Special Events, Web Coordinator and Outreach Coordinator.

Mary O discussed the difference between a Thought Force (the thinkers) and a Task Force (the Do'ers). Mary is asking that we all become familiar with these terms by reading page 71 in our Service Manual.

October Assembly: GRs shared their highlights from the weekend from a zoom and in-person perspective. All agreed it was a great Assembly!

What would you like to see in 2023? This question was put forward to the group by Mary O. Suggestions included a workshop on grief/loss of an alcoholic loved one, and a workshop about encouraging service at the group or district level. Other suggestions included a district wide BBQ, Bell Ringers (fun Al-Anon facts shared throughout meetings), a wacky-hat day contest and Bunko. If you have any suggestions, please let Mary know.

Reports:

District Rep: Mary announced that registration for the Al-Anon International Convention is now open. This convention happens only every 5 years and will be held June 29, 2023, through July 2, 2023. Register early as the price increases in January and again in May. [Register Here](#)

- All information presented at the Assembly will be in the 12 Stepper (via NCWSA) which comes out next Spring.
- As DR she is on a distribution list from WSO which includes all DR's throughout the organization. Recently she received a literature communication regarding E-Books. The ODAT, for example, was not developed by WSO in eBook formation. Somebody else put

that out there and therefore proceeds go to that somebody else. The WSO attorneys are preparing to sue this developer for copyright violation and taking our literature and making a profit from it. As was stated earlier by Ellen, you can purchase your literature from our literature depot or from WSO (<https://ecomm.al-anon.org>).

- The Zoom platform is still open in WSO and there aren't any deadlines to end this. Hybrid meetings are still acceptable but if your group decides they want to strictly be electronic only on a permanent basis, a new WSO number will have to be applied for. NCWSA is working on policies to accept permanent electronic meetings at the Area level with the details it involves. WSO already has policies in place for electronic meetings and has representation at WSO.

Archives: Carlotta reminded everyone that the guidelines on submitting something for the archives project can be found on our website (southvalleyanon.org) or by clicking [Here](#) .

Group Records/Meeting Lists: Liz reports that the WSO has been sending out their annual Update Form to all GRs/CMA's. Please complete, return to WSO and advise Liz of any changes to your group.

- She also completed a reconciliation of meetings between WSO's list and our district meeting list and has removed three meetings as WSO does not show them as meeting any longer. They are the Sunday Reedley AFG, the Tuesday Madera Spanish AFG and the Wednesday Porterville Spanish AFG. If you think they should be on the list, or have other information, please let her know.
- Since the beginning of her term, Liz has been unable to connect with two Spanish meetings. One is a Hanford meeting that says it meets 3 times/week and the other is the Selma meeting that has been on hold status since the pandemic. If anyone can reach out to these groups and get their status and contact information, please let Liz know. Her email is group.records@southvalleyanon.org.

Tuesday Night New Lifers AFG Fresno: Patty reported that this is a book study group, and they are currently reading out of *Opening Our Hearts, Transforming Our Losses*. Newcomers continue to trickle in and out and the meetings have 6-12 members attending weekly.

Saturday Morning Women's AFG Fresno: Ellen reports that this is an in-person, well-attended meeting and they celebrate Al-Anon birthdays on the fourth Saturday of the month. If you missed your birthday month you can still get a chip at any future birthday meeting.

Alternate Literature: Ellen is reminding groups that at the Assembly it was mentioned that literature sales are the main source of income for WSO, therefore, if you or your group needs literature, please get it from our literature depot and avoid sites such as Amazon.

Thursday Night Serenity Beginners Fresno: David announced that effective December 1, this meeting will start earlier for the winter. Meeting time is 6:30-8:00 PM and it has been updated on our website.

Sunday Night Straight Talk Book Study: Jody says this meeting will continue to be on ZOOM for the time being. Attendance is anywhere from 4-12 members.

Clovis Thursday Night Topic Meeting: Anita states this meeting continues to grow with newcomers and that there is a speaker meeting every other month.

Courage to Change Saturday Fresno: Teresa reported that this is still a hybrid meeting and it is going very well. They are currently reading the book, How Al-Anon Works. Also, this group will be hosting the Archives Meeting Workshop on March 11, 2023 and are looking forward to this opportunity.

Web Coordinator: Cecly is still looking for someone to take on this position but in the meantime, she is happy to continue fulfilling the role. She is working on her goal of being able to use a program such as Google Translate to allow for our website to be read in different languages. Any information or changes that need to be attended to, she will take care of quickly to keep the website as up to date as possible.

Friday Survival to Recovery AFG Visalia: Kathy D reports that this meeting is going strong with longtime members with years of ESH. Numbers have been small lately due to illness, vacation, etc. She is also serving as interim treasurer for the group and is hopeful someone will step up soon.

Saturday Late Bloomers AFG Visalia: Kathy D is filling in while GR Bill has been away. It is still a hybrid meeting with more and more members attending in person. Bill's term as GR ends at the end of this year so this and other service positions will need filling.

Mary thanked everyone for attending today and the meeting was closed at 3:00 pm with the Al-Anon Declaration.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathy D., Secretary

