

AFG
District 19 June 10, 2023
Business Meeting

*Meeting started at 1:00pm with the Serenity Prayer followed by readings of the Twelve Steps, 12 Traditions and the 12 Concepts of Service.

*Three Volunteers read thoughts from our Literature reflecting on Step 6, Tradition 6 and Concept 6. The Literature used were; Alateen-a day at a time, Courage to Change and Reaching for Personal Freedom.

*Roll call was taken of our GRs and a vote to approve the last Business meeting was approved as written and distributed without change.

*A kind Introduction of our Area guests Julie E.. our Area Alateen Coordinator and Jen A. our Area Alateen Process Person by Billy W. District 19 Alateen Coordinator.

*These links of service offered their Experience, Strength and Hope along with the wisdom our Service Manual has to offer regarding who is a member of Al-Anon.

***Highlights from Jen A.:**

Tradition 3

The only requirement for membership is that there be a problem of alcoholism in a relative or friend.

“Anyone belongs in the rooms of Al-Anon. 40 year Old women, a 70 year old man or a 16 year old kid.”

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All Al-Anon Family Group meetings welcome anyone who believes that his/her life has been affected by someone else’s drinking, either currently or in the past. By the consent of participants, an Al-Anon group may choose to designate its meeting attendees as “Families, Friends, and Observers (Welcome)” or “Families and Friends Only.”

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WSO Registration Process

The WSO will register a group with the understanding that the group will abide by the Al-Anon Traditions and not affiliate with or endorse any outside entity or practice. This brings us back to Tradition 3. Al-Anon meetings are open to anyone.

“It is up to an young person/Alateen to decide what meeting they want to go to on any given day”

Highlights from Julie E.:

Pg. 85 From the Service Manual

Membership Eligibility

Anyone who feels his personal life is, or has been, deeply affected by close contact with a problem drinker is eligible for membership in Al-Anon/Alateen. (see "Al-Anon as It Relates to Others"; Dilution of the Al-Anon Program": "Families with Related Problems.")

As the name implies, Alateen is designed for members in their teens. Alateens are members of the Al-Anon fellowship. Where there is no Alateen meeting available, young people are encouraged to attend Al-Anon meetings. (See the Alateen Policy)

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Alateen Policy

Which is written in accordance with Tradition 3 and Tradition 4 (Each group should be autonomous, except in matters affecting other Alateens and Al-Anon Family Groups or AA as a whole.)

"If a Teen wishes to attend and no one shows they can have a choice to go to an Al-Anon Meeting." "we are sending our teens out to the world without recovery"

Highlight from Billy W.

Transition to Al-anon (aging out of Al-Ateen) more favorable if they have been in the Al-Anon rooms.

Alateen members are Alateens if they attend Alateen events. They are Al-Anons if they attend Al-Anon. They make the decision. Every Alateen is an Al-Anon.

In our District there is only one Alateen meeting, If your group wants to open an Alateen meeting and wants support please contact Helen R. Our District Process Person to become an Al-Anon Member Involved in Alateen Service (AMIAS) or Billy W. District Alateen Coordinator. alateen@southvalleyalanon.org

"Alateen Program Needs good service Hearts" Jen A.

New Biz

Our Panel/term is wrapping up at the end of this year and we will be seeking/needng service positions to be filled. Elections will be in September with rotation to start in January 2024. Current and past Members shared their Gift of being of service and gratitude. Some comments were:

"Willing to be Willing"

"If you think you can't do it you probably can"

“When I got busy I got Better”

Permanent electronic meetings and are we going to be able to welcome them in our district. What will it take to include them to our district business meetings so they have a voice and are in the loop. Starting the conversation while Area is developing a policy with a task force and this policy will be presented at the October Assembly for discussion and vote.

Kathy D. District 19 Secretary has graciously submitted a note of resignation with gratitude for the opportunity to serve during this panel. Thank you Kathy D. for a job well done. We appreciate you.

Coordinator Reports:

David R, our Literature coordinator will be selling literature at the October Assembly. An inventory program has been put in place with the help of Kim H. this system will help keep track of sales.

Archives Coordinator

Carlotta has reported that Archive documents are trickling in from groups/members to be placed in our archives. The archives document is on our Web page southvalleyalanon.org under the members tab. Hope to have your info by the end of the year.

Group Records and Meeting List Coordinator

Liz reported that meeting list changes have slowed down. There is one meeting that has gone totally back to zoom. This has been updated. We have three meetings that are only Zoom.

Web Coordinator

Cecly reported that Area is offering training on how to develop a website. The platform is much like the WSO Website. Area is offering support till 2025. Any questions Cecly is the link of service for Web.

We closed the meeting at 3pm with the AI-Anon Declaration

Thank You everyone who attended

Submitted by

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Note: If there is anything that needs amending to these minutes please let me know before the next biz meeting. Please submit to: rep@southvalleyalanon.org