

District 19 and 20

Minutes

Of

October 13, 2018 meeting

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Sally B. and Jorinda opened with the Serenity Prayer recited by all

Traditions read by Judy F of Serenity AFG

Concepts read by our guest Patrick

The Sign-in sheet was passed around for everyone to sign in and verify that their group information is correct.

The minutes from August 2018 were read and corrections made as follows:

(under workshop remove statement Sally will talk to Assembly in November to see if they want to do it. Also, change Progress Not Perfection’s new Tuesday meeting time is 11:30 AM not 1:00PM)

Motion to accept Minutes as corrected by Guy R and seconded by Tami L. and approved

The District Treasurer was unavailable, but a report was offered- see attached report.

Deb M. LDC co-manager gave the LDC report; \$1600 in sales, \$13.00 in donations

Wichita Information Service Treasurer’s report was given by Deb M. for August and September, she had to transfer \$100 from savings to checking to pay WIS bills. She also noted that donations are way down.

This lead to a discussion of setting a Prudent Reserve for WIS, which was tabled at the previous District meeting. The WIS Treasurer reported that the annual fixed expenses were \$600.

After much discussion Mary J moved that we set \$600 as Prudent Reserve for WIS. It was seconded by Janice S. Motion and approved with one nay vote.

\$600 is to be kept in the savings account as the fiscal prudent reserve.

A report on progress of the retractable display panels was given with the information that the picture from the Al-Anon bookmark could not be used since WSO would not give permission for it's use. So, we are discussing available options with the people who are designing the panels for us.

It was also announced that both Mary Jo, as WIS Chair and Deb M as WIS Treasurer would be stepping down at the end of this cycle, December 2020 so please begin thinking about volunteering for these positions and let all your members know that these positions will be available

The every other month distributing of old Forums to a local hospital's waiting rooms has begun; see the list below:

December 2018: Progress Not Perfection-Galicia (Wesley Woodlawn) Done!!!

February 2019: New Beginnings-Kansas Surgery and Recovery

April 2019: Men's Group-The VA hospital

June 2019: Finding Hope-St. Teresa

August 2019: available

October 2019: available

December 2019: available

Available hospitals:

Wesley -Main; 550 N. Hillside

Via Christi-St. Francis 929 N. St Francis

KS Heart Hospital 3601 N. Webb Rd.

Via Christi St Joseph 3600 E. Harry

KS pine Hospital 3333N. Webb Rd

Via Christi Rehab 1151N Rock Rd

Center for Same Day Surgery 818 N. Emporia

Your GR can contact either Mary Jo (316-648-2709) or Jorinda at the LDC for labels and old Forums to “forget” in waiting rooms and lobbies of your chosen hospital.

Volunteer opportunities with WIS: Monday and Friday slots are still available with the Answering Service. Contact Mary Jo if you would like to serve Al-Anon in this area. Her contact is 316-648-2709. Thank you.

Catalina gave a brief report about the Spanish National Convention, just held October 27 and 28 here in Wichita. She said the final tallies have not been completed yet. But they believe there were about 250 people who attended. Our own Delegate Phil G was warmly welcome as he shared his journey with those attending. The volunteers also sold about \$500 worth of literature. Those who attended gave high praise to all the work the volunteers did, very excellent.

Big cheer to everyone who helped put on such a superb convention.

Job well done ladies and gentlemen.

A discussion about presenting a workshop for the District was held with the conclusion reached to move the proposed date to February 16, 2019. Sally B., Lucy C., and Tami L. volunteered to be the committee to prepare the workshop on the subject “What does Love look like Before and After Al-Anon”.

Our guest, Patrick, then took the floor and shared his experiences with taking Al-Anon into the prison setting. He also proposed developing a prison outreach to El-Dorado prison. He mentioned that the prison authorities say they are planning to build a transitional facility to ease the transition from prison to freedom.

Patrick reiterated that if there was the interest, he would be glad to help pursue developing an Al- Anon group there.

Sally B, the DR for District 20, did the “Ask-it Basket”

1. What is the length of service for a Group Representative?
Usually 3 years
2. What does Area World Service Committee do for local groups?

Supports the GR in each local group and plans Area and Assembly business and activities

The meeting was closed with the Al-Anon Declaration “Let it begin with me, If anyone anywhere reaches out for help, let the hand of Al-Anon and Alateen always be there, and Let It Begin With Me”

Respectfully submitted In Service

Mary Jo Lee

Substitute Secretary

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