

DISTRICT 6 AL-ANON- DISTRICT MEETING September 12th, 2021

Present: Genevieve (Jenni) Hogan, District representative

Scott R, Secretary & GR; Carol B, Treasurer; Judy D, Literature Co

George A, Website Co; Ree M, Answering Service

Randi B, GR	Tara M, GR	Linda B, GR	Maureen F GR	Diana O.	Barry T, GR	Laura G, GR
Phyllis H, GR	Laura S. GR	Emily C. GR	Diana M.	Valerie H.	David H	Kelli G, GR
		Nick R.		Lorraine		

Members who usually attend are lined-out if NOT in attendance.

Agenda Sept 12, 2021

2:30 – 4:00

District Rep. Message: Read in a book once and never forgot it.– “Don’t turn away from possible futures before you are certain that you can’t learn from them.” For me its says to always say yes to Al-Anon.

Only GR have vote – All members have a voice.

Opened with Serenity Prayer

When you have something to say please wait your turn. Speak once and then allow others to do the same.

Welcome/Introductions/Attendance Sheet

Committee Chairs

- Secretary – Scott Please review minutes before the meeting – sent via email or online at District website. Jenni Motion, Lorraine second Vote 8-0
- Treasury Report – Carol: Report to be attached. We are operating at a small loss to our cash flow. We spent a lot last month. We have collect 47% of projected income. Projected loss to income is \$4,700 due canceled events. Income for the year is projected to be a tiny bit in the black based on monthly budget so far. Forgot to look into the credit card issue, but I will. If you are a person in charge of spending from the budget items I am going to send a copy to you for comment.
Diana O: Is the Holiday auction considered income for this year or next. Answer: 2021 income.
Lorraine: We are not using the Literature Depot as we used to or would like to. I propose we not pay full rent.
David H.: Our obligation was just to the Literature depot. We didn’t know if groups would rent from us. I think we should pay full rent.
Valerie H: I think we should pay what we were paying (full rent). Do we make enough to pay full rent?
- Breakfast Coordinator – not present
- Public Outreach Coordinator– Emily: Displayed advertisement to be published in the Savy Shopper. Our committee discussed adding our local number. We still have the Craig’s list add and Eugene Weekly.
Lorraine: I am concerned that the number is for the Literature Depot. How are we currently fielding calls? Can we handle the calls?
- EVI Speakers Meeting Coordinator--: Diana M: The District web site publishes the meeting information and who is speaking. I have people scheduled for the rest of the month.
- Literature Depot – Lorraine: discussion of business hours of the office. We have been open, but we have had some volunteers get sick. Sales have been slow. I was hoping to discuss the format for our open hours. Most of the volunteers have shared already. George has been meeting people outside of hours. Rather than opening daily I propose we list my phone number, and maybe another, and we would arrange with the buyers to meet. The church is closed again. We can streamline this.

Emily: how many sales have we had this month? Answer: 3

Jenni: Can we arrange with one volunteer to have it open one day a week? Answer: yes, it is possible on Friday's during the open hours of the church.

Carol B: I like that idea, especially for newcomers.

Judy D: I like the idea of one day a week.

Diana O: Is there one day of the week more busy than another? Answer: David H: It was Friday in the past.

Lorraine: Motion to open only on Friday's 11:30-1:30, beginning immediately (Lorraine and Phyllis to facilitate). Lorraine's phone number will be posted on the website. David seconded. Vote: 7-0

Lorraine: Discussion regarding rent for Depot: George: The church originally said we did not need to be paying rent. We decided to pay ½. When COVID improved we said we would pay full rent. Now that COVID has gotten worse, I think we could go back to ½ rent.

Carol B: I am not aware of any agreement with the church to reduce our rent.

David: We do have an original contract.

Lorraine: I will contact the church to ask about the contract.

Diana O: when is the next payment due: Answer: The 10th of each month.

Lorraine: Motion to lower rent to \$250 effective Oct 1st until we can afford more. Vote 6-1 in favor.

- Literature Coordinator – Judy: No new books this month. Retail inventory= \$6,063.73.

Lorraine: Difference between asset value and retail value?

Judy: Some literature is free. Something may have a retail value, but because it is free to us, it has no asset value.

- 24/7 Answering Services – Ree: In April 202, when we made the change to the new service we were not receiving calls. We still have not had a large volume of calls: 2.29 calls per month. Less than 1 call per month needed a volunteer to speak to the caller. So, we need to talk about not paying for this service. George: The phone system at the Literature Depot is set up to forward to my phone. I get about 10 calls a month. A lot of them are not about Literature. I got the volunteer list from Ree. I get the persons number and ask if they would like someone to call them back. This idea could work. Ree is going to meet with me this week to see how this could work. One question is what to do about nighttime calls.

Diana O: If this system goes in place, will 12 step calls be coming to the Literature Depot? Answer: yes, but we have technology to use a second number.

Jenni: this process will probably take two months to sort out.

David H: Our phone link in the past has been a vital part of the community.

Nick R: When I put Al-Anon in to Google I get the Literature Depot number. If the answering service is retained I think we could give them two separate numbers for 12 step calls vs. literature.

Lorraine: George what is it like for you to take these calls? Part of me is uncomfortable for you.

George: I don't mind. I just did a search. The first number shown is the 24 hour hot line.

JudyD: If this is so vital, would it fall into the area of CAHOOTS or the police?

Ree: We can't know every situation.

Lorraine: I am curious if we need to change the answering machine message.

- Meeting List –not present
- Archives – David: I picked-up the material donated.
- Alateen – None
- Al-Anon – AA Liaison - David
- Web site coordinator – Kayeria – Everyone check out what our web site looks like now. Great job.

Old business:

1. Answering service questions. Keep it or go to something else.
2. Discussion on outreach for 2 months of Savvy shopper.

New business:

1. Discussion of buying laptop for office:

George: Hybrid meetings at the Lit Depot are a challenge because of old technology, disparate technology (Apple vs. MS). The laptop would stay on the desk at the Lit Depot. Any member of the group can log in to use the available resources. Our computer at the Lit depot is pretty old. We could back it up onto the laptop. I think this would be a good idea and an investment for our District. I think about \$550 would do it.

Diana O: What is the security at the Lit Depot? Would the lap top be safe?

Scott: This sounds like two separate issues 1. Does the Lit Depot need a new computer? 2. Are there GR's asking for this help?

Diana O: Our group is going to discuss this issue for our meeting. But I don't know what that discussion is going to be. We are a very small group and we may not be able to afford the rent.

Lorraine: Is there demand for this? If it is available would there be demand? Do we even need this?

David: I know two meetings that would like to do hybrid meetings but the technology is disruptive. I want this to happen. I want people from outside areas to continue to be a part of Al-Anon.

Valerie H: My meeting wanted to have a hybrid at our location but the technology is too overwhelming.

Jenni: George you said the computer is too old, could it be used to do both of our needs. George: I don't think that would be a good idea.

Carol: I think buying this is a good idea. If we can offer this as a viable option to our district it is a good idea.

Nick: Would a new desktop work, to save a few bucks? No response.

Lorraine: Who is wanting this? No response.

Phyllis: This is feeling like, "Build it and they will come". This could be an asset.

Diana O: This is a district purchase. If it could be an advantage to the district meetings.

David H. made a Motion: District 6 buys a moderate level laptop (about \$500-575) to ensure the district has hybrid group and district meetings. Diana O. second. Vote: 6-0, one abstain, in favor. George and Emily C. will shop for the computer.

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- ### 3. Lorraine put this up for discussion. Stepping back from paying full rent unless we have a meeting there. Gathering of Men??? Friday group???? Sunday???? Are they meeting at the office or not?
- ### 4. Service position web site – elections coming up in November.

I need help. I am part of a information gathering group in Or. Area on why GR's don't attend the assemblies or why others don't do service. If you would email me back with your thoughts on what you think of service I would really appreciate it. No names will be mentioned but the information you give me will be used and appreciated.
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Close with Al-Anon Declaration