**AL-ANON DISTRICT 8 MEETING MINUTES– January 21, 2023**

**OPENING** - Nina opened the meeting at 10:55 am. A Quorum was established. Nina led the Moment of silence followed by the serenity prayer, reading of 12 Traditions and 12 Concepts of Service and Warranties, introductions and welcome. She thanked the Vidor group members for hosting, and providing breakfast. Nina also thanked Tiffany once again for opening her home for our meeting.

**SECRETARY’S REPORT –** Nina submitted a correction to the minutes to change the balance as of the end of the 3rd quarter to $2094.84 and the balance in the checking account as of 10/15/22 to $1940.89. Tiffany made a motion to accept the minutes as corrected and Lottie seconded the motion. Minutes unanimously approved.

**TREASURER’S REPORT** – Nina presented the budget for 2023 and Angela made a motion to accept the 2023 budget. Suzanne seconded the motion and it passed unanimously. The balance as of the end of the 4th quarter (12/31/22) was $1865.09 with outstanding checks in the amount of $50.00. Nina reported the profit from the T-Shirt sales was $368.12.

**COORDINATOR/COMMITTEE REPORTS** –

**AIS Liaison Report:** Barbara G. encouraged the submitting of sharing’s for the CAL Corner in the Forum.

**PUBLIC OUTREACH INFORMATION** – Position still open – no report.

**DISTRICT REPRESENTATIVE’S REPORT** – Nina reported some of the highlights from the Area Assembly Meeting. Electronic Meetings (AFGWMES) will be eligible to participate in the Fall Assembly provided they maintain a physical address in our area and appoint a GR. In addition, District 5 (Houston area) will be realigned and become 5 districts: 5, 14, 15, 16, 17. The Budget was increased to add additional funds for travel and for the International meeting in Albuquerque, NM.

**OLD BUSINESS**. Update on the Fall Assembly of 2023 at the Holiday Inn November 10 – 12, 2023: The Flyer as been approved – FUN in Recovery - Finding Unity Necessary in Recovery. The Hotel costs are $9000.00 which includes a sit-down lunch on Saturday. Friday night – ice cream social. Saturday is the business meeting with elections, Sunday workshops. We will need to set up a Treasurer to handle registration funds and also need volunteers for various activities including selling raffle tickets. Each group should offer a themed raffle basket and wrapped with an identity card. Diane B. offered to create a skit to advertise and encourage attendance to be presented at the May Assembly.

**NEW BUSINESS**. Budget 2023 submitted (see above under Treasurer’s report).

**ANNOUNCEMENTS:** ATAAC – February 10 – 12, 2023, in Pflugerville, Spring Assembly – May 19 – 21, 2023 in Round Rock and Al Al-Anon International Convention: June 29-July 2, 2023, Albuquerque, NM. Also Diane B. has submitted an application to serve another 3 years as South Central Regional Trustee.

**Group Reports**:

**Listen and Learn** – growing, average 10 and needs new GR; **Downtown** – Hybrid meeting, average 8 in person and 4 on Zoom, but the group has been growing and in January had closer to 14**; Freedom** – growing and coming back; **Friends of Lois:** great – attendance and donations growing; **Just for Today** – no report; **Crystal Beach** - no report; **Hemphil**l – average 6; **Nederland** – **Mid-County** – 3 night meetings and Wednesday noon – still going; **Silsbee** – struggling with 3 attendees – nighttime meeting; **Vidor** – 8 – 10 regulars and has grown – doing a group inventory; **Woodville** –4 – 5; . L**et it Begin with Me** – no report; **Livingston** – **Onalaska** – no report, **West End** – Back in person and zoom – average 6;  **Kirbyville** – no report, **Lakeview You’re Worth it** – no report; **Orange Starting Over** – average 8 and steady.

**NEXT DISTRICT MEETING –** April 15, 2023, @ 9:00 am., hosted by the Orange group. Meeting place TBA.

**CLOSING:** at 12:10 pm. withAl-Anon Declaration

Respectfully Submitted,

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