

QUARTERLY BOARD MEETING MINUTES
AL-ANON DISTRICT 8
October 27, 2018

Opening: Jennifer S., District Representative, opened the meeting at 10:35 with a moment of silence followed by the Serenity Prayer. The 12 Traditions, 12 Concepts and Warranties were read. Ten voting members were present, plus 6 Starting Over hosts.

Minutes: The minutes of the July 27, 2018, meeting were approved as posted online. (Note - in the absence of Secretary Barbara G. today, minutes were taken by Suzanne R.) Candy G. moved to accept the minutes as published; Angela H. seconded, and the motion passed.

Treasurer: Diane B., Treasurer, presented the financial report, which is attached. Our bank balance as of 10/24/18, was \$2,853.31. She explained that what appears to be a negative loss for the Spring Assembly is actually not. We made \$2,015 profit, which was returned to the Area, along with the seed money we'd been provided.

Since AIS is struggling for funds, Diane suggested that any groups who still wish to make a donation to District 8 should make it to AIS instead. She stressed that her suggestion is for this year only. She also suggested that GR's mention to their members about making a donation to WSO in the form of a memorial contribution.

Diane then presented a Preliminary 2019 Budget based on 9 1/2 months of the current year's expenses; a copy is attached. Nina W. stated that she thought, since our 2018 budget allows a \$120 donation to WSO, that we should go ahead and send that amount. Diane will do so.

Public Outreach: (Toña S. was absent; Jennifer read her report). She has been busy with making contacts and leaving literature in Pt. Arthur, at a Recovery Weekend, at Nederland PD, at Franklin House South and North. Discussion followed on places and online means that members and groups can get and distribute literature. Be sure to email Toña if you're doing something.

District Representative: 1) Jennifer S. reported first about the Board of Trustees' Road Trip weekend in Houston last weekend.

2) Next, she led discussion about our Area Chair's idea to change the January 12 AWSC meeting in Pearland to a 3-day workshop weekend in Gonzales. Jennifer presented comparative cost factors. January conflicts and Spring Assembly in McAllen costs were discussed. Our Treasurer recommended "No". It was concluded that the factors of COST & TIMING led our district to instruct the 3 voting members who'll be at the Fall Assembly to vote against the workshop idea and in favor of a 1-day business meeting in Pearland. Diane B. pointed out that, if some new wisdom was presented at the ASWC meeting during the Assembly, the three representatives may change their mind.

3) Jennifer reported information from our Area Delegate, Kay C. Application deadline for Trustee positions has been extended to January. Approval has been given to purchase translation equipment for French and Spanish members attending the national convention of Al-Anon. Groups are urged to discuss and implement safety procedures for their members and meetings.

Old Business: There was none.

New Business: Jennifer S. brought up the idea of doing a workshop on Concepts. The group was unanimously in favor of having one; work will be done to organize one in the near future.

Announcements: a) Nov. 2-4 - Fall Assembly - Longview, TX
b) Jan. 18-20 - SETA w/Al-Anon - Moody Gardens, Galveston, TX
c) Feb. 8-10 - ATAAC - Houston, TX
d) May 3-5 - ETAAA Spring Assembly - McAllen, TX

Group Reports: 10 GRs or their substitutes reported on their groups' status and activities.

Next District Meeting: January 26 - AIS - 9:00AM, District 8 - 10:30AM
Unity Church 1555 S. 23rd Street Beaumont
Hosted by Beaumont Listen and Learn

Close: The meeting was closed with the Al-Anon/Alateen Declaration.

Respectfully submitted,
Suzanne R.
(acting as substitute for Secretary Barbara G.)