

January 21, 2018 – Minutes

Pine Grove United Methodist Church Enter through right side door
1580 Central Ave, Albany, NY 12205
3:00 PM – 4:30 PM

District Meeting Guidelines

- Meeting last 90 min. Group Conscience will be taken to extend, if needed
Items not gotten to, will be on the next month's agenda
- **All who come have a voice**
- Only GRs and District Coordinators have a vote. Only one vote per person.
- Discussions go around the table, one person speaking at a time. We go around until all feel voice has been expressed.
- Time limits may be imposed depending on attendance and business to be done.

- 1) Serenity Prayer
- 2) Read the Traditions
- 3) Introductions – Name and Group and/or Coordinator position
- 4) Secretary Report – Brief summary of last meeting.
- 5) Treasurer Report

Deborah will be moving to bi-monthly reports

We need someone to step up for Treasurer Position as Deborah wants to step down

Current Balance: 696.54 (below prudent reserve of \$700)

No group donations received Nov-Dec. Please have your group send their donation to:

Debora Cheney
481 Huron Road
Delmar, NY
Dcheney911@gmail.com

all checks for donations to the District 8 should be made out to the DISTRICT 8 AFG

- 6) LDC Report – contact Kevin if you cannot get a hold of Andrew after a month of trying.

Email Andrew with orders at ldc@al-anon-8ny.org

- 7) Alkathon Report – How did it go? Anything we can prepare for this year?

NYE got bumped to another room. Opening/Closing for meeting was not available. Literature was more AA. Have Alanon format available next yr.

No one signed up for 11pm mtg. Next year request groups to cover and participate. Best to just start scheduling this and not wait for AA.

Report from Anne: The first meetings on both Christmas and New Year's Eve were well attended, but as far as I know the others weren't. Al-Anon literature was available in an area set aside for us on both days, although they were different rooms because we were bumped from our downstairs location to upstairs by NA on New Year's Eve.

- 8) GR Reports a. Anything your group is doing like to share with District.
b. Any concerns at your meeting would like hear some other experience, strength, and hope on.
Toni A. – 1) someone asked if 12 promises of AA in meeting after attending Alkathon with AA literature (pg 267 Gifts of Alanon Recovery in *Survival to Recovery* book.
2) Treasurer of group has been there for about 10 years.
How to have accountability? Rotation of Leadership. Give written reports? Traditional 9 – Rotations of Service – check it out!
Group Conscious decisions
Joan F. – Thursday night AFG Watervliet. Good transition
William R. – How to organize Anniversary mtg? Get word out early(at least 2-3 months before), send out Flyer, sign up sheet, Speakers for mtg. Gratitude meeting in past, check with location about date/details first, send envelope around for people to donate money
- 9) Day of Sharing – Looking for space, that will set the date. Depending on support, may do speaker and one workshop for everyone.
Actively Looking at: Delmare (\$175 for rent!), Voohersville, Rotterdam,
Can't set date yet
Need Saturday 10-2pm (need space for all day)
- 10) Coordinator Positions – We rotating service this year. Have election in September 2018, with new Coordinators taking over in January 2019. This allows a couple month turnover period for the new and old to work together. More info will come throughout the year. Coordinators are creating/looking over descriptions of their positions
- 11) Working with District 22. The DR for 22 has expressed interest in getting more involved with the website and contributing funds for it. The DR has also express interest in hosting a convention with District 8 support. Kevin, Joan and Tami getting together with District 22.
New District 22 DR - Susan and there is excitement to work together
- 12) What else? Anything we would to think about for the coming year?
Joan and Maria working on New GR training materials. Joan and Maria working about outreach and making a list of places. Contact Joan to attend teleconferences to get involved altdr@al-anon-8ny.org
Social Media Coordinator position? Maybe within Public Information

Coordinator? What does World Service have?

13) Coordinator Reports –

Re-printing new schedules soon. Add other materials? **Most current copy of schedule is on website.** Last year we sent 30 copies to each group.

14) Next meeting: **Sunday, February 18th.**

Discussion about meeting every other month. Group conscious was to not meet in July and December and keep meetings every month. Group will try out teleconferencing for additional participation option.

District 8 Position or Group	Name	Email Address	Best Phone Number to Call; (518) Area Code, Unless Otherwise Noted
District Representative	Kevin M		dr@al-anon-8ny.org
Alternate District Representative	Joan L		altdr@al-anon-8ny.org
Secretary	Danae K		
Public Information Coordinator	Deb W		info@al-anon-8ny.org debw.afg@gmail.com
Website/Electronic Newsletter Coordinator	Tammy B		
Treasurer	Debora C		
Literature Depot Coordinator	Andrew F		ldc@al-anon-8ny.org nynldcdist8@hotmail.com
Schedule Coordinator	Maria S		
AA Liaison	Anne S		
Answering Service Coordinator	Toni A		
Alateen Coordinator	OPEN		alateen@al-anon-8ny.org
Archives Coordinator		OPEN	
Institutions Coordinator		OPEN	

Important Websites to share:

District 8 Alanon

<http://www.al-anon-8ny.org/>

New York North (NYN) Area

<http://www.nynafg.com/>

World Service Office (New Website design – check it out!)
<https://al-anon.org/>

World Service International Convention
<https://al-anon.org/al-anon-international-conventions/>