Al-Anon Alateen Family Groups District 8 Business Meeting October 19, 2019

Opening; Jennifer S., District Representative, opened the meeting with the Serenity Prayer. The Traditions and Concepts were read. Everyone present introduced themselves and which group they were representing. One new GR and a visitor were in attendance.

Minutes: The minutes from the previous meeting, held July 20, 2019 were posted online prior to this meeting. Candy G. moved the minutes be accepted as printed, Tish F. seconded and the motion passed.

Treasurer's Report: Diane B., treasurer, reported that our bank balance is \$2393.50. The report is attached. She suggested again that groups donate to AIS, at this time, as the district currently has a healthy balance. The budget for 2020 was discussed and Barbara G. moved it be passed. Suzanne R. seconded the motion and the motion passed.

Coordinators/Committee Reports:

- 1. Literature. Suzanne reports that the *Just For Tonight* bookmark is being well received. The Forum continues to need sharings.. The new Spanish Service Manual will be published as soon as corrections to the English manual are complete.. As always, she refers us to The Beacon for complete literature information.
- Public Information Tona reported that she had shared some of her Al-Anon story at a Recovery Rally. There is confusion about whether the Cyprus Creek Lodge in Woodville is still having family meetings or needs family outreach information. Diane and Candy will look into it.

District Representative's Report: Jennifer states that she gets most of her information from The Beacon. Encouraged all to read the Delegates report with regard to World Service topics of giving voice to electronic meetings and AA's in Al-Anon service. Remind our groups that each group receives about \$292 in services from WSO each year. The Newcomer Welcome was discontinued by the Board of Trustees Policy Committee in 2004, however many groups continue to read it. Be sure to take this information back to your group. The "open "vs "closed" meeting notations on meeting lists has been changed to "Family and Friends Only" and "Family, Friends and

Observers Welcome". Meeting definitions will be changed on bulletins. At the Fall Assembly in Victoria., we will be voting on several groups moving from Texas to Arkansas, Spanish translation equipment being available at assemblies and a budget for 2020.

Old Business:

- 1. Concept Workshop. Candy G.Chairman reports the Workshop will be March 28 from 9:AM-3PM at Saint Andrews in Beaumont. Kay C our WSO Delegate and her husband John will give a workshop on using the Concepts of Service in our Relationships.. Lunch will be provided and Kay and John will share their Al-Anon and AA stories in the afternoon. As this is a fundraiser for AIS, we will have a raffle and a silent cake auction. We need a chairman for the raffle, auction and luncheon. Diane will take care of the decorations. We are suggesting a \$10 donation. Flyers are available..
- 2. Alateen Training. Jennifer reports 6 Al-Anon members completed the training and, when certified, 2 are hoping to start an Alateen meeting in Beaumont.

New Business: none

Announcements/Concerns:

- 1. November 1-3 ETAAA Fall Assembly-Victoria, TX
- 2. November 8-10 -Spirit of Houston-Houston, TX
- 3. February 7-9 ATAAC- Houston, TX
- 4. May 15-17- ETAAA- Spring Assembly Houston, TX

Group Reports: Reports were given by those present.

Next Meeting: Friends of Lois will host the next meeting on January 18, 2020 at Joan R.'s home 6445 Wellington Place in Beaumont.

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

Respectfully submitted, Barbara Grove Secretary.