**AL-ANON DISTRICT 8 MEETING MINUTES– October 15, 2022**

**OPENING** - Nina opened the meeting at 9:20 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 Onalaska group members Yvonne and Lotte for hosting, and providing breakfast.

**SECRETARY’S REPORT –** Yvonne made a motion to accept the minutes sent via email and Lotte seconded the motion. Minutes unanimously approved.

**TREASURER’S REPORT** – Nina presented the report since we still have no Treasurer. The balance as of the end of the 3rd quarter was $2,059.84 with an end balance in the checking account of $1905.89 as of today. 2nd quarter income: $54.00 from group donations and $346.05 from AA conference sales. Expenses: $654.72 and $500.00 deposit made for Holiday Inn for November 2023 Assembly.

**COORDINATOR/COMMITTEE REPORTS** –

**AIS Liaison Report:** Barbara G. was unable to attend our meeting. However Nina mentioned a few items of interest. Opening our Hearts is now available as an audio book. The new edition of ODAT will have a new introduction. The Forum needs sharing’s for publishing.

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

**DISTRICT REPRESENTATIVE’S REPORT** – Nina encouraged the GR’s to get their registration in for the November 22, 2022 Assembly in Lake Jackson. There are important votes to be taken: a) District 5 will be realigned to have 4 more districts; b) There is a proposed policy on Electronic Meetings which would allow them to be part of the district with participation at the district and area level.

c)Proposal to add a line item to the budget for the delegate to attend the Al-Anon International Convention in the amount of $2000.00. GR’s must be physically in attendance at the Assembly to have a vote but they can send a representative.

Nina announced that training for AMIAS can be online and that Gina and Danae are now certified. They hope to have an Alateen meeting going by the 1st of 2023. Friends of Lois are sponsoring the group.

**OLD BUSINESS**. Fall Assembly of 2023 – the Holiday Inn has been secured for the site. Nina will get approval for seed money and a flyer. The theme is: FUN IN RECOVERY, FUN stands for Finding Unity Necessary. Lisa and Suzanne are in charge of decorations; Barbara G. and Dawn will manage the raffle. Volunteer for ticket sales is still needed. There will be Ice Cream and Brownies on Friday night and a speaker. Still need a Treasurer who will manage the registration. We are selling T-Shirts as a fundraiser for Assembly Expenses. Pass the word. Angela has created a flyer which has been emailed to GR’s and others.

**NEW BUSINESS**. Regarding our WIX account – Sharon and Nina were able to get a coupon to reduce the renewal fee for the next 2 years. They reduced the amount from over $600 to $255.85 and AIS will pay half that amount.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS:** Fall Assembly: November 4 – 6, 2022, Lake Jackson, TX

Al-Anon International Convention: June 29-July 2, 2023, Albuquerque, NM.

**Group Reports**: Listen and Learn: no GR present; Downtown: 10 - 12 combined in person and Zoom; Friends of Lois: strong group 10 – 15; Just for Today - small; Crystal Beach - no report; Hemphill – average 6; Nederland – Mid-County - no report; Silsbee - no report; Vidor - Equal amount men and women – 8-12 and growing; Woodville – no report. Let it Begin with Me – Livingston – Onalaska - 6 active; Freedom – no report, West End – zoom only, Kirbyville – no report, Lakeview You’re Worth it – 4 group is active; Orange Starting Over – doing well.

**NEXT DISTRICT MEETING –** January 21, 2023, @ 10:30 am., hosted by the Vidor group. Meeting will be at Tiffany Hardy’s home in Beaumont, 5260 Fairmont. Only breakfast will be provided – no more potluck lunches.

**CLOSING:** at 10:45 am. withAl-Anon Declaration

Respectfully Submitted,

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