

District 12 General Meeting Minutes April 20, 2023
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Start 6:02pm End 8:25 pm

District Rep SiSi led the Serenity Prayer
Twelve Traditions read by Betty A.
Twelve Concepts of Service read by Brian B.
SiSi provided information to have all virtually rename themselves indicating service position/GR for voting. New Group Representatives or Alternates present were Linda S. & Alice N-H.

Attendees

Group Representatives:

Deb H.	Marge T.
Betty A.	Linda N.
Margaret C. (Serenity by the Sea Chair)	Suzanne
Deirdre D.	Lauren
Bonnie V.	Helen B. (Archives Coordinator)
Kathi E.	SiSi (DR)
Cindy T.	Cindy P. (ADR)
Linda S.	Newt (Group Records Coordinator)
John M.	Alice N-H (Alt GR voting)

Alt Group Reps (Non-Voting)

Brian B. (Website Coordinator)
Shelly H.

Others present (Non-Voting)

Michelle R. (secretary)	Nimfa S. (Spanish Coordinator)
Brissa M. (GR Spanish)	Jim S. (Public Information Coordinator)

Ask it Basket

Cindy P. received seven Ask it Basket questions and some were currently being researched with WSO.

Two questions were answered. 1. Were there restrictions to what service positions could be filled by attendees to electronic meetings from outside the country? A: Groups meeting electronically are called PEM (Permanent Electronic meetings). As a PEM the group will decide to be one of the following:

- Part of a geographic district OR
- Part of the SCWS Area Overlay OR
- Part of the Global Electronic Area

Service Positions such as literature, treasurer, secretary are up to the group as each is autonomous. SCWS mandates that a GR must reside in the geographic area. The World Service Conference is currently meeting and our Delegate will provide more information at the Area Assembly (May 20, 2023).

2. Is "More will be revealed" an AI-Anon slogan? The answer to this can be found easily by going to AI-Anons website:

<https://al-anon.org/for-members/members-resources/literature/al-anon-slogans/>

There are 16 Al-Anon Slogans

How Important Is It?	But for the Grace of God	Let It Begin With Me
Easy Does It	One Day at a Time	Just for Today
Keep an Open Mind	Listen and Learn	Let Go and Let God
Think	Together We Can Make It	Live and Let Live
Progress Not Perfection	Keep It Simple	
Keep Coming Back	First Things First	

Reports:

Secretary read minutes from General Meeting 02-16-23 aloud. No corrections or edits. Motion to accept minutes by Newt, seconded by Linda.

Vote was unanimous to accept minutes.

District Rep (DR) SiSi reported that there is a Round Robin on May 8, 2023 6:30 pm-8:30 pm that will be a hybrid on Acceptance hosted by Monday Night Al-Anon Women in Recovery. Contacts: Shelly H 805 816-8569 Jeanette S. 805 218-3482

SiSi also encouraged separate emails for those wishing to keep their Al-Anon & personal emails separate.

Treasurer Adriana reported on her progress in consolidating the existent bank accounts. She also reported on the choice for District 12 post office box. The District 12 Post Office Box will be centrally located in Camarillo. The address for contributions and mail is:

District 12 Ventura County Al-Anon/Alateen Family Groups

PO Box 728

Camarillo, CA. 93011-0728

Currently there is **no** electronic option for the 7th Tradition. Newt has the template form for the old AIS Contributions to Service Arms and it will be updated in the near future. The Group Contribution percentages will be an item on the June General Meeting Agenda.

The line item for Insurance cost was clarified due to SCWS covering groups with insurance. Newt advised the prior AIS insurance covers any Al-Anon event, not just a meeting. The insurance also covers the LDC.

Questions regarding funds for SCAC (So. Cal Alateen Convention) and Round Robins proceeds split were asked and will require A later update for details. (Note: Treasurer reports were distributed to GRS and trusted servants via email.)

Alternate District Rep (ADR) Cindy proposed a vote to send/fund the District Rep and the Alt District Rep to the International Convention that occurs every five years.

There was discussion of this which included questions and opinions.

A motion was made by Cindy to send a DR and ADR one time to an international convention funded by the District, unless the person had been sent and funded by D12 prior, to share expenses (room, carpool etc); seconded by Linda N.

Vote: 8 yes / 4 no / 6 abstain

Voices opposed heard.

Suggestions to table until the next meeting for further information, discussion, and vote.

When polled by DR, 12 GRs voted to table item for further info until June.

Institutions Coordinator: Linda L. absent, her report was read by secretary as follows:

I'd like to submit a brief report for Institutions as I am unable to attend the meeting tomorrow. Institutions will be present at the upcoming AA Serenity by the Sea

conference at the end of the month. All current volunteers attended an orientation for the Todd Road facility so the process is underway. We will eventually need more volunteers, but they are still not actively having meetings as yet. Thank you. Linda L.

Group Records Coordinator Newt reported he is collaborating with the Website Coordinator, Public Information Coordinator and they are working toward getting "hard copies" of District meeting directories published. Newt has met with the DR and Area Group Records to discuss partnerships and processes to better serve our members. Newt is working on getting a better List of group contacts to improve communications.

LDC Chair

LDC is moving rooms at the current location and will be closed **April 30-May 10, 2023**.

Beginning May 11, 2023 the LDC will reopen and the hours of operation will be:

Thursdays 11 am-3pm

Saturdays 10 am- 12pm

The LDC is hosting a Spring Open House on:
May 25, 2023 5pm-7pm fliers will be distributed.

LDC is also seeking "Co" positions for LDC service. Contact LDC Chair/DR/GR SiSi for more information.

Public Information Coordinator Jim S reported the District Meeting Directory is being produced and has been sent to the District Service Board. It will be sent out for updated review, please check your meetings information and advise of corrections.

Spanish Coordinator Nimfa reported District 69 is hosting a bilingual writing workshop <https://www.scws-al-anon.org/event/bilingual-writing-workshops-taller-bilingue-de-al-anon/2023-05-28/> The flier is located at above link.
Serenity by the Sea fliers in Spanish are available.

Website Coordinator

Brian B stood for position. He was the AIS Public Information Liaison and also updated the online meeting directory. He is not a webmaster however he'd willingly be of service. He also receives emails from the answering service when calls go unanswered.

SiSi nominated Brian to be Website Coordinator, Newt seconded.

Vote: 17 yes/ 0 no / 0 abstained

Archives Coordinator

Helen B stood for position. Margaret C. nominated Helen, Newt seconded

Vote: 17 yes / 0 no / 1 abstained

Alateen Coordinator-Open

Alateen DAL-open

CPC- Open

Round Robin Coordinator-Open

Scoop Editor - Open

Social Media Coordinator-Open

DR SiSi offered her idea to have District 12 people who attend the International Convention in Albuquerque NM participate in a theme of "Feeling Groovy" to show our spirit. SiSi will provide more about her suggested theme before the convention.

New Business

DR Introduced Elaine O Malia as guest who pitched her services to revitalize, update, and maintain the District 12 Website. The presentation was brief due to time.

DR requested GRs and trusted servants remain on Zoom as it was past 8pm and there were important items to vote on.

DR announced the Bylaws mistake that needed to be voted on by GRs:

Section 4 of who could be signers for District 12 checks had not listed the LDC Treasurer. This will need to be added.

This met the four week notice by announcing it to GRs and it will require a 2/3 vote to amend the Bylaws. The vote for this will be at the June general meeting.

DR opened subject for funds needed by Margaret C, Chair of Serenity by the Sea (AI-Anon Chair). Margaret presented the need for unanticipated funds due to AA cutting funds that would provide a tent for Spanish speaking AI-Anon meetings. The cost for one tent with lights, set up, and tax amount was \$507.00. Brief discussion occurred.

Motion to pay for one year to provide cost of \$507 for a Spanish speaking AI-Anon tent was made by Cindy P, seconded by Deirdre

Vote: 19 yes / 0 no / 0 abstain

DR SiSi announced a new meeting Tues 7:15pm-8:15pm Parent Focus in Channel Islands beginning on May 9.

Discussion involve DR suggestion that funds be provided for startup.

DR SiSi made a motion to provide \$150.00 to cover rent and literature to the new meeting listed above, seconded by Cindy P.

Vote: 15 yes / 2 no / 1 abstained

DR asked for a group conscience to seek interest in an in-person option with potluck for the May Assembly. Ten GRs showed interest. DR will see if this will be possible technology-wise and more will be announced.

The meeting was closed at 8:25pm.

Upcoming Events:

District 12 Service Board Meeting
Thursday May 18, 2023 6pm- 8pm
Zoom ID 281 000 2772
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District 12 General Meeting
Thursday June 15, 2023 6pm-8pm
Zoom: 281 000 2772
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SCWS Assembly
Saturday May 20,2023 9am-4pm

International Convention
Jun 29-July 2. Albuquerque, NM
Virtual attendance option available