

## DISTRICT 6 MEETING MINUTES

**Date: November 13th, 2021**

Virtual Meeting chaired by Tannis R.  
Minutes taken by Cyndi W.

### “Moving Forward with Unity, Courage and Perseverance”

#### **In Attendance**

Tannis R.	Steps to Serenity AFG	DR
Colleen	Spiritual Circle AFG	ADR
Lesley W	Steps to Serenity AFG	District Treasurer
Loraine	Byron Tues Afternoon AFG	GR
Shannon K	Al-Anon Works AFG	Public Outreach Coordinator/AGR
Liz B	Spiritual Circle AFG	GR
Karen T	One Day At A Time AFG	GR
Pat G.	Friendly Thurs Afternoon AFG	GR
Nancy	Friendly Thurs Afternoon AFG	Phone line Coordinator
Cyndi W.	Higher Power & I AFG	AGR/District Secretary
Irene M	Future Hope AFG	Coordinator- E.M.D.C. Women's' Unit

#### **Voting Members in Attendance (only GRs or those representing groups vote)**

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#### **Meeting started at 9:30 am**

**1. Moment of Silence followed by the Serenity Prayer.**

**2. 12 Traditions read by Pat G; Twelve Concepts of Service read by Colleen; Warranties read by Karen T.**

**3. Introductions by name, group, position.** Attendance recorded by Cyndi and whereby group reports are not submitted by email, short notes may be referenced. 7 voting members, 4 to pass a vote.

**4. Minutes of Previous Meeting.** Errors or omissions: errors-correction-Diane noted as Alt GR and and should be GR-also should not be noted as not in attendance, changes # of voting members to 10; formatting for Nancy correction. Motion to accept the minutes as amended from Liz B.; 2<sup>nd</sup> Shannon carried unanimously.

**5. Treasurer's Report.** Errors or omissions: None. Motion to accept the Treasurer's September/October report as is: Loraine; 2<sup>nd</sup> Shannon carried unanimously.

*Use Email address [district6treasurer@hotmail.com](mailto:district6treasurer@hotmail.com) for group contributions and 7th tradition donations. Reference group name and reason in comments on e-transfer.*

**6. Group Representative & Coordinator Reports:**

**One Day At A Time AFG.** Karen e/r: We are averaging 10 - 12 in attendance. We're holding regular business meetings. We're still looking into returning into face-to-face meetings. We were able to increase our contributions to the District, Area and WSO. -Monday afternoon -**Zooms**

**Central AFG.** Jill emailed/Cyndi reported: Our numbers are 5 - 10 weekly. Still do not have a GR. The Group is financially stable and have been able to give yearly suggested contributions. Our business meeting is next Monday. -Monday Night -**Zooms**

**Just for Today AFG.** no report. Monday Night -no Zoom reference

**Helping Hands AFG.** no report. Tues afternoon -no Zoom reference

**Byron Tuesday Afternoon AFG.** Loraine e/r: Our group has been holding regular ZOOM meetings. We were very happy to see some members we had not seen since March 2020 joining us on Zoom recently. Our meeting room at St. George is available to us under restrictions which we hope and anticipate will allow us to open our rooms to all soon. We held our regular business meeting. We decided to maintain our virtual meetings and wait for guidance from our district. We will be holding a special meeting to celebrate our group's anniversary early in December. I will share the details with District following our next business meeting this coming Tuesday. -**Zooms**

**East 58th AFG.** no report: Tuesday night -**Zooms & FTF**

**AI-Anon Works AFG.** Jacqui emailed/Shannon reported: Continue to be online. At least 15 members at each meeting. Financially we are sound through to the end of 2021. At our business meeting we discussed our thoughts on issues to be discussed at the meeting. We can discuss these as presented rather than at our check-in but wanted to have them recorded. Friday Night Open Speaker Meeting – our group would be very happy to see these continue online or in person at least once a month. We would volunteer for one of the nights. December was discussed as it is the anniversary of our group. People from our group have seen the PSA on TV but not heard on radio. Curious if we can find out when and where they are presented. Newcomers meeting. Had a good discussion with some different ideas shared. Some people said that they have participated in meetings where newcomers are invited to go with a long-time member into another room to have questions answered. Questioned if that was really a beginners meeting although appreciated as an idea. Other ideas were a series of meetings (6) that are for beginners.

-Wednesday night -**Zooms**

**Friendly Thursday Afternoon AFG.** Pat e/r: We continue to meet on Zoom and are comfortable doing so for the time being. Our physical venue has not reopened to us yet nor indicated when they might do so. We average 13 people per meeting and have newcomers occasionally. We hold regular business meetings and are doing well financially. -**Zooms**

**Higher Power and I AFG.** Diane emailed/Cyndi reported: Zoom meetings are running smoothly with steady attendance of 12-15 people each week. We have had newcomers drop in to visit which is exciting for everyone. A Business meeting is planned for this Thursday with hopes that the whole group will be there to discuss what going back to the church will look like. Hoping for a group conscious as someone has secured a room at the church and a few members did meet at the church last week. We have paid district and made a donation to WSO for 2021. We still have area to pay and fortunately have the funds to do so. -Thurs evening-**Zooms**

**No Guff 12 & 12 AFG.** no report-- Thurs evening - no Zoom reference

**Spiritual Circle AFG.** Liz B. e/r: Spiritual Circle continues to meet via Zoom. We are in the midst of thinking about some of the discussion points from the Area meeting. Members are sharing their viewpoints with me. There are a wide range of opinions! Our business meeting will be at the beginning of December. Sat & Sun mornings -**Zooms**

**Saturday Night Wisdom AFG.** no report--Saturday Night -no zoom reference

**Steps to Serenity AFG.** Tannis r/e: We are meeting in person and have between 13 to 24 attendees. We struggle a bit with capacity limits and break the group out into different rooms that are available. It is not ideal but it works. We wear masks, sanitize, provide our first names and phone numbers for contact tracing and physical distance. We are having a business meeting on November 14 to discuss AFG positions as we don't have a GR or AGR. We were notified that Bethel Christian Reformed Church has been sold and we are waiting to see if our AFG will continue to meet at its current location in the future. -Sunday evening - **F2F only**

**Key to Harmony AFG.** No report: Sunday night - no zoom reference

**HUGS Alateen.** -Sunday night - meetings suspended at this time-Website does forward to active electronic meetings

**Future Hope AFG:** Irene reported-no meetings allowed yet.

**Gateway AFG:** no report.

**Friday Night Open Speaker Meeting:** Next meeting Dec.3rd-hosted by "Public Outreach" Zoom ID 835 1424 7357 Zoom Password 036 762. Please ask groups about the 2022 schedule--will not be able to go into church.

**Phone Line Coordinator:** Nancy e/r: The phone line is going well. We had 23 calls in October.

**Public Outreach Coordinator:** Shannon e/r: We're hosting the Friday Night Open Speaker meeting on December 3rd. An email is being prepared to direct professionals to our website. We were looking into the VIP program; however, it's been put on pause and being reevaluated. Area public outreach workshop is on November 20th and details are on the London website. Shannon is tracking the website activity. In October traffic increased by 25%, new visitors by 30% and returning visitors down by 15%.

*New members and new ideas welcome! Please contact [podistrict6afg@hotmail.com](mailto:podistrict6afg@hotmail.com)*

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**We have small, stand-alone literature display packages available if anyone would like one or more to take somewhere and help carry the message.**

**Website Coordinator:** Alex has updated events: [wcdistrict6afg@hotmail.com](mailto:wcdistrict6afg@hotmail.com)

**SAM Coordinator:** no updates

**WOC Coordinator:** Tannis reported -well organized -AI-Anon speaker very dynamic

**DR report:**

## 7. New/Old Business - Discussion Items

### 7-1. Assembly 2021

- a. **Area Archives- agreed** to allocate \$12/group from area budget
- b. **2022 Budget-** AFG contribution to Area for 2022- with \$12/group for Archives area contribution is \$110.62 for 2022 --decrease from \$133.55 this year
- c. **Trillium Convention** - changes to be held anywhere at any time and in any format (f2f or Zoom)
- d. **Zoom Meeting information-** Zoom meeting Workshop was well attended and revealed many different perspectives. Tannis asked -what did we hear? Karen noted: 5 different types 1- f2f 2-Hybrid -3-Online 4-Conference call -5-Electronic. Liz noted: working 1 meeting in zoom & 1 in person options. Pat noted; hearing in f2f meetings is supported by bluetooth speaker-choppy internet is disruptive. Karen noted: f2f & virtual similar. Tannis shared there were 3 types with a 4th variable type. 1: In Person 2: Hybrid (all together) 3: Electronic--which includes all sorts of electronics with no in person component--ie. Conference calls--which are registered with WSO only. No location required-no GR or local support of District.Area. The variable 4th option suggests: 1 meeting in person & 1 meeting on zoom at different times &/or days with unity on Business meetings. It is to be understood that, once the venue is open, WITH a group conscious, that we move back into f2f meetings.
- e. **Other- Diversity workshop:** Liz noted - Diversity - Traditions -open heart/open mind. Tannis noted that now her personal action is greeting at the door. **District inventory**-next district inventory meeting is Nov.25th (Tannis/KarenJacqui).

### 7-2. Friday Night Open Speaker Meeting:

- a. Colborne United Church is open for us to use.-- FNOSM will be via Zoom on Dec.3rd at this time We will be located in the upper hall - larger area - CoVid health measures masks, physical distancing, contact tracing..no proof of vaccination.
- b. What do London & Area AFG's want to do--Shannon noted on line or in person acceptable for 1 month per year. Liz noted to continue with zoom until later in year. Pat agreement to host in March - need to recheck to be in person. Liz accepted for zoom only. Karen--One Day at a Time prepared to do February speaker meeting.

### 7-3. District Meetings in person? Other AFG meetings in person? TBD

### 7-4. Beginner Meeting: TBD

### 7-5. District Volunteer Opportunities: Please bring up at meetings

- a. **Future Hope**
- b. **Gateway**
- c. **SAM Coordinator**
- d. **SAMs**
- e. **Archivist**
- f. **AI-Anon Day Chairperson**

8. **Open Forum** (as time permits): no time

9. **Motion to close meeting at 11:25 am:** Karen, Pat G. 2nd. Carried unanimously

**Date of Next Meeting:** Saturday, December 11th, 2021, 9:30 - 11:30am.

*Zoom reference to be noted on next Agenda (same as FNOSM) ID#:82854430680 P/W:065997*

**Closing: AI-Anon/Alateen Declaration.** Read by all