

# DISTRICT 6 MEETING MINUTES

Date: May 15th, 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 K	Spiritual Circle AFG	Alt DR
Steve B	Saturday Night Wisdom AFG	DR Advisor - contact for home group
Lesley W	Steps to Serenity AFG	District Treasurer
Shannon K	Al-Anon Works AFG	Public Outreach Coordinator
Jacqui	Al-Anon Works AFG	GR
Liz B	Spiritual Circle AFG	GR
Loraine K.	Byron Tues Afternoon AFG	GR
Karen T	One Day At A Time AFG	GR
Matt R.	East 58th AFG	GR
Nancy F.	Friendly Thurs Afternoon AFG	Phone Coordinator
Pat G.	Friendly Thurs Afternoon AFG	GR
Cyndi W.	Higher Power & I AFG	Alt GR/District Secretary
Diane	Higher Power & I AFG	GR
Melissa Z	Steps to Serenity AFG	representing home group
Betsi	Steps to Serenity AFG	representing SAMs & Website
Irene M	Future Hope AFG	Coordinator- Women's Jail

### 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 Loraine K; Warranties read by Shannon K**
3. **Introductions by name, group, position.** Attendance recorded by Cyndi and whereby group reports not submitted by email, short notes may be referenced. 10 voting members, 6 to pass vote.
4. **Minutes of Previous Meeting.** Errors or omissions: change Second to all traditions read item 2 pg 1.. Motion to accept the minutes as amended is: Loraine; 2<sup>nd</sup> Jacqui. Carried unanimously.
5. **Treasurer’s Report.** Errors or omissions: discussion on recording name of donor-advised moving forward that donations recorded from group or event. Individual donations recorded internal only. Motion to accept the Treasurer’s Report as is: Steve; 2<sup>nd</sup> Liz. Carried unanimously.

Use Email address [district6treasurer@hotmail.com](mailto:district6treasurer@hotmail.com) for group contribution 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: Our attendance is 10 - 12 people weekly. We are having monthly business meetings. Our May 31st meeting will be a speaker meeting to 'Celebrate Al-Anon' and all are welcome. A flyer with the details has been sent out and is also on the website. Our group is hosting Friday Night Open Speaker Meeting in July. -Monday afternoon -Zooms

**Central AFG.** Jill emailed/Cyndi reported: Central Group is going well. 10-14 people attending in the last month with a few newcomers. The group still needs a GR -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 K e/r: Happy to report that a lot of enthusiasm is to be found at our meetings. Members are focused on the program, and quick to volunteer to chair the next meeting, to read, to help. One of our members will be our speaker at the September Friday Night Open Speaker meeting. Our group holds weekly meetings on Zoom, with between 15 and 20 participants. We have new, returning members. Service positions are filled and we are holding regular business meetings. Treasurer reports that the group is in a sound financial position. -Zooms

**East 58th AFG.** Matt e/r: Matt is hosting meetings on Zoom and it is going well as we are getting 7-12 people including some newcomers. Jane is continuing to host the face to face meetings and getting up to 5-6 people. East 58th hosted the Friday night open speaker meeting on May 7th and had about 36 people in attendance. -Tuesday night -Zooms and Face to Face

**Al-Anon Works AFG.** Jacqui e/r: Continue to host zoom meetings with 15-20 participants. At our business meeting our treasurer reported that we are sound financially. Our meeting space is Mount Hope and they have asked us not to provide rent for the year 2021. We discussed the issues that we were asked to and I will share those thoughts when it is time. -Wednesday night -Zooms

**Friendly Thursday Afternoon AFG.** Pat e/r: We continue to meet by Zoom with 9-16 attending/meeting. We hold regular business meetings following the last regular meeting of each month. Our finances are in good shape. Will be hosting the FNOSM on June 4th -Zooms

**Higher Power and I AFG.** Diane e/r: We are having steady attendance on Thursday nights, we have had a couple newcomers visit our meetings in the last month but not on a weekly basis. We have had regular business meetings following district and have placed our first book order since the pandemic. We are celebrating our 5th Anniversary on Thursday May 27th, at 6:30 meeting Room opens at 6:20 pm using the regular meeting ID numbers. -Zooms

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

**Spiritual Circle AFG.** Liz B. e/r: Spiritual Circle is thriving! Our Saturday and Sunday Zoom meetings continue with 12-16 participants. Our group is a great mix of relatively new and old hands. Many group members gave service for Al Anon day. Others joined the Zoom meeting We are thankful and appreciate the efforts of so many that made it a very successful Day. -Zooms

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

**Steps to Serenity AFG.** Melissa e/r: Our attendance is 10 - 12 people weekly. We are having monthly business meetings. -Sunday evening -Zooms

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

**HUGS Alateen.** No report: Sunday night - no zoom reference

**Future Hope AFG:** Irene reported -no public allowed in

**Gateway AFG:** no report.

**Friday Night Open Speaker Meeting:** May 7th; East 58th AFG Hosted. Matt noted about 36 people in attendance.

**Al-Anon Day2021 Committee:** Lorraine e/r: The Committee met four times since the last District meeting. Melissa Z, and Alex R. joined us to help with programming of the Zoom event. Members also met between meetings and a rehearsal took place a couple of days before the event. I wish to thank you for having given me this opportunity to participate in my first Al-Anon Day. I am told that there were more than 100 participants, including some from abroad. I had a great feeling of accomplishment for my role, as everyone on the Committee should have for theirs. I am grateful to all on the Committee who devoted their time, used their skill, creativity and energy to offer us a wonderful program and event. The Committee will reconvene on May 31<sup>st</sup> and prepare a full report on Al-Anon Day 2021 to be presented at the next District 6 meeting. Jacqui noted -Well organized; Steve noted that online attendance was 129 at one point.

**Phone Line Coordinator:** Nancy r/e: The phone line is going well. There were 18 calls in April 2021.

**Public Outreach Coordinator:** Shannon e/r: The Public Outreach Committee had a chance to share some information about PO--what it's up to and how to contact us at Al-Anon Day which went well. We are currently working on an email blast to go out to health professionals in the city and province-wide. We are also looking at other

PO information on the Area and WSO websites to determine what our next projects will be. Our next meeting will be on Thursday, June 10 from 6-7 pm. Zoom ID: 857 3509 3142 Passcode: 170535. Please share with your groups as new members and ideas are always welcome!

<https://www.london-on-al-anon.org/district6-confidential> password is **District6**

***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:** Betsi & Karen maintain and load events on website as sent in to [wcdistrict6afg@hotmail.com](mailto:wcdistrict6afg@hotmail.com)

**SAM Coordinator:** no report

**DR report:** Tannis moved directly into New & old business

## **7. New/Old Business - Discussion Items**

### **7-1. Assembly Bid for 2022 - Deadline May 27, 2021**

Discussions and unanimous decisions to not put in a bid at this time. We had hosted not too long ago.

**7-2. District 6 Inventory:** Betsi reported on the trial online response and presented abilities to view data. Cost is \$10/month. Much discussion on decision to move forward with the online inventory, motions made but ultimately moved to continue to discuss at next meeting. Are we using the same questions, do the questions need to be updated or revised only, How do we engage the members that cannot get online, Considered 3 month purchase to acquire results. Do we bring together committee

### **7-3. AWSC Items for Groups to discuss with AFG members and report back at May District Meeting;**

- a. 2022 Area Budget - members agreed with budget passed
- b. Area Archives Storage - questions on policies/procedures with digitizing; storing just what cannot be found elsewhere. Looking forward to hearing more from AWSC.
- c. Open Lines Mail subscription Service - The majority agreed with online - no paper mail subscriptions. Karen & Jacqui noted that we cannot assume all are online. We need to be inclusive for all.

**7-4. Virtual Meetings after end of pandemic:** There would need to be inclusion in the Service manual for procedures. The most accepted method from North America AFGs has been the Hybrid meeting where both computer and face to face are conducted at the same time.

### **7-5. District Elections & Vacancies;**

- a. SAM Coordinator. *forward to your groups -excellent service opportunity-contact Betsi*  
Jacqui requested a better description of commitment and time. Tannis posted requirements and to email
- b. Archivist. *No Volunteers. Sharon has totes*  
Jacqui has member to share duties. If another member is interested with this option to share the role to bring to meeting.

### **7-6. Invite Area Delegate to our District 6 June Meeting**

Discussed preference for June for Gwen to visit and share at our District meeting

**8. Open Forum** (as time permits): none

**9. Motion to close meeting at 11:30am:** Loraine, Liz. 2nd. Carried

**Date of Next Meeting:** Saturday, June 12th, 2021, 9:30 - 11:30am.

*Zoom reference noted on Agenda and same as FNOSM*

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