



GLOBAL ELECTRONIC AREA DISTRICT 53

MONTHLY BUSINESS MEETING

Date : 1 June 2024

Time : 10:00 AM Mountain, 9:00 AM Pacific, 12 noon Eastern, 4:00 PM UTC,
6:00 PM South Africa

Minutes

Open - Serenity Prayer. Started at 2 minutes after the hour.

Welcome

Introductions: Name and Group

Angel B, DR for D53 and GR for Many Voices, One Journey

Jerry, ADR, GR for 3 Legacies

Audrey, Hope for Today

Judy, 11th Step

Anne, A Serenity Place

Johanna, Friends of Lois

Election of Secretary

Johanna, until end of 2024. Will take minutes, send out notices

District Representative's Report

Attended WSC meeting end of May for GEA. Mostly a get-to-know and reporting what's going on.

GEA WSC adopted Declaration of Unity as the mission statement for the GEA.

(page 107 in [How Al-Anon Works](#))

June 15 Delegate report; need to register

Any changes in group: send to Angel and/or Mike

D53: Nineteen groups. Angel plans on visiting groups but will have a hard time making the phone meetings due to expense of phone calls from South Africa to America. Ten GRs. Discussion re expenses should be on the District, not the DR.

Group Representative's Reports

Friends of Lois email group-Johanna. Weekly topic, plus OT (off topic).

Separate LoisBiz group. Group started in 1994

Hope for Today Facebook group-Audrey. Group only about 6 months old.

Audrey is CMA, GR, the person who posts topics. Hopes that group will grow.

11th Step Wednesday phone meeting-Judy Reading on 11th or 3rd Step, silent prayer for 10 minutes, then shares. Forty-minute meeting. Long after-meeting for hours. 80-85 people

A Serenity Place email meeting-Anne Daily topic, seven topic chairs rotate every 6 months. Private group, starts with greeters. Has a list administrator, website. Steering committee, bimonthly business meeting. During pandemic 800 members, now about 200 members—would like to grow. Rotation of leadership a challenge.

Three Legacies Al-Anon Friendship email group-Jerry. No real expenses, no treasurer. Few people want to volunteer; best technique is to go to individuals and get them to participate in service. Attraction, not promotion. Group inventory at end of year.

Many Voices, One Journey-April. Daily What's App meeting. Started during pandemic with 10 members, now 350 members from throughout world. Members send in typed shares. Open 9 AM-8 PM GMT, but comments accepted after that. One month go through all 36 Legacies. Has a separate Business chat.

General

Zoom account currently donated by Johanna. A Serenity Place is willing to donate their Zoom account or donate in another way, wants to contribute. Consider translation services. Zoom closed captioning is fair, but not perfect. Decided to keep using Johanna's Zoom account.

Setting up a treasury is cumbersome.

A Serenity Place is questioning the GEA's decision that meetings are open only to GRs and DRs. Non-voting assemblies: could they be open to other members? Partly this is logistical. Could be a recruiting tool to be open. The GEA WSA is discussing this. Everyone trying to make this better; we need to share the love. Reason things out with each other.

Another topic: thought there would be Q&A in Assembly; we're being asked to make decisions without full discussion.

Feel free to email Angel with any questions or comments

Close – Al-Anon Declaration at 77 past the hour.

The Zoom ID is 893 2505 5320 and the passcode is D53

Next meeting July 6, 2024