



GLOBAL ELECTRONIC AREA DISTRICT 53

MONTHLY BUSINESS MEETING

Date : 7 December 2024
Time : 9:00 AM Pacific

MINUTES

Opening - Serenity Prayer at 1 after the hour

Al-Anon Declaration of Unity read by Angel

Introductions: Name and Group

Angel, DR, GR for Many Voices, One Journey
Steve, AGR, A Serenity Place
Johanna, GR, Friends of Lois
Jerry, GR, Three Legacies
Arlene, GR, Peace and Harmony
Martina, Incoming GR, Three Legacies

Approval of previous minutes: approved without correction

District Representative's Report: so few GRs attend. Report sent out prior to meeting.
Thanks to outgoing GRs, welcome to new GRs. Thanks also to Angel for being our DR.

Group Representatives' Reports

Angel, DR, GR for Many Voices, One Journey. WhatsApp meeting. Started in COVID with 10 members from Durbin. Last year officially registered and get members from WSO. 370 members. Open meeting 9 AM South Africa time. Typed messages, on topic. Others type their own ES&H. Close at 8 PM, but people can add during the night. Keep to topic, no pictures. Sometimes a challenge to get people to do the lead share. Dedicate a month to discussion of the Legacies.

Steve, AGR, A Serenity Place. May 1996 founding. Email meeting. Steering committee, Secretary appoints seven people to lead a new meeting every day for 6 months, 40-60 people share per day. Meeting exploded to several thousand during COVID, now down to about 300. Rent a server that can handle all those people. Three to six new members per month, way down from before. On WSO site, need to look specifically for an email meeting to find them. Talking about what they can do to

improve outreach. Month-long business meeting every quarter. Discuss one topic at a time.

Johanna, GR, Friends of Lois. Email group. 5-50 responses to topic of week. One topic/week, plus Step, Tradition, Concept of the month.

Jerry, GR, Three Legacies. Study of Three Legacies, one week for each through the year. Currently Warranties, then do a Group Inventory at the end of the year. Participation has waned. About 6 posts per legacy. Incoming GR Martina joined the meeting later.

Arlene, GR, Peace and Harmony. Email group. Someone posts a topic chair twice a week, go through the legacies on one day of the week, free topic the other day. Wondering about a group inventory.

Election of next Service Panel : Secretary, Alternate District Rep, District Rep

Nomination of Angel for DR.-unanimous

Nomination of Jerry for ADR-unanimous

Nomination of Martina for Secretary-unanimous

General

Date of Meeting: Change to 3rd Saturday, 9 AM Pacific

Change Zoom host? Not at this time

Martina is bilingual in Spanish

Questions

Are we supposed to have a CMA with the Post Office? Yes. Does get snail mail. CMA does not have to be the GR

Should I have a list of people on the business committee in her group?-probably a good idea

What is IO? – free email provider for a lot of the email groups. Io.com. Mike is the Group Records Coordinator (until 12/31/24) for GEA, invites GRs to Groups.io

First she's heard of the Legacies: Steps, Traditions, Concepts

Thanks to outgoing and incoming members.

Closing – Al-Anon Declaration, Serenity Prayer at 50 after the hour

Respectfully submitted,

--Johanna MM, outgoing Secretary

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