

Panel 61
District 8
AWSC REPORT

January 25, 2021

District 8 is very excited about Panel 61. We had our first District meeting on Saturday, January 16, 2021. A week before the District meeting the officers (DR, ADR, DISL and Secretary) met to plan the upcoming District meeting and decided to make our primary focus during this meeting the new Group Representatives.

We began the meeting with the Serenity prayer, followed by Carmen-DR introducing herself and letting all know that she is the District's link to Area 9 and World Service and a resource to the Group Representatives and the groups. "I am here to serve you, encourage you in service and to share with you the information I receive from Area and World Service."

We continued the meeting with Pat-ADR reading from the service manual "Supporting Group Growth" and Leanne-DISL reading the story of the Concepts and Concept 1. Our plan is to pick a section of the Manual every month and share along with the Concept of the month shared from a different piece of CAL to bring awareness to the Concepts and our Literature.

The Secretary took roll call and advised she would be working on a District CMA. We had 31 members in attendance, which included 16 voting GRs. This was followed by a detailed Treasurer's report with screen shares with Treasurer explaining the various charts. GRs voting via polls to pass Motions to accept the Minutes from December meeting and the Treasurer's report.

DR then shared during a section called "In the Loop" where she shares information from In the Loop that month. The items shared were: The Annual Alateen Recertification and Welcoming Newcomers in the New Year and sharing the Welcome checklist.

DR conducted a GR orientation which lasted about 20 minutes. This orientation provided GRs with the guidelines: Group Representative G-11 (sections were highlighted), Taking a Group Inventory G-8a and G-8b, Reserve

Fund Guideline. Discussed purchasing a manual from our literature chair and also directed them to the Manual found on Al-Anon.org. While in the Manual we went over the World Service Conference Structure and where we all fit into it. We shared the different websites: District, Area and WSO, including password protected information. We finished the orientation with Links of service: Member + Member = Group; Group + Group = District District + District = Assembly; Assembly + Assembly = Conference

Our technology chair discussed e-mail transition, distribution and the website. She also added the F R E S H Events to our website.

Positions filled: DR, DISL, ADR, Secretary, Treasurer, Comfort Liaison, Event Chair, Answering Service, Archive, Cooperating with Professionals, Group Records, Serenity Messenger, Speaker Seek, Technology and Where and When.

Open Positions: Alateen, Institutions, Public Information, Literature and Spanish Chair (We will continue to make the District aware these positions are open, including sending guidelines via e-mail, having time at the District meeting for Elections)

Our Alateen meeting Cope with Hope which meets on Thursday at 7:00 pm, has started meeting in person as of January 5, 2021.

We closed our first Panel 61 District meeting with the Al-Anon Declaration. Our next meeting will be held on February 20, 2021.

With love in service

Carmen, District Representative

Leanne, District Information Service Liaison