

# 2022 AFG Meeting Minutes for January

January 16, 2022 - 1:00-3:00 pm

Richfield Community Church  
Room C202  
5320 Richfield Road  
Yorba Linda, CA 92886

Zoom ID: 828 8141 8866

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**Call to Order:** The meeting was opened at 1:12 pm by Terri D. There were 26 participants:

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| 1. Ann S    | 10. Donna B   | 19. Patty B  |
| 2. April H  | 11. Dorothy F | 20. Raquel D |
| 3. Ben P    | 12. Elisa O   | 21. Sarah Mc |
| 4. Bob G    | 13. Emily M   | 22. Steve F  |
| 5. Brenda D | 14. John W    | 23. Suzie H  |
| 6. Dan P    | 15. Julie T   | 24. Suzie M  |
| 7. Dave W   | 16. Lauren B  | 25. Terri D  |
| 8. Diana P  | 17. Lil S     | 26. Trina H  |
| 9. Diane P  | 18. Lynn M    |              |

Dan P read the 12 Traditions.

**Secretary Report – Terri D** (Chris L absent) read the December 11, 2021, meeting minutes. The following corrections were made:

Page 2: “She encouraged everyone to attend and announced that the Saturday night banquet dinner that will featured include speakers Dave B from Torrance (AA) and Kay B from Grover Beach (AI-Anon).”

Ann S made a motion to approve the minutes as corrected. Diane P seconded. The motion passed.

A copy of the roster was shared and revisions/updates were requested/provided.

**2022 Chairman Report – Terri D** thanked everyone for attending the meeting in-person and virtually.

She also thanked Suzie M for the walk thru of the convention location (DoubleTree Hilton Hotel) that went great on December 11, 2021.

Terri D expressed her gratitude that committee positions were getting filled. However, additional positions, including Spanish and marathons need to be filled. She encouraged her fellow committee members to carry the message.

**2022 Chairman Elect – Diane P** expressed her gratitude in being a member of the AFG Committee and thanked Terri D for her service and encouraged everyone to carry the message and get committee positions filled.

She confirmed that the Saturday banquet dinner speakers were Kay B(AI-Anon) and Dave B (AA) and encourage everyone to attend.

Diane P indicated the turnout for the committee member breakfast on Friday, March 25, 2022, at 10:00 am was good and reminded others to sign-up. The cost is \$32, guests are invited to attend.

She submitted her sign requests to Elisa O.

Diane P also reminded committee members to let her know how many ribbons they will need, keeping in mind volunteers.

**Site & Housing – Suzie M** reminded everyone to make their hotel reservations as the allotted amount of discounted rooms will sell out. Use “AFG” on the website or mention it when calling the hotel when making reservations.

She reminded committee members to submit their registration forms indicating that they are a committee member to assist registration. It was noted that there was a link on the AFG website to reactive registration from 2020.

It was noted that currently, the day of the meeting, the hotel was not requiring proof of vaccination. It was noted that face masks were currently required at the noted. Hotel, county and state guidelines will be adhered to when known.

The Alateen room will be used as their hospitality room.

Registration forms need to be completed for all speakers.

Unfortunately, the hotel is now charging \$15, per night for parking and it is non-negotiable. It was unknown if there would be a daily parking fee.

**Treasurer’s Report –Ann S** reported the following:

Beginning balance:	\$35,129.48
Deposits:	\$4,995.55
Expenses:	\$1,304.00
Fees:	<u>\$365.81</u>
New balance:	\$38,455.22

Ann S is still looking for card reader squares and shared her email address ([annshova2021@gmail.com](mailto:annshova2021@gmail.com)).

There was discussion regarding Venmo – Ben P has the details.

Read: “We have no dues or fees ....” And passed the basket.

## **Committee Reports**

**Host/Hostess – Lauren B** reported her amazing committee was meeting soon and she would reach out to Elisa O regarding needed signage.

**Signs & Graphics – Elisa O** thanked Steve F for his help. She remind everyone to submit their sign request forms. She asked, if possible as there was only one more meeting before the convention, that all requests be submitted by January 30. Forms are available, please contact Elisa ([mizzunipeg@gmail.com](mailto:mizzunipeg@gmail.com)). Different logo options are available. Once the request is received, a draft PDF will be provided and approval requested. She will bring all signs to the convention site.

**Archives – April H** asked for assistance in obtaining contact information from the former person to acquire the actual archives.

**Social Media Chair – Patty B** announced that she and her team and have been busy with 2,100 Instagram members and a goal to acquire 3,000 before the convention. They are sharing all over the world that So Cal AFG ROCKS! She posted the desperate need to have a Spanish marathon chair. They also have 800 members on Facebook.

**Decorations – Raquel D** indicated they needed a count for the head tables for the lunch and the banquet. They also need a registration count. The committee is busy working on decorations.

**Entertainment – Trina H** was planning for ballroom dancing on Friday. However, due to the late hour (9:45 pm) and that the dancers were coming from Temecula, she was rethinking that. She is trying to secure a live band for Saturday.

**Hospitality – Suzie H** has sign-up sheets for host room volunteers and donations for food and beverage and asked that committee members help distribute. It was noted that pickup arrangements can be made. Donations can be brought to the next meeting as well. Confirmed that the room was available on Thursday but cannot open until Friday. There was discussion regarding hours. There was also discussion regarding signage and the availability of easels and BEO instructions. The sign-up sheets will be posted on the website and/or social media.

**Long Timers Meeting – Lil S** requested, from those that are registered, a list of years of service from Ben P. It was noted that the event is now being referred to as the long timers “gathering” as tea service at the hotel is too expensive. It was noted that tea from the Starbucks on the hotel property was permitted. They will also reach out to Elisa O regarding signage.

**Past Chairman's Tea – Steve F** indicated invites to past chairs will be sent soon. He looks forward to a good turnout.

**Publicity – Dan P** had hard copy registration forms available for committee members to bring to meetings and share with friends. He thanked Ben P for assistance in distributing fliers to the 1,800 people that registered for the Zoom convention last year. Registration emails have also been sent to all district reps and they will distribute hard copies at their February meetings. Dan P is getting the word out in a big manner.

**Registration – Sarah Mc** reported that she was in receipt of 112 registrations. She requested a sample volunteer list. Jeremy O was following-up with signs/graphics. She encouraged everyone to register before the discount rate date (February 25, 2022). She gave Ben P a big shout out for all his help! There was discussion regarding the ability for Sarah Mc to make deposits – additional discussion will occur with Ann S. It was confirmed that the 112 registrations count included reactivated registrations. There was also discussion regarding purchasing meal tables and the opportunity to include a note that indicates people want to sit with each other.

**Tickets – Dorothy F** thanked Terri D and Lisa M for reaching out asking her to be of service on the AFG committee. As she had never had the opportunity to serve as a Tickets Chair she thanked her committee members of their support and looks forward to speaking to the 2019 chair, Chip. Onsite registration was confirmed. The luncheon capacity is 700 – 10 to a table. It was confirmed that there are no reserved tables for the breakfast. Dorothy F will meet with Sara Mc and Ben P regarding registration/banquet details.

**Ways & Means – Brenda D** asked for Venmo information for pre-orders in an attempt to not have left overs. It was suggested that Brenda D contact Elisa O and/or Steve F regarding printing vendors. Chairs from prior year, Kelly M, Lindy and Tammy, were also suggested as good resources. It was suggested that canvass bags be sold. Prices for items from prior years were shared.

**Webmaster – Ben P** reminded everyone that almost all committees have a page on the web that needs content - signup sheets could be posted there as well. He asked that signup sheets be emailed to him and he will work with Patty B on the best way to post and manage. There was discussion regarding Venmo accounts; Ben P will work with Ann S to acquire a separate Venmo account for merchandise sales.

**AI-Anon Birthdays:** Trina H – 16 years

**Past AFG Chairpersons:**

Dan P 2004 – Footprints to Freedom  
Lauren B – 2010 Dancing Our Way to Recovery  
Lil S – 2012 Passport to Serenity  
Emily M – 2013 Embrace the Journey  
Steve F – 2019 Where Hope Grows Miracles Blossom  
Suzie M – 2020 Footprints to Serenity  
2021 Footprints Back to Serenity

**Announcements:** Information regarding upcoming events were shared.

We closed at 2:50 p.m. with the Serenity Prayer led by Donna B.

Respectfully submitted, in service,  
Chris L, 2022 AFG Secretary