

Attendees:

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| Kathy B. Area Chairperson | Becky Y. area treasurer | NancyJo Delegate | Sheila M. Area Secretary |
| Cheryl S. DRD1 | Chandra B. DRD2 | Jane F. DRD3 | Cherie G. DRD5 |
| Shawna F. DRD6 | Laura F. Area Web Coord. | Donna B. AMIAS Coord | Ladora B. Area Archives |
| Linda H. GR, D1 Archives discussion points | | | |

The minutes that follow are a compilation of notes taken by Kathy B., NancyJo and Sheila M. Sheila M. arrived late to the meeting due to issues with the time zone difference inherent in the geographic area encompassed by Area 13.

The meeting was opened with recitation of the Serenity Prayer followed by reading of the traditions.

Committee Reports:

Donna B., AMIAS Coordinator: reported No active Alateen groups at this time. She is waiting to hear from the School District as to when the groups can re-open. Becky and Donna will discuss Alateen ZOOM meetings and Donna will discuss this with WSO. Donna is also putting together a recertification package for AMIAS which will need to be completed by the end of August. Donna will share duties with Bret R. Donna will attend AWSC meetings and Assemblies, Bret will oversee the recertification process and work with the computer input.

Cheryl S., DRD1: All groups could use one ZOOM account through the Church of the Nazarene for their activities and any meetings, including planning the Fall Assembly, Conference room meetings and District meetings on their ZOOM account. NO Fund raisers at this time. Groups are using a computer to allow hybrid meetings for members who are staying home or who are out of town now so they can be a part of the meeting. The most recent district meeting was held via ZOOM.

Chandra B., DRD2: reported they have a meeting going on Saturday in someone's home. Their Teen Center is to reopen soon.

Jane F., DRD3: District 3 purchased a ZOOM account and is planning some fall events: a Holiday Bazaar with Arts and Crafts, and an on-line auction. They are looking to connect to the Literature Center, Conference room and their District meetings have been held via ZOOM.

Cherie G., DRD5: Not many meetings at this time. She requested a group decision on the Fall Assembly. After discussion revealed many people are afraid to resume face to face meetings at this time, the decision to hold the Fall Assembly virtually via ZOOM was made. Becky and Chandra to run the ZOOM meeting. More information later.

Shawna F., DRD6: There are 4 in-person meetings, the 2 Alateen meetings are at risk, on-hold currently. No fund raisers being planned. Most of the group members have are fear

Laura F., Area Website Coordinator: Any messages for her, please use 208.284.6992 and text her as she is having difficulty with her email. Her mother is, she is working long hours and is not sure how much longer her job will last. She is not sure if she will be able to continue as the Area Website Coordinator. She has been able to update the district 1, 3 & 6 schedules.

NancyJo, WSC Delegate: Delegates were given the obligation to write a skit as how to use "Conflict Resolution" literature In different settings:

I am in a group of 3 delegates who are creating a "**District Scenario**". Per our literature: *Conflict Resolution S-71, S-72, S-73 and Deliemma of the Alcoholic Marriage*.

Once approved by the WSC, our scripts will be put in a PowerPointPresentation and presented as "Skits" which could be used at AWSC, Seminars, or other Al-Anon functions.

Also Panel 60 has meetings once a month to us involved and making some decisions needed for our Panel Members.

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Utilizing ZOOM meetings with members of the WSC from all across the US. It has been a difficult year so far with the WSC. Everything is via emails, ZOOM, Cisco Web, or Phone. "My computer does not play well with the Cisco format."

I have had some computer problems and a big learning curve so far this year. I am not a computer expert by any means, keeping up with these ZOOM meetings have been a challenge. Thank God for Al-Anon recovery.

2019 WSO Annual Report is now out on the Members area of AFG.

Literature Volume

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| English Pamphlets/Other | 2.234.421 |
| English Books | 338.414 |
| Spanish Pamphlets/others | 112,344 |
| French Pamphlets/others | 45,215 |
| Foreign Pamphlets/Others | 42 |

Top Ten Best Sellers

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| How Al-Anon Works | Hope For Today | Blueprint For Progress |
| Courage To Change | Paths To Recovery | Groups At Work |
| One Day At A Time | Intimacy in Alcoholic Relationships | Reaching For Personal Freedom |
| Paths To Recovery/Workbook | | |

Al-Anon Faces Alcoholism Sales in 2019

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| English | 347,015 |
| French | 13.259 |
| Spanish | 42,778 |

Financial Highlights 2019

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| Total Assets | \$11,069 |
| Operating Revenue | \$6,623 |
| Operating Expenses | \$5,541 |

Becky Y., Area Treasurer:

-In order to be a signer on the Area Al-Anon checking account, personal information needs to be shared with the bank.

-Becky moved to set up a district PayPal Account so that a "donation button" could be added to the Area Website.

Donna 2nd the motion; motion passed.

-groups sending in donations, please include district number with checks

-See excel spreadsheet for full treasurer's report, Becky was going to attempt to email this to all AWSC members.

-Cheryl S. confirmed the District 1 totals were correct

-Jane F. confirmed the District 3 totals were correct

-Rick for district 4 or 5 (??), no donations so far

-Shawna confirmed \$144.00 from District 6

-District 7- NancyJo will check with her group as they should have sent in a donation

-Kathy B. also in this district and will check with her group they sent in a donation

-Becky Y. discovered she attributed that donation to District 6

-The budget approved in December 2019 included Archive storage payment of \$2,160 due January 2020

-As of today, all 2020 revenue is going to be from the calendars since the Spring and Fall assemblies are virtual

-Donations are down by at least 50% from last year.

-Expenses have also decreased since there has been travel for Assemblies or AWSC meetings.

-Kathy B. pointed out that in the past, the Assemblies have "paid their own way" with some additional income provided to the area.

-Area expenses include: website, archives storage, delegate's equalizer expense, delegate meeting

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-Becky recommends the area send an **appeal letter to the groups**; further discussion was held to determine how to frame the letter and the best way to distribute the letter. Cheryl S. can provide CMAs for all groups (current mailing address). Cheryl has already provided this list to Kathy B. Last year's "birthday" appeal was quite successful, should we try that again this year?

-Jane F. moved an email will be sent to each district along with snail mail to each group; Donna 2nd; motion passed.

-Donna asked what the equalizer expense was-Kathy B. explained that is the cost of sending the delegate to WSO meeting. The cost of every delegate's travel is added up and divided by every area and shared equally by all areas, in an attempt to ensure a fair distribution of cost.

-Equalizer Expense can be refunded by WSO since they held the WSC (World Service Conference) virtually. This amount is approximately \$1300. **Becky recommends that 50% be donated to WSO and 50% be returned to our Area. Chandra B. 2nd; Jane F. voted no, all others voted yes; motion passed.**

Area Outreach Coordinator, Barrie, has resigned. Does anyone know of someone interested in this position? If so, please let Kathy B. know.

Fall Assembly Discussion

Kathy and Cherie haven't chosen a venue yet due to lack of information about our wishes (AWSC). After much discussion **Cherie moved to hold the Fall Assembly virtually; Chandra 2nd; motion passed**

Cherie will need help in planning as she is "technically retarded." Becky Y. volunteered to help her as did Chandra. Becky will administrate a meeting for up to 100 people. Date is 9/19/20

Archives Storage Discussion

Linda H. GR from D1 acknowledged and thanked Ladora for the important work she has done to preserve the history of Al-Anon in Idaho. This has been a huge undertaking on Ladora's part and neither Linda nor anyone in District 1 wants to minimize this in any way! They only want to address the cost. She then presented the following written statement:

"At our May, 2020, Al-Anon district 1 meeting, the GRs made a motion, it was seconded and passed to decrease the percentage of money, that we will send to Idaho AWSC for now.

According to the Minutes and Reports posted to the Idaho Area Website, as well as our GR's and DR's attending Assemblies during the past 5 years, we would like to review the Archives Storage discussion.

****At the 2015 Spring Assembly there was a total of \$46.30 spent on Archives**

****5/21/2016 a motion was passed at Spring Assembly to have a "budget item in 2017 for archives storage."**

****9/17/2016 at Fall Assembly, "Discussion was held on the new line item Archives Storage"...(followed by) "the 2017 budget was approved by the GR's" (\$2100)**

****To Date, Idaho area has had a **proposed archives budget** for the years 2017-2020 of **\$8,660****

****It appears the yearly total proposed amount for Archive Storage is approximately 20-25% of the Area's Actual Revenue.**

Also, that year, as written in the Assembly Minutes and reported by Ladora B., *"I continue to change a small display of archives at the AAISC every few months. Those who volunteer there look at them, but I don't know about anyone else."*

The bottom line is that members in District 1 continue to express concern about the amount of money being spent on Archive storage.

- 1) How do these archived materials and the large expense align with Tradition 5 and Tradition 6?
- 2) How do these archives help the Newcomer the very person we need to attract **and** Our sole purpose: to help families of alcoholics?

Therefore, our members voices are saying "let's find a different solution."

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Linda has read over 200 pages of documents from WSO and WSC 2019. Further points to consider about Area Archives:

- how does each district, group use archives to help newcomers
- right now ¼ of Area Budget is for storage
- 2019 WSC Conference report states that many members are in rural areas
- What are other areas doing with their archives

Linda would like to have this issue added to the Fall Assembly agenda.

Kathy B. reminded us that the budget is approved at the Fall Assembly.

Ladora said that virtual meetings make it impossible to “show and tell” any archives for GRs or other assembly attendees to see, that is part of her job description as Archives Coordinator (to prepare and display Area Archives). She further stated that the items most viewed at Assemblies are poster and photographs.

Montana Archives has a mission and purpose statement. Ladora quoted our founder, Lois W., CAL item G-30 that facts available to prevent misunderstanding.

Ladora noted that electronic saving of some archives has been started. Not all items can be stored electronically.

Cheryl S. said that District 1 isn't disputing the need for Archives, only the cost involved. Is there any way to decrease the amount of physical space needed and so the cost involved in storage of the archives? She further suggested that a few people from each district help with scanning parties if needed.

Jane F. thanked Linda and Cheryl for bringing up this issue. She also thanked Ladora for her time and effort in preserving our Area Archives. She asked what has been done to digitize any of the archival records. Jane agreed to check with AA about the possibility of sharing storage with them.

Ladora pointed out that prior to digitizing any records, they must be read through and last names be covered up as early members were not as careful of anonymity in that regard. Ladora is in favor of digitizing as much of the archival records as possible. It will be a large undertaking. Every single box in storage right now is inventoried with a list of contents (there are over 80 numbered boxes with inventory for each box).

Further discussion included wanting to have members do the scanning and redacting of last names. The cost involved needs to be researched.

Chandra stated that the archives display at an Assembly she attended helped her to see where AFG came from.

Shawna did some research yesterday, talked to her brother who is active with the Church of Latter Day Saints and their family history archiving. He told her that the LDS church has a large scanning center in Pocatello and they are willing to allow outside groups use their facility. It is currently closed due to COVID-19. Her brother suggested that a donation could be made to the LDS museum (we would want to be fully self-supporting and so pay for use of facility). She will find out more from her brother about scanning our archives.

Becky Y. stated that she knows that \$2200 is due for storage in January 2021.

People willing to help with Archive digitization include: Cheryl S., Shawna,

Becky Y. stated that a lease was signed in January of 2020 so we may be tied to the current location until 2022. Maybe there will be some wiggle room to move into a smaller space in the same building.

Becky S asked about our current space, is there an agreement in place for a specific length of time (a contract?).

Ladora said that she would check into the current lease. She also asks where the archives would be taken if they are removed from the current location.

Kathy suggested the following be brought to the Fall Assembly:

- our current legal obligation for the space in which the archives are stored
- alternatives to the current solution
- what are people willing to do

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-GRs attending Fall Assembly need to read the WSO Guidelines for Archives prior

Calendar Committee 2020

Printer this year will be Litho in Cambridge, ID

They will charge \$750 for 100 calendars, same as last year's cost for 100 calendars

Last year all 100 calendars were sold

Cost may be a little higher this year since they will have to be mailed out due to Fall Assembly being virtual

The photographer will be acknowledged this year

Quotes from CAL cannot be used without prior approval, we don't have time for that now.

Kathy has many suggestions of things overheard in meetings from Cheryl

A vote was taken about whether or not to move forward with the calendar a fundraiser, there 4 against and 6 for; we will move forward

Becky Y. suggested charging \$20.00 per calendar as that would cover both printing and mailing costs.

Becky Y. also suggested doing only 50 calendars this year due to concern over the possibility of not selling 100.

Respectfully submitted, Sheila M. Area 13 Secretary.