

AWSC Meeting via ZOOM on-line

April 4, 2020

Attendees:

Kathy B.-area chairperson, Becky Y.-area treasurer, Sheila M.-area secretary, Paula –Forum/Literature Coordinator, NancyJo W.-Delegate, Laurie B.-Alt. Delegate, Donna –Alateen Coordinator, Jane F.-District 3 DR, Shawna D.-District 6 DR, Cheryl S.-District 1 DR/Group Records Coordinator

1. Meeting opened by Kathy B. with Serenity prayer and opening remarks, some of which were based upon feedback from Fall Assembly at 9:30 am Pacific Daylight Savings Time:
 - a. Kathy would like to see increased transparency between Area and the individual groups
 - b. Candidates for elections, their resumes need to be posted prior to Assemblies so that groups can access them prior to assembly so GR knows whom to vote for
 - c. Election items need to be disseminated prior to voting assemblies so GRs come prepared with their group's feedback
 - d. Teleconferencing needs to be utilized to a greater degree to improve attendance at Assemblies
 - e. Area officers need to work to increase their connection to groups throughout the state and the officers of the individual groups

Traditions were read by NancyJo

2. Introductions: reports of current realities from all
 - a. Becky Y., area treasurer:
 - i. financials are ready;
 - ii. training on use of software has been tricky to set up,
 - iii. getting out and into banks has also been difficult-finally the drive throughs are working though.
 - iv. Seeking suggestions for 7th tradition-she thinks maybe adding a “donation button” to the Area website would be good
 - b. NancyJo-Delegate
 - i. Attended the Northwest Regional Conference
 1. Enjoyed it
 2. Our Area gets to host next year
 - a. She has lots of stuff to share with Kathy B., she'll mail it
 - b. It will need to be on future agendas
 3. She will not be going to Virginia Beach due to COVID-19, there will be virtual session to attend on the same dates with a couple of training sessions prior
 - c. Laurie B.-alt. Delegate had no remarks to share
 - d. Cheryl S.-District 1 Dr
 - i. Obviously, no need for her to present on using ZOOM for virtual meetings as originally planned, pre-COVID-19 restrictions
 - ii. District 1 has 21 meetings currently, only 3 are without GRs;
 - iii. Most of the meetings have gone “virtual” or via conference call
 - iv. Newcomers have attended some of the virtual meetings, CAL to be mailed via US mail so they get something
 - v. Bingo Fundraiser was to be April 25, **rescheduled to June 1**
 - e. Sheila M.-area secretary

- i. Not too much difficulty at present
 - ii. I will be updating the area roster, please watch emails and answer for this
 - f. Shawna D. -District 6 DR
 - i. Their last district meeting was held via ZOOM, still needs some kinks worked out
 - ii. They now have three Alateen meetings
 - iii. She has been out and about in her district with her “shovel” to “fill in the holes” and it has helped
 - iv. Jane and someone else visited Idaho Falls for a speaker meeting which also helped to “Kick start” the “hole filling”
 - g. Jane F.-District 3 DR
 - i. They didn’t hold a district meeting in March, their next one will be virtual in April
 - ii. First quarter they had to activities which went well:
 - 1. Boundaries and Bridges brunch
 - 2. ??
 - iii. Second quarter events have been postponed
 - iv. District dispersal of funds has been postponed, they normally would have done so in March, hopefully will do so in April
 - v. They have 23-24 groups with 30 meetings, 15 virtual/ZOOM/teleconference meetings
 - vi. She spoke to someone at WSO yesterday, there is no need to register virtual meetings with WSO at this time
 - h. Donna –Alateen Coordinator
 - i. WSO extended the re-certification deadline for Alateen Sponsors from June to August
 - ii. There is a chat-line for Alateens to use, a sponsor is in the room for this, may be a good option with COVID-19 restrictions
 - iii. As of today, she has had no paperwork submitted for new Alateen sponsors
 - 1. She is a little worried about this since Shawna reports there are now 3 meetings in District 6, who are the sponsors?
 - iv. She spoke to someone at the Ada County schools-it sounds like there will be no more school this year, this will impact the number of Alateen meetings available to teens
 - I. Paula –Forum/Literature Coordinator
 - i. She has received many emails from WSO, she will be re-reading them to come up with a report for the next meeting (assembly or AWSC)
 - i. District 2-Shaundra-Kathy B. read her report, sent in to Kathy ahead of time as Shaundra was unavailable for today’s meeting
 - i. There are no GRs for any of their district’s meetings at this point in time.
 - ii. She has things all set up to do spring assembly via ZOOM, up to 100 attendees on this platform can be accommodated
 - iii. They had to reschedule their dessert auction fundraiser from April to June
 - j. Kathy B.-Area Chairperson
 - i. The pandemic threw her back into old ways of thinking, “Why me?!” then she remembered she has Al-Anon to help pull her out of it
 - ii. She would like to get a list of GRs & their email addresses from Cheryl S. in order to send out a newsletter to address her desire to improve transparency with groups
3. Spring Assembly discussion
- a. Do we want to move forward with plans for an “In-person” assembly or go virtual or what?

- i. "in-person" was unanimously determined to be irresponsible at this point in time
- ii. Suggestions for moving forward were:
 - 1. Reschedule "In-person" for July in conjunction with AWSC meeting
 - 2. Virtual meeting via ZOOM or some other platform
- iii. It was nearly unanimous that we still hold the Spring assembly
- iv. Money issues to consider
 - 1. Assemblies are fundraisers for Area, virtual assemblies may not bring in as much money
 - 2. We do still have the calendar fundraiser, it worked well last year!
 - 3. Cost for virtual platform-we will want one that has less technical difficulties than we experienced this morning for our meeting
- b. Kathy B. will contact Shaundra from District 2 about moving forward with Spring Assembly on the same date via ZOOM or another virtual platform
 - i. Kathy B. recommends that there be a "technical assistant" for the chairperson for the Spring Assembly
 - ii. Various members today recommended that the spring assembly be limited to 2-3 hours at the most
 - iii. Maybe 2-3 people can gather together at one house and join in the Spring assembly via ZOOM
 - iv. Suggested donation of \$5.00 per person to be requested
 - v. People willing to assist with Spring Assembly:
 - 1. Becky Y.
 - 2. Paula
 - 3. Jane
 - 4. Sheila

4. Electronic Meetings: Pros and Cons was not addressed today

5. Area Funds/Treasurer's report

- a. Beginning balances:
 - i. Checking \$5878.74
 - ii. Savings \$7503.23
- b. Current balances, as of today:
 - i. Checking \$4731.90
 - ii. Savings \$7503.42
- c. Receipts
 - i. January \$1542.21
 - ii. February \$265.08
 - iii. March \$327.87
 - iv. April \$393.62
- d. Expenses year to date total is \$3298.87
 - i. January: Archives & mail box: \$2057.33
 - ii. February: NWRD travel for delegate: \$779.90
 - iii. March: 3rd of 3 website payments: \$251.64
- e. Would we like her to add a "donation button" to the area website? it would cost 2.7% in transaction fees per transaction

- i. After much discussion it was determined to move forward with this suggestion with Area absorbing the transaction fee
- ii. 2.7% of \$5.00=\$0.135; not much

6.Moving forward

- a. Our next meeting will be in late May/early June to follow up on the Spring assembly and determine what to do about July AWSC meeting

7.Adjournement and Serenity prayer led by Sheila M. at 11:21 am Pacific Daylight saving time