

Idaho Area 13 AWSC Meeting
July 17, 2021

Attendees:

Jane F-DRD3	Chandra B-DRD2	Cheryl S-DRD1/Group Records
NancyJo W-WSO Delegate	Kathy B-Area Chairperson	Cherie G-DRD5
Cathy Z-DRD7		

Meeting opened at 9:10 am Mountain time by Kathy B with the Serenity Prayer

- Updates
 - Kathy B. suggests a new WSO Alternate Delegate be nominated since our current one is unable to fulfill the duties
 - Becky Y., area treasurer, has been severely injured recently, back injury and is on 2 weeks bedrest
- Cheryl
- S., District 1-
 - Most meetings are in-person
 - District has paid for a ZOOM account through May
 - The few ZOOM meetings are not collecting/receiving 7th tradition
 - One GR will be unable to attend Fall Assembly due to lack of contributions
 - Events with individual groups have resulted in some newcomers with hurt feelings
 - 4th Step workshop was excellent

AWSC Report District 1-Cheryl S. 7/7/21

We had a Fourth Step Workshop

You wanted it and you came! We had a good turnout: 32 members attended District 1's Fourth Step Workshop on Saturday, June 26. Sue and Randy C. from Spokane, WA. were our facilitators and it was a lot of fun! They took the "terror" out of starting a fourth step inventory with our sponsors. It was interactive and lots of member participated. Some of the over 25 props they had were a life preserver ring, a fire extinguisher, a whisk broom, crown, a mask and handcuffs. Participants shared on what they related to most, such as the mask which they often hid behind when the disease of alcoholism was at its worst in their lives. Sue and Randy had us take a hard look at ourselves in one exercise and another look at negative character traits we perceived the alcoholic in our lives had. It was revealing and clearly showed that we are in this together and that there is nothing to be ashamed of. We have all been there.

Members left less fearful of starting the Fourth Step and seemed that they were now looking forward to completing it with their sponsors. Everyone signed a thank you card and on behalf of the District gave them each an Al-Anon book bag as a gift.

Bingo Fundraiser recap: District 1 enjoyed a Saturday night playing Bingo on May 22nd! It was a fun and intentional way to raise \$381 for District 1! Prize Baskets were donated by each group and almost everyone was a winner.

District 1 is moving forward with planning the 2021 Fall Assembly being held here in Coeur d'Alene. Most groups are chairing a committee and we're hopeful that everyone will come and enjoy our city.

- Updates, continued
 - Group Records Coordinator, Cheryl S.
 - Very little activity lately, hardly anyone is contacting her with changes
 - Alerts-no mailing address-WSO mail has been returned
 - D2: Canyon AFG #3384
 - D3: Keep It Simple-Sunday, Women's AFG-Tuesday
 - D7 Path's to Recovery, this is NancyJo's group, she will investigate

- D2 Compassion and Strength group needs an email address
 - D6 Westside AFG needs an email address
 - Any changes to meeting information should be sent to Cheryl S:
 - Day/time of meeting
 - GR
 - Addresses: email and US mail
 - ZOOM meetings are considered temporary meetings by WSO and so do not have their own group #
- Secretary report, Sheila M.-Spring Assembly minutes are still in progress
- Chandra B. D2
 - Alateen in Kamiah to start meeting on Thursdays
 - Most meetings are in person
 - One meeting is via ZOOM
 - Planning to have a function in September
 - Only one group has a GR presently
 - December is usually when there is a special dinner with AA participation, unsure if it will be held
 - November gratitude luncheon with AA participation
- NancyJo W.-WSO Delegate & D7
 - 3 meetings in D7
 - Nampa-Paths to Recovery only 6-7 people each week; live for 2 months; they have a GR but she hasn't been attending meetings
 - NancyJo is going to move to Washington and will then be in District 2
 - Chandra will email her a meeting schedule
 - She will be able to continue as WSO Delegate
- Cherie G.-DRD5
 - Meetings are live but poorly attended
 - A picnic was held, weather wasn't cooperative so poorly attended
 - They have a treasurer
 - Some groups are strong, others not
 - Not many GRs
- Kathy Z.-DRD7
 - Newly elected as DR
 - Monday night meeting is struggling
 - Ontario meetings are going strong, several newcomers attending and calling for information
 - Still have some hybrid meetings
 - Most meetings are in-person
 - She will touch base with the GRs to establish a district meeting date/time
- Jane F.-DRD3 & Literature Center/Alateen Information Service Center
 - District 3 of Area 13 has oversight of the Lit. Center/AISC
 - Lit. Center struggled during the COVID shutdown
 - Sales improving as things open up
 - Last month sales exceeded expenses
 - Lit. center had a \$10,000 reserve, it was dipped into during the COVID shutdown by about \$2,300
 - August 28-29 Lit. Center is planning an Open House, in-person and virtually
 - Flyer will be sent out
 - <https://1drv.ms/b/s!AhvwmVqBf7Z5cq12fCRZECGx7kl?e=HSER8D>

- District 3- down to 23 meetings from 30 due to COVID
 - McCall is strong
 - Kuna folded
 - Many meetings going back to in-person
 - District's outreach position is open as is Alateen Coordinator
 - D3's Alateen program is largest in nation (preCOVID, anyway)
 - Coordinator is needed to maintain that
 - August they will hold a picnic at a church with inside area as backup in case of poor weather
 - District meeting to be held this week via ZOOM to discuss returning to in-person
- Area Alateen-Bret R., handles WSO communications, a coordinator is still needed to attend meetings
- Kathy B., Area Chairperson
 - January is the beginning of the last year of AWSC committee positions
 - Fall Assembly
 - Flyer is complete and correct, finally
- Secretary's AWSC report
 - Cheryl S. moved to accept the minutes of the winter AWSC meeting as corrected during the reading
 - NancyJo 2nd
 - ***Motion passed, AWSC Minutes for Winter 2021 meeting accepted***
- Calendars
 - Committee has been formed to choose photos
 - Over 60 photos were submitted
 - Kathy B. to bring calendars to Fall Assembly to avoid mailing expenses
 - Not sure about cost yet, if needed, there will be a price increase
 - Kathy asked Ladora to identify some dates of significance to Idaho Al-Anon to include on the calendar
 - 2022 is the 60th anniversary of Al-Anon in Idaho
 - For next year she suggests that all photos submitted be in "landscape" orientation
 - NancyJo volunteered to help her with distribution at Fall Assembly
- Fall Assembly
 - 10 rooms to be held until 8/18 at a special rate for the Area 13 AFG Fall Assembly
 - Menu-Trio Salad was chosen
 - Gluten-free or vegetarian options will be available, registration form will have a line to mark for these
 - Dessert and beverage are included
 - 9/14 is date for headcount for food/attendees
 - Friday's meditation/spiritual meeting will be chaired by Nicole R.
 - Saturday, the room will be available to Al-Anon 7am-7pm
 - Lunch, speaker, meeting all to be in the same room
 - Projector Screen will cost \$50.00
 - Glenn will bring a projector, one was donated to Al-Anon, it needs a bulb, \$60.00
 - Kathy took a poll of those present today, all in favor of using this projector
 - Registration
 - Area handles this, provides name tags, etc.
 - Sheila to assist
 - All registrants will receive a goody bag
 - Theme: 70 Years of Growth and Change
 - Speaker will be Darin H. from Spokane

- There will be coffee/tea service
- Signage will direct people to the Area 13 AFG Meeting
- Area pays for room for Area officers/coordinators; splits the cost for those who are both DR and officer/coordinator
- Each person is responsible for booking their own room
- Archives Committee will need to provide a report at Fall Assembly
- Website-Kathy and Laura
 - It needs to be more user-friendly
 - Ad-hoc Committee is needed to look into web development & cost
 - Will want it to be capable of housing electronic archives for access by membership
 - D3's website is great
 - Area may need to do more fundraising depending upon cost involved

Laura's email: rebola@aol.com

11:15 am Jane F. moved to adjourn

Cheryl S. 2nd

Motion passed, meeting adjourned with the Al-Anon Declaration