

Area 13 AWSC Meeting  
March 27, 2021

Attendees:

Kathy B, Area Chairperson	Becky Y, Area Treasurer	Ladora B, Area Archives
LuAnn C, Area Public Outreach	Cheryl S, D1DR & Area Group Records	Chandra B, D2DR
Paula N, Area Forum Coordinator	Glenn, Alt D3DR	Cherie, D5DR
Laura, Area Website Coordinator	Jane F, D3DR	Shawna D, D6DR
Sheila M, Area Secretary		

Meeting began @ 10:10 am Mountain Time with:

- 12 Traditions read by Cheryl S.
- 12 Concepts read by Shawna D.

**Secretary's Report**, AWSC minutes from August 1, 2020 were read by Sheila M., area secretary.

**Becky Y. moved** to accept the secretary's report.

**Cheryl S. 2<sup>nd</sup>** the motion; **MOTION PASSED**; Secretary's report Accepted.

**Treasurer's Report**, (see excel document) Becky Y. went over the area treasurer's report, she answered all questions.

- Archives Lease was changed due to move to smaller room with lower monthly amount
- What is the Area prudent reserve amount? \$7,500.00
- this report includes historical information back to 2017
- There will be an expense for travel this year for assemblies, so travel amount increased to accommodate this
- WSO Equalizer Expense**, \$977.93
  - WSO is doing alright financially, as reported by Becky, so what do we want to do with this money?
  - Becky thought that at Fall Assembly it was decided to split the amount between Area and WSO.
    - Do we still want to do this? WSO told her that they would return the money if we want
  - Fall Assembly minutes were checked, it was voted to keep the whole amount

**Shawna D moved** to uphold the Fall Assembly vote to keep the whole WSO Equalizer Expense amount  
**2<sup>nd</sup>**; **MOTION PASSED**.

- Group donations reported current as of last week.
- Becky has a donation with a group ID# she didn't recognize
- Becky will check with Ladora as to whether or not her donation was individual or group

**Chandra moved** to accept Area Treasurer's Report

**Cherie 2<sup>nd</sup>**; **MOTION PASSED**.

### Calendar Fundraiser

Kathy asked if we want to do this again; after discussion, it was determined that we do

### Assemblies

**Spring Assembly**- District 3 is host district.

It will be virtual.

**Fall Assembly**-District 1 is host district.

It will be in person/face to face.

- Discussion ensued as to how to make the business meeting be more efficient
  - GRs attending having read the secretary's report (minutes) and treasurer's report ahead of time and having questions ready;
  - possibly district meeting prior to assembly for preparation of GRs
  - previous assembly minutes on Area website in GR tab,

- treasurer's report on Area website in GR tab,
- Make sure key business is addressed early in the day, before we "lose" people
- Archives Committee Report will need to be included on the Spring Assembly Agenda

## Reports

### D3DR report

"District 3 has a Zoom account that we are making good use of. We share it with smaller meetings who are virtual and can't afford their own account. In addition, we have the capacity to have speakers from all over the world. Recently, our monthly speaker meeting had a member sharing their story from Tel Aviv, Israel.

Our District 3 Committee is meeting monthly via Zoom. This format has become popular and it remains to be seen if we will return to regular in person 3D Committee meetings.

We are also using the account for other events. In February, we held our 7<sup>th</sup> Annual 1<sup>st</sup> Virtual Steps Come Alive event via Zoom. We had people from all over the world and made about \$1,200.00 which is the most we've made at an event in quite some time.

One thing that has helped us raise money is the fact that we have a District 3 PayPal account as well as a website. Last fall, we held a Fall Fling Virtual Auction which was our most successful event of 2020.

We will continue to hold a combination electronic/virtual, in person and hybrid meetings even once the pandemic numbers have improved. Using a combination of various formats has allowed us to reach out to more people and this has been popular among members.

As to when we go back to any in-person events and more meetings, that also remains to be seen. Also, we would like to know the status of WSO including hybrid meetings in their database so that people can find these groups. As per our conversation with WSO, this question is to be discussed at the May conference.

District 3 will be hosting the 2021 Spring Assembly in May. This will be held virtually via Zoom and details will follow. In order to get those details completed, we need to know how much time we have outside of the business meeting portion to offer speakers and other activities.

The Literature Center/AAISC (Al-Anon Alateen Information Service Center) which serves Area 13 is located at 1111 S Orchard Ste 172 in Boise. District 3 has the oversight of this operation. We are working with WSO about setting up on-line sales. Regardless, we would appreciate groups in the Area supporting our local literature center. Along those lines we will be sharing ways for other districts and groups to purchase from the Literature Center.

Speaking of other districts, we would love some insights on how you're handling newcomers through the different meeting format. We have a lot to learn from each other and such interaction on this and other topics is greatly appreciated."

-During the D3DR report and discussion by Jane F., *it was **moved by Jane F. and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Becky Y.** that our Area support the WSO in developing a hybrid/ZOOM/electronic listing in the database. **MOTION PASSED.***

### Alateen Coordinator Report, submitted by AAPP, Bret R.

"Alateen has been severely impacted by the COVID pandemic and the normal statistical reports do not tell an accurate story.

We currently have 17 meetings listed as "Active." However, we only have two groups that are currently meeting. One in District 1 and one in District 3. WSO does not want us to show meetings suspended for COVID as "inactive." Instead, a note describes that the Group does not currently meet due to COVID.

We do not know when schools will fully reopen and allow non-classroom meetings like Alateen.

When we are allowed into the schools, it will take a substantial amount of effort to restaff and train Alateen Sponsors. Currently we only have 17 Sponsors as many have chosen to not re-certify because of the risk of COVID transmission in a school setting.

Additionally, we have lost our Area Alateen Coordinator and several District Coordinators.

Yours in service, Bret R., AAPP"

### Area Website Coordinator, Laura

-She apologized for the last year being "lost" due to a variety of personal issues.

- She will be taking care of 4 things in the few weeks
  - updating schedules
  - links to district websites so that area website will pick up district updates
  - minutes to be uploaded
  - GR section to be improved
  - donation "button" to be added to area website
- Has anyone been able to get into AFG Connects? Chandra has been "kicked out" of it a few times and was told that Area personnel needs to contact them to work on straightening it out. Kathy will reach out to them.

#### **Archive Committee, Glenn**

- March 15 archives was moved into a smaller unit in the building which is \$10 less per month
- committee needs to request \$250.00 to pay for shredding of a test box
  - Becky said to request an invoice
- committee also needs to request \$50.00 for a 1 terabyte hard drive to save all electronic files which could be stored in a fire safe box at the literature center
- exp. Shred \$20.00 per pound
- Kathy requests recommendations from the committee about what to do with the original hard copies of scanned documents*
- Some scanning has begun by volunteers once a week for a couple of months
  - Friday afternoons 2:30 or 3:00 until 5:00
  - volunteers welcomed to assist
- a photo was shared showing what is currently in the storage unit, a lot of what is still there is un-scannable: books, posters, other memorabilia
- the current lease is for one year
  - what is to be done after the year is up?
- Becky Y. moved that all AWSC and Area minutes be scanned, then shred hard copies for those younger than the first two years of Area 13's existence. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Chandra. MOTION PASSED.**
- electronic documents are being labeled by document title, month and year
- Becky Y. moved that all Area 13 financial records be scanned, then shred hard copies except for the past 5 years. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Cheryl S. MOTION PASSED**
- Archiving items on the website would be a separate committee item
  - upgrades to the website to support electronic document archives that extensive would be \$2,000-\$3,000
- Chandra Moved that AWSC committee provide Archives Committee the funds needed to move forward with purchase of the 1 terabyte hard drive and to pay for shredding of one test-box. Becky Y. 2<sup>nd</sup>. MOTION PASSED**

Discussion on the following two topics was interjected in the middle of the Archives Committee Report:

- there will be a new/upgraded website outreach project
- Fundraiser ideas
  - Calendar-it was great last year
    - find out where the "price break" is for print quantity
    - charge \$17.00 for preorders at Spring Assembly, \$20.00 if not pre-ordered
  - Donation "button" on the Area 13 website
  - On-line auction

#### **D1DR report-Cheryl S.**

- District 1 has several meetings still going on, both in-person and ZOOM
- lots of newcomers
- attendance is down about 1/3 due to COVID

- 7<sup>th</sup> Tradition still rough with the ZOOM meetings
- District 1 has a Facebook page
- Bingo fundraiser to take place 4<sup>th</sup> weekend of May, it's been a good fundraiser in the past
- 4<sup>th</sup> Step Workshop will be held sometime in later Spring
- the District newsletter goes out monthly to about 400 people
- District outreach at the local hospital has resumed for their in-patient and out-patient panels
- Fall Assembly committee has been established, hotel reserved-Coeur d'Alene Inn Best Western, the meeting room is free with catered meal

#### **D2DR report-Chandra B.**

- 1 new meeting has started
- 2 meetings have closed down
- 2 meetings are "on hold" due to being in "COVID hotspots"
- 7 meetings in Lewiston
- 2 meetings are ZOOM
- temporary location changes have been made for some of the meetings
- they are hoping to have fundraisers again and do more in-person events/meetings

#### **D5DR report-Cherie**

- Sunday meeting, Monday noon meeting, Tuesday meeting and Friday meeting are all in-person & going well
- Wednesday ZOOM meeting is going well
- hoping to plan an in-person event/fundraiser at a park

#### **D6DR report-Shawna**

- 5 small meetings have closed due to COVID
- several meetings which met in churches have closed due to COVID
- Wednesday ZOOM meeting is going strong, has 3 newcomers
- They are thinking of adding another ZOOM Meeting at noon
- no fundraisers planned for now
- newcomers have been "younger" people
- hoping for more newcomers and stronger attendance with increased vaccination

#### **D2 and D7 Not represented today, no report**

#### **Fall Assembly Action**

- Do we want to have a separate room for the spiritual meeting and any breakout sessions? If so, there would be additional cost
- will any audio/visual equipment be needed? Data projector would be \$300.00
- it was determined that the following would be needed
  - data projector
  - internet access
- coffee/tea/snacks?
- get a "head count" for Fall attendance at the Spring Assembly
- Meal will be some sort of salad with protein, \$16.95
- Flyer will be ready at Spring Assembly
- Date is September 18

#### **July AWSC meeting**

- ZOOM
- July 17<sup>th</sup> (3<sup>rd</sup> weekend of month)
- 10:00 am Mountain daylight saving time
- agenda items due to Kathy by July 1

Kathy will reach out to Laurie, our alternate WSO delegate to see if she is available to take over duties  
WSO delegate needs to have served as a district representative (FYI)

**Adjourned at 2:40 pm** Chandra led the Serenity prayer to close the meeting.

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