

Area 13 AFG WSC Committee Meeting  
Saturday, July 9, 2022

Opened at 9:10 am Mountain time with Serenity Prayer led by Lori M.  
Traditions read by Jane F.

Attendees:

Kathy B – Area Chairperson  
Shawna D – D6DR  
Jane f – D3DR

Lori M – WSO Delegate  
Jana M – Calendar  
Sheila M – Area Secretary

Cheryl S – D1DR  
Cathy Z - D7DR  
Ladora B – Archives Chairperson

- **Calendar:**

- Jana has no way to open up for voting, so she has chosen the pictures which she thinks are the best, several were through car windows and she didn't choose them.
- Not many quotes were submitted, of those that were, several were about God specifically so she looked up quotes to use
- Any pictures submitted up to the due date, if any are better, she will put them in
- 3 volunteers are needed to proofread
  - Cheryl S.
  - Sheila M.
  - Jana will find one more person
- Last year calendars cost \$4.00 each to print, this year they will probably cost more.
- How many do we want to order this year
  - Not all were sold last year
- Jana is not "hired" but a volunteer
- Jana would like to meet with Ladora at Fall Assembly regarding using archival items in a calendar
  - Ladora will work on it with her

- **Fall Assembly Update (Cathy Z)**

- Flyer is ready
- Speakers
  - Cathy Z needs some ideas as all those whom she has asked are unavailable
  - They are trying to keep costs down so if we could find people who are more local and travel expenses are kept low
  - Jane has an idea, will share contact information
  - Lori suggests Lori M
- The Clarion Hotel has all needed audio-visual equipment needed to run meeting as hybrid
- A skit is planned
- Ladora-
  - 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Al- Anon in Idaho
  - Ladora has minutes printed and ready to share about how Al-Anon came to be and would like to have about 10 minutes to share them with Assembly
- Clarion is being very gracious and good to work with, they will help with most anything and number of tables is very flexible
- Literature to be available
  - Jane to get Cathy Z contact information for Area Literature Center to make arrangements for them to be present

- Let's include Alateen information and literature available, too
- **Area Finances**
  - Spring Assembly Finances update- Becky Y is not present to address this, she is ill today.
- **Web Bid**
  - Kathy shared the previous report (From Fall Assembly 2021?)
    - Original bid was for about \$2,000.00 - \$2,500.00
    - Bret R, Ruth B, and Diana (from District 1) have expressed willingness to work on this
    - Area Website Coordinator is needed
    - Current website is not functioning well anymore, Kathy has been unable to put anything new on
      - Kathy will see if she can remove some outdated meeting schedules, etc. to see if that will help
- **Area Website**
  - Fundraising ideas discussion
    - District 1 will probably be sent to Area for the website-
      - Cheryl S has been checking with meetings and there will be a vote at District meeting to see if the unexpected money which has been sent to District from a meeting that closed, about \$900.00
    - Kathy suggests that we could use the Calendar funds
      - There are concerns about this as these funds have been keeping the Area afloat lately
      - Ladora expressed concerns about this as well but we need have a treasurer report
    - Jane has brought forward the following suggestions
      - Area 13 Prudent Reserve: I know this question was raised at the Fall Assembly by a GR and no answer was provided. With a balance of \$7,500 in The Prudent Reserve, this could be a funding source for the Area website.
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      - Special Appeal to Groups and Members: just like WSO does a quarterly appeal, Area 13 could do a special appeal for the website and send it to groups and members. For example, District 3 has an email list of about 500 and we'd be glad to email a special appeal for the website to that list.
        - Jane is partial to this one
      - Flash Fundraiser: a member suggested the idea of a flash fundraiser for the area website. This would mean setting a specific time frame such as 2 weeks and sending an appeal out to groups and members. Any donations received during that time frame would go to the area website
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      - Silent Auction: this could be done online and the proceeds would be for the area website. An example of items that could be auctioned would be some of the framed items in the archives. Rather than sitting in storage, they could be on the wall of the home or office of a member.
- ***Jane moves that Area have a special appeal to groups to raise funds for a professionally developed website.***
  - ***Shawna seconded***
  - ***Motion passed***
  - Shawna recommends that a separate accounting of the funds for this appeal so that the funds are not "co-mingled" with other funds
- **Technology Coordinator Position**
  - Zoom/Hybrid meetings and assemblies
    - Supplies needed:

- Equipment such as camera(s), microphones, modem
  - Cathy Z said that we may not have to purchase every single thing needed as different venues where we hold assemblies may have some of the equipment
  - Things to consider with equipment purchase
    - How quickly are things outdated?
    - Is rental more prudent?
    - Who would be responsible for storage and or transportation to meeting sites
  - We need to determine what is needed and how much it will cost
  - Who will be responsible for storing any hardware equipment
- Including Zoom Contract for Area Use
  - Tradition 7 – to be fully self-supporting
    - Kathy believes that Area should have it's own Zoom contract
      - Area Assemblies and AWSC meetings have priorities
      - Area groups could also use this contract
    - Jane shared what District 3 is doing:
      - District opened a Zoom account which was/is available for any district meeting to use for meetings within the district and then they have their various scheduled meetings
        - District meeting is held via Zoom
        - They have a monthly "Creative Corner"
        - They have held other events via Zoom platform
    - Shawna reported that District 6 also purchased a Zoom account
      - Some groups have used it, some have not
    - District 1 Zoom account is \$175.00 per year, Jane noted that the cost might increase if the number of participants exceeded a certain # (50?)
  - ***Shawna moved that Area 13 purchase a commercial Zoom Account, Cheryl S seconded, motion passed***
  - We need to develop a "job description" for this position
    - Kathy would like all of us to provide input as to what we need so that we can bring that to Fall Assembly
      - We want to avoid "future resentments" by having a clear list of duties for the trusted servant who takes on this position
- **Electronic Meetings**
  - Task Force/Committee is needed Area Policy to be developed for this so that at Fall Assembly we can have GRs vote to participate in Area 98 or to have electronic meetings within our Area structure
  - Area 98
    - Is the new WSO area for Al-Anon Family Group meetings to be part of and to be represented within the WSO structure
  - Cheryl has been in contact with WSO and our area needs to set a date for when the area will make a decision about electronic meetings.
    - WSO has told Cheryl that Zoom is going to go away, any Zoom meeting will need to transition to and register as an electronic meeting
    - Lori M clarified electronic meetings as
      - phone, email, chat, WebEx, Zoom, etc.
      - meetings that are "in space"

- Cheryl suggests having an electronic district which could include what district that meeting is located in
      - Remember to include how to make donations for tradition 7
    - Jane suggests a 2-prong approach
      - ***Adopt a motion, if committee agrees, that Area 13 accept electronic meetings into the area and they stay in their local districts and set up an electronic meeting task force on electronic meetings for Fall Assembly***
        - ***Seconded by Shawna***
        - ***Motion withdrawn after discussion which is listed below***
        - Discussion (on Jane's first motion was withdrawn after discussion)
          - Cheryl is opposed to this motion, as Group Records Coordinator, according to the information she has from WSO Zoom meetings need to be registered in and as electronic meetings within the Electronic Meeting structure
          - Kathy B
            - Meetings need to have current mailing address
          - Lori M
            - At this meeting she thinks we should develop a task force to get things ready for Fall Assembly, this motion would be more appropriate at Fall Assembly
          - Ladora suggests we make a recommendation rather than a motion
          - Cathy Z
            - Her district supports electronic meetings as they support face-to-face
          - Cheryl S
            - Would like to see Zoom meetings be part of area but the individual meetings need to be registered as electronic
          - Sheila M
            - We need a task force to get information gathered which is clear and easy to understand
            - What Cheryl and Lori have said seems contradictory and confusing
            - I am not ready to make a decision on this motion today
            - GRs need information before the assembly and they need to be able to vote at Fall Assembly.
          - Kathy B
            - Would a WSO person be able to speak to us at Fall Assembly about this issue to provide clarity
          - Ladora B
            - She would like our meetings remain in our districts and our area
          - Jane F
            - Her district has voted unanimously to keep their Zoom meetings in the district and in the area
            - Electronic meetings, zoom meetings
              - She called WSO about inactive meetings or being made inactive
            - We definitely need a task force to gather information and present it at Fall Assembly
- Jane F District 3's Zoom/Electronic meetings participate in the district and area
- Removing electronic meetings will harm us as far as service position fulfillment
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- ***Adopt a motion, if committee agrees, that we establish an electronic meeting task force to present a proposed policy on electronic meetings to Fall Assembly for GRs to vote on at Fall Assembly***
  - ***Seconded by Shawna***
  - ***Motion passed, unanimously***
  - Jane willing to chair this task force, Cheryl and Lori will be part of the task force
  - Date to have policy ready to share with GRs-August 16 at latest so that it can be disseminated
  - Lori challenged all DRs to invite at least one other person from their district to join the task force, keep it small/simple, but one person from each district would be great for representation.
- **Remember, all Area Service positions will turn over so we need new people involved**
  - **Meeting closed at 11:20 am Mountain time by Ladora leading us in Serenity Prayer**