

AWSC Area 13 AFG Meeting Minutes-ZOOM meeting
March 19, 2022

Attendees:

Becky Y-area treasurer	Kathy B-Area Chairperson	Cheryl S-DRD1, Area Group Records Coord
Lori M-alt Area WSO Delegate	Paula N-Area Forum Rep.	Carolyn K-alt DRD2
Anne W-D2 attendee	Cathy Z-DRD7	Jeanne H-D5 attendee, Spring Assem. Vol.
Jane F-DRD3	Shawna-DRD6	Ladora B-Area Archives Coord.
Sheila M-area secretary		

- ❖ Meeting opened at 9:10 am pacific time/10:10 am mountain time with Serenity Prayer, led by ???
- ❖ “roll call, introductions, information in general” by attendees
 - Lori M. is excited and honored to be the alternate WSO Area Delegate
 - She has held many service positions during her time in Al-Anon at local, district, area and WSO levels
 - She has been in Al-Anon 25+ years
 - Shawna
 - COVID has really decimated her district
 - There are now only 6 groups when previously there were 12
 - She has been in Al-Anon for 32 years
 - Her home group has changed its meeting location within last 6 months, it was a good change
 - Cathy Z
 - New DR
 - District is strong
 - Hosting Fall assembly, excited for this
 - Jane F
 - Condolences to District 5 following death of Cherie, their DR and long time Al-Anon member
 - Term as DR ends in November
 - Will take a break from service at that point for a while
 - District has several ZOOM meetings
 - District has some in-person meetings
 - Ladora B
 - Continues to piece together Area history and keep it in one location
 - Has items from early history of Al-Anon in Idaho, start of districts and growth up through the present
 - Kathy B
 - Has held many service positions at local, district, area and WSO levels
 - Was afraid of Area Chairperson and here she is doing it!
 - Many challenges to work with during her tenure
 - Pandemic
 - Death of service position holders at area level
 - Serious accident/injury of an area officer
 - Finds some comfort in remembering that she is “on the road to happy destiny” as AA calls it.
 - Other attendees were more brief in their introductions
 - Reports, in addition to what was provided during introductions
 - District 1-Cheryl S
 - 19 meetings still being held
 - ◆ 1 to go electronic
 - ◆ All but 3 have GRs

- ZOOM district account will be renewed in May
- Bingo Fun night was held March 5, well-attended, not fundraiser this time
- Announcements have been being made about the availability of district service positions coming up this fall
 - ◆ Cheryl and other district 1 members have found greater success with getting positions filled by asking people individually, face-to-face to consider taking them on
- District 2-Carolyn K & Anne W
 - Groups in the Valley are going strong
 - ◆ In-person
 - ◆ Carolyn started one during COVID at her home on Saturdays
 - Winter meeting time is 4:00pm
 - Summer meeting time is 11:00 am (swimming after in her pool)
- District 3-See Jane F's information above
- District 4 no representation today
- District 5-Paula N
 - Struggling without a DR due to Cherie's passing
 - May 6-7 will be an AA Assembly with Al-Anon participation, she is liaison, working on what that will look like
 - Spring Fling, 4/30, fundraiser
 - ◆ Italian theme for food and beverages
 - ◆ Speaker
- District 6-see Shawna's information above
- District 7-Cathy Z DR
 - Strong meetings
 - ◆ All have GRs
 - She has visited all but one meeting, the Spanish one, has been in contact with the GR who is bilingual, Cathy Z isn't bilingual and so will maintain contact with GR to make sure they know they are supported
 - Middleton has a strong meeting with an outreach coordinator, adjusts meeting when newcomers attend
 - Nampa meeting has been struggling since NancyJo's passing
 - Fall Assembly is looked forward to
 - ◆ Many members who have helped/participated in the past talk about how fun it was
 - Alateen is getting a boost in the district many things in the works
- Group Records-Cheryl S
 - Reminder to please inform her when group information changes
 - ◆ Very few groups or districts provide her with information
 - District 1 does, she is DR
 - District 7 has done so with Cathy Z taking on DR position
 - Becky Y to reach out to the District 3 person to contact her, there are probably many updates to make for this district
- Calendar
 - Becky reports that the 2022 Calendar was a good fundraiser for the district
 - Kathy B noted that she will not be able to head up this project this year
 - Recommends ordering 75 this year
 - ◆ 50 was too few first year
 - ◆ 100 too much this past year as there are about 20 left over

- It was suggested that this year's calendar focus on Al-Anon history in Idaho, beyond including important dates as the 2022 does
 - To honor Archives efforts over the years
 - To make some of our history available to more members
 - Lori and Paula suggested inclusion of a letter from Lois B (Al-Anon co-founder) to an early Idaho Al-Anon member
- Kathy B will check in with Glenn and Will who have been most involved with digitizing efforts to see if they have easy access to images that may work well for the 2023 calendar
- Cathy Z will be a point person
 - Will reach out to Janna who has been involved with the calendar since it's start a couple years ago to see if she will take over for Kathy B
- Cheryl S will check with District 1 archivists to see if they have any contributions to suggest/include

➤ Treasurer information

Deposits Checking Account Balance 15-Mar-22			
Beginning Balance January:	January	February	March
\$ 9,187.98			
	37		
	55	25	50
	5	50	50
	171.9	25	
	139.64		
	25		
	25		
	20		
	95		
\$ 573.54		\$ 100.00	\$ 100.00
\$ 773.54			
\$ 9,961.52	Checking Account	15-Mar-22	
\$ 7,505.18	Savings Account	15-Mar-22	
\$ 17,466.70			

- Becky reports that
 - \$153.00 is still owed for calendars delivered for 2022
 - Calendar sales are beneficial for area funds

- Equalized Expense for WSO
 - ◆ Last year was returned
 - ◆ This year it is much higher, \$2,137.00, actual amount would be \$3,053.00
 - ◆ NW Regional Delegates' Meeting will cost about \$1,000.00 for Lori M. to attend
- Lease for Archives storage is paid through the end of this year
- Becky has encountered quite a bit of difficulty during her tenure as treasurer with US mail losing letters from her to districts and from districts to her, Area 1 in particular and Twin Falls
- VENMO Account
 - Becky recommends Area consider establishing a VENMO account to improve ease of donation reception, transfer of funds to districts for expenses such as Assemblies.
 - It could be tied to the Area bank account
 - It would require a phone number from the treasurer or a social security number.
 - Becky is comfortable sharing her phone number for this
 - Transfer to new treasurer next year would be fairly simple, go to bank and change phone number
 - Much discussion was held, resulting in **Jane F. moving that the Area establish a VENMO account as described by Becky** (see above bullet point)
 - **Lori M 2nd the motion to establish VENMO account**
 - Motion passed with one vote opposed and one abstention
 - Becky will prepare in informational letter to share with groups and the Area Website to inform of the addition of VENMO as means to share donations with Area.
- Becky has volunteered to assist with ZOOM hybrid meetings as needed. She has become quite proficient in the last couple years and now knows how to make it work on a large screen
- Literature-Forum
 - Paula attended a ZOOM meeting 2/24/22
 - Recommendations following that meeting include the following
 - ◆ Have groups "pass the can" to collect the \$11.00 to pay for the subscription then have a drawing for one of the group members to receive the subscription
 - ◆ Forum accepts photo submission
 - ◆ At Assemblies have a poster collage board display of Forums
 - Ladora notes that Area has one already and it could be used at the Spring and Fall Assemblies
- Area Literature Center
 - Jane F reported
 - Lit center hasn't been able to order How Al-Anon Works for the past two months due to WSO issues
 - ◆ Maybe members could purchase used copies to share as donations to new members on the "pay it forward" shelf
- Alternate WSO Delegate
 - Lori has been busy reading area minutes to catch up on what has been happening, she has also been reading all information in WSO Connects, etc., on her new duties so she can represent our Area to the best of her abilities
 - She wants to hear from groups about their thoughts on Electronic Meetings; the WSO has established a "Non-Paneled Global Electronic Meeting"
 - Jane F and Becky Y shared some of their thoughts/experiences
 - ◆ Jane expressed the opinion that WSO has created a problem where one didn't exist and has created a new level of bureaucracy that is unnecessary
 - It's already hard to fill service positions, now there will be another level of service positions to fill

- ◆ Becky belongs to a ZOOM group that was contacted by WSO and informed that if they were going to continue as an electronic meeting with no in-person aspect, they have to join the Non-Panel Global Electronic Meeting arm of WSO. They will have a GR for that, though.
- WSO working on guidelines for the Non-Panel Global Electronic Meetings
- Next WSC meeting
 - Theme: Enhancing Our Recovery Through Abundance, Unity and Understanding
 - April 25-26, 2022
 - Tarrytown, NY
 - Will include a visit to Stepping Stones
 - “Love Gifts”
 - ◆ as done in the past are discouraged
 - ◆ WSO asking that they be done via text message, email or US Mail
 - ◆ Lori is comfortable with all three forms of contact see information below:
 - ◆ 208.929.2917 for texting
 - ◆ 3677 Pineridge Dr, Coeur d’Alene, ID 83815
 - ◆ Westchester Marriott Hotel
 - 670 White Plains Road, Tarrytown NY 10591
 - Attn: Lori Malin Area 13 Delegate
- NW Delegates Regional Meeting
 - April 9-10, 2022
 - Casper, WY
 - Lori is registered and has made travel arrangements
 - Excited to go to further prepare for WSC meeting later in April
- Lori asked for clarification on her role
 - She thought it used to be that the WSO delegate also needed to be a certified AMIAS person
 - ◆ AMIAS-AI-Anon Member Involved in Alateen Service
 - ◆ Kathy B provide clarification that this is no longer the case
 - It is true that it often falls to the WSO delegate to take on other Area positions left open, though
- **Side discussion developed regarding 1 person 1 vote/voice**
 - Lori read what the service manual stated about this issue, discussion ended amicably
- Spring Assembly
 - Kathy B had reached out to people last fall, no success, assumed it would be via ZOOM due to this lack of contact with anyone in District 4, host district
 - Jeanne H. attended today’s meeting to volunteer to look into putting on Spring Assembly as a Hybrid
 - Jeanne to get back to us next week, we will hold another ZOOM AWSC meeting to discuss findings and make further plans
 - Some others present today who will help with Spring Assembly
 - Paula N
 - Cheryl S-speaker(s) via ZOOM
 - Cathy Z-hybrid meeting logistics
 - Will need to include time for WSO Delegate to report back to Area
- **Secretary’s Report**
 - **Sheila M shared the minutes from the July 2021 AWSC meeting on the screen and read them**
 - **Cheryl S moved to approve as read**
 - **Cathy Z 2nd the motion**
 - **Motion passed**

- Minutes will have “draft” removed and be emailed to Kathy B by Sunday Evening to share with all attendees of today’s meeting and to post on the Area Website, a paper copy will be mailed to Ladora B for inclusion in Archives
- Fall Assembly 2022
 - Cathy Z reports the following
 - Committee has been formed and has been meeting monthly for 2-3 months
 - Theme chosen
 - ◆ Together We Can Make It
 - ◆ Detach, Don’t Amputate was a close second
 - Becky suggested that as a workshop topic
 - Will be hybrid
 - Physical portion
 - ◆ Still working on Venue. Next committee meeting to address this
 - Will let Kathy B know pertinent information for dissemination to AWSC committee once it’s known (by end of April)
 - Janna is ready to prepare informational flyers once venue decisions are made
- **12:45 pm Pacific time/1:45 pm Mountain time**
 - **Becky Y moved to adjourn the AWSC meeting**
 - **Lori M seconded**
 - **Motion passed**
- Paula N led us in Serenity Prayer prior to signing off the ZOOM meeting