

Area 13 AFG Fall Assembly
September 17, 2022

Attendees:

Cathy Z – D7DR/Tech	Sheila M – Area Secretary, D1 GR	Cindy N – D1 AMIAS
Sharon R – D1GR	Reah – Tues/Fri noon 5 Mile Nazarene	John K – D1 GR, Sat. Sunshine
Steve R – D2GR	Cecilia – non voting, Electronic Area GR	Kris S – D1 GR, Freedom Group; D1 Sec.
Carol G – D2 GR	Lu-Ann C – D3GR Thursday Night Friends	Sandy V – D1GR, Afternoon Delight
Nicole R- D1GR	Cheryle N – D1GR Together We Can Make It	Kacheena S – D5 Gr, dis newsletter
Victoria H – D1GR	Cheryl S – D1DR/Group records	Debby S. – D3Gr
Molly M. – D3GR	Ruth B – D3GR	Ladora B – Archives
Paula W- D1GR	Leah B – D3 nonvoting	Lois C - D3GR
Beth P – D3 non voting	Jane F – D3DR	Lori W – D3GR
Trena T – D4 GR	June A – D7 nonvoting	Jana M – D7 nonvoting
Jan K – D7 nonvoting	Korenia G – D7 nonvoting	Anne B – D7 nonvoting
Rita M – D7GR	Lori M – WSO Delegate	Kathy B – Area Chairperson
Sandy N. - ??	Kathy B – Area Chairperson	Becky Y – Area Treasurer
Paula N – D5GR (?)	Boscoe B – nonvoting	Heather G – D3GR
Julie -		

- **Welcome/Introductions** by Kathy B. at 9:30 am Mountain Time
- Number of attendees-45 total, 34 in the room, 16 on zoom. Voting members present via zoom are 13
 - Becky or Cheryl S will provide me with copy of in person sign in sheet.
- **Opened with Serenity Prayer @ 10 am Mountain time**
- **Steps** read by: Ann
- ***Spring Minutes:*** Ruth moved to approve minutes, Becky y 2nd, ***passed***
- **Election of Panel of Officers:** Per service manual, Area Panel members need to have 2/3 majority of yes votes, see p. ??
 - **WSO Delegate - Cheryl S. *elected***
 - **Alternate WSO Delegate- Lori M. *elected***
 - **Area Chairperson- Paula N. *elected, she didn't get a 2/3 majority of yes votes (vote taken to accept simple majority, passed)***
 - **Treasurer-Jeanne H, (District 4 running, turned in resume at Spring Assembly, still wants to do this, someone at this Fall assembly spoke to her via phone this morning, Paula N spoke to her service, which is extensive) *elected!***
 - **Secretary-** No one stepped forward
- ***NOTE: Paula Neeser, incoming Area Chairperson and Jeanne Hobson, incoming Area Treasurer, Kathy Bosler, outgoing Area Chairperson and Becky Young, outgoing Area Treasurer have agreed to allow their last names to be used, contrary to our general anonymity principle to allow for ease of transition for business purposes.***
- **Area Coordinators:**
 - Submit resumes to panel, new panel approves/appoints
 - Positions start Jan. 1
- **Skit: Detach, don't amputate!** Very entertaining
- **Calendars –** For sale in person \$17.00, only area fundraiser, Jana heads this committee, cost was \$5.33 per to print. Do we want to continue with this as a fundraiser. 75 were printed this year. Jana and Ladora would like to

have Al-Anon info/pictures on it but her area didn't want that, they would rather have something else that would be better to have in offices. **Janice asked for show of hands to continue, passed.**

- **Treasurer's report – Becky Y (see excel documents, attached)**
 - 2021-2022 Deposits-Donations by Group
 - Budget and Financials for 2021 & 2022
 - Increases were in the following areas
 - Registration for Assemblies
 - Background checks for AMIAS
 - Costs for Equalized Expenses for WSO Delegate travel
 - **2023 Budget**
 - District 3 has had the greatest number of people having background checks, would that district please consider increasing their donation for this purpose
 - Technology Needs: Computer for district, area Zoom Account, cameras, microphone so Zoomers can hear what is going on in the room, two people attached to Zoom account with personal information shared. There are things to consider and ways to work around a few things to keep costs down. Sometimes hotels have the equipment which can be rented but what is available, and costs vary quite a bit depending on the hotel.
 - **Becky moves that budget have a Technology budget of up to \$2,300 to make needed purchases for moving forward with Zoom/Hybrid meetings, seconded by Jana M**
 - Discussion ensued with various points brought up
 - Varied availability of equipment at hotels
 - Establish guidelines or limitations on use of equipment or Zoom account
 - Currently only using it on Assemblies
 - Potential uses could include other Area activities such as workshops, etc.
 - How to prioritize expenses, some suggestions:
 - Get website organized and working first
 - Get what is needed to successfully carry out Assemblies
 - At last assembly it was voted to add a Technology Coordinator to the list of Area positions
 - Where to store hardware purchased for Al-Anon use
 - Laptop purchase could be an on-going expense and it might be good to consider that there are probably members who would be willing to share their equipment.
 - **Becky withdrew this motion**
 - **New motion from Becky Y to include in the 2023 budget a \$500 amount for technology and to vote on the Lois seconded Motion Passed!**

Increase Registration fees for our Assemblies??

- We are currently losing money at our assemblies. Hotel meeting room costs and food costs have increased. Registration has been \$20 for many many years.
- Consider increasing Registration to \$40 since it's a good way to cover cost and to share responsibility of our assemblies with all members of our groups. Groups pay for GR registration.

Speaker: Doug C.

- **Website Committee Report (see PowerPoint attached) - Bret R & Dianna**
- **Group Records – Cheryl S**
 - 2 Groups in “No Mail Status”
 - Dist 2:
 - AFG Family And Friends

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 Group Representative (GR)
 Orofino, ID 83544-2303
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 (208) 827-0595 (Home)
 Location
 First Step 4 Life
 155 Main Street Suite C
 (208) 827-0595 (Home)
 Orofino, ID 83544
 Meeting Day / Time
 Thursday 01:00 PM
 - Dist 3:
 - Tuesday Night Women's AFG

Group Representative (GR)
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 Gail
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 Meeting Location
 First Congregational Church
 2201 W Woodlawn Ave
 Boise, ID 83702-3848
 Meeting Day / Time
 Tuesday 05:30 PM
 - GRC only does Changes. New meetings go through the WSO website
 - EM: new and changes go through the WSO website
 - Important that when making changes sent to me to include:
 - *The meeting ID number
 - *The meeting Name
 - *What you are changing (time, address, GR, CMA etc.
 - New Website:
 - Make sure district update their tri-fold meeting schedules and send them to our new website coordinator. BE SURE to put somewhere on it when it was last updated
- **Alateen Report – Bret R**

Hello! This is Bret R, the AAPP for Area 13. The AAPP is the Area Alateen Process Person and has two main responsibilities:
- Ensuring Alateen AMIAS Sponsors are certified to our Area Standards

- Keeping the WSO Online Group Records for Alateen up to date.

Current Status

District 3 is the only District that has seen a rebound in Alateen meetings. D3 now has a very active District Alateen Coordinator, Tami O, who has worked diligently to find and train new Alateen Sponsors and link them with schools requesting Alateen meetings.

D3 currently has meetings in 12 schools with two more waiting for Alateen Sponsors

To my knowledge, there are no other Districts with Alateen meetings.

The Critical Need

The critical need in Alateen is volunteers and Sponsors. What we need for Alateen to be successful in the Area are:

- Area Alateen Coordinator
- District Alateen Coordinators
- AMIAS Sponsors

Trying to start more meetings without these critical resources is not an optimal approach.

I have recently clarified and simplified the process to become an Alateen Sponsor – all I need now are District Coordinators to vet potential sponsors and Al-Anon's to volunteer! In addition, we have enhanced our FBI Background Check process to include all 50 States.

I can guarantee you this, working with Alateens will be the most rewarding experience of your recovery.

Alateens are lightyears ahead of their peers in emotional maturity and life skill decision making. All we need to provide is a safe place for them to discuss the challenges of daily life with each other. Those of us working with Alateens will teach you everything you need to know.

Alateen needs your support. If you have any interest in working in Alateen, please contact me!

Respectfully submitted,

Bret R, AAPP

- **Electronic Meeting Thought Force Report – Jane F**

- Jane F and Cecilia S spoke about this thought force and topic
- **Idaho Area 13 will allow Electronic Al-Anon groups to have the option to join the Area 13 service structure.** Moved by Paula N and seconded by Judy ***Motion Passed.***
- Kathy B called for a committee to establish Area Policy, those interested:
 - Ruth B.
 - Cecilia S
 - Lori M

- **Archives Digitizing Report – Glenn**

- Kathy B reported on his behalf, he sent her a letter
 - They have been scanning for 1.5 years.
 - Total digital storage size is just under 10 gigabytes
 - They are still working to redact last names in old documents to complete the scanning process

- **Archives Report – Ladora**

- Received letter from Darlene P, our second Area Delegate, she is moving from Boise to Missouri, to live with her daughter. She enclosed an obituary for Carla W of Idaho Falls, she died in 1988. The obituary stated that Carla started in Al-Anon in Idaho Falls in 1966. Darlene wanted credit to be given to Carla W by the Area.
- Gem State Roundup
 - AA Event with Al-Anon participation was held August 27 in Boise.
 - Al-Anon Panel was on the agenda to honor 50 years of history
 - Pam A, Ladora B and Lori M were panelists

- No personal stories, but information about Al-Anon at the time they joined.
 - Ladora shared information about the beginning of Al-Anon in Idaho, how the groups within Idaho organized and became an area with delegate and officers.
 - Pam spoke about Alateen and how it has grown into the schools and of Al-Anon days, our first Al-Anon Area function without AA
 - Lori shared about District one, started first in Washington, then joined Idaho, District 2 joined later. The first Assembly was overwhelming in the warm welcome received. She also shared about how she came to be WSO delegate in 2022 and her visit to Stepping Stones
- Ladora went to the archives library to gather information
 - 1961 Grapevine club
 - 1971 2 meetings per week at Grapevine club, talk about joining the Al-Anon Conference
 - City with largest number of groups was to be host of conference
 - WSO was notified
 - WSO sent each registered group a Service Manual
 - First Assembly in Twin Falls in November of 1972
 - At that time, districts 1 & 2 were not participating in the Idaho area, they were participating in Washington's area.
 - Letters from WSO sent to meeting chairpersons, 9 responded to those letters.
 - 1973 Fall Assembly discussion about importance of officers and coordinators
 - 1974 Spring Assembly
- **Delegate Report – Lori M**
 - Lori presented a powerpoint for her report, see attached file “Delegates Presentation 22.pptx”
- **DR Reports**
 - District 1 – Cheryl S
 - District 1 currently has 19 meetings.
 - 14 in person meetings where 1 is hybrid
 - Two meetings are still temporary Zoom and awaiting direction from Area.
 - 3 have gone PEM (permanently electronic meeting) through the WSO website.
 - All are doing well. We have many newcomers at the in-person meetings and attendance is increasing.
 - The Electronic Meetings are strong. They're attracting members from all over the U.S. but are retaining the local members. “Bombing” of the meetings has not been noticed.
 - The District anticipates our 2023-2025 District board positions will be filled by year end.
 - Currently every meeting has a GR except two where a different member has stepped up to attend the District meeting every other month.
 - Several meetings have or are planning to host fun events in the past and future. We had a bingo fundraiser in the Spring and a matinee movie day is planned for the Fall featuring “Lois's Story. They plan to ask for donations to District and to serve popcorn.
 - Several members travel from Washington state to attend our meetings.
 - There is some talk about planning a convention or roundup in CDA in the future since the closest roundup is in Montana.
 - Otherwise, the program is solid here in CDA and members support it fully.
 - **District 2 – no report, DR not available today**
 - **District 3 – Jane F,**
 - They have hybrid meetings, zoom meetings and in-person meetings all in various stages
 - They include 5 counties, two do not have active meetings at this time

- They have an Alateen checking account and an out-reach account separate from D3. They want to roll those back into the District 3 account.
- They have outreach ideas on site at Fall Assembly
 - Hand addressed letters to attorneys, judges, doctors, etc. who have contact with people who may need access to people in need of Al-Anon
 - They are planning to do their next outreach effort to include all counties
 - They want to get meetings started for each county first
 - Kleenex tissue packages with Al-Anon and Alateen contact information and leave them in public places and are very popular at events and fairs, etc.
 - Ada County Coroner's office hands out information
 - Funeral homes are also good places
- Jane's email shared in Zoom chat for Zoom attendees to be able to get access to their outreach packet.
- Alateen is making a comeback back to 13 meetings in schools and 19 meeting sponsors, only Ada County at this point
- **District 4 – No report, DR not available**
- **District 5 – Paula N, DR**
 - Filling for DR passed away not too long ago in Pocatello.
 - 3 fundraisers annually, Spring Fling-April, Summer picnic-August, Holiday Bash they have AA Speakers at the other 2 they have Al-Anon speakers
 - No Alateen right now
 - Numbers of active members in the district is pretty low right now.
- **District 6 – no report, DR not available**
- **District 7 – Cathy Z.**
 - Most of their district energy has been spent on putting together the Fall Assembly
 - Big thankyou to all who helped today and before to put on Fall Assembly
 - They have several meetings active
 - They have the only Spanish speaking group in the state right now
 - Strong recovery community
 - Participated in hands around the park recently (earlier this week?)