

**Area 13 AFG
Spring Assembly
Understanding, Unity and Abundance
May 21, 2022**

Attendees:

ZOOM – Rebecca

Chandra B-D2 DR & GR vote

Linnea J – D1 GR vote

John K -D1 GR vote

Will S. - D3

Victoria H – D1

Lori W – D3 GR

Chrissy S --GR D3 vote, chrissysmithsv@gmail.com

Reah D. -D3 GR voter, shastafresh@yahoo.com

Tami O –D3 Alateen Coord

Brianna M – D1 newsletter editor

Janice C -

Nicole R – D1 GR

In-person –

Kathy B. -area chairperson, D7

Lori M. -WSO Delegate

Cheryl S -D1DR, Area Records

Kris S. -D1 GR

Becky Y- area treasurer

Lois C -D3 GR

Rosemary L-D4 ,

Dianna R – Speaker, D1

Jeanne H – D6 group treasurer

Marlene – D4

Marcy N – D4

Judy P – D5

Cam Z -D7 GR

Cathy Z -D7 GR

Claudia H – Group Treasurer

Ladora B – Area Archives

Linda R -D4 GR

Paula N. -Area Forum Coordinator

Ruth B -D3

Jean D -D7 GR

Kate C -D4 group treasurer

Laurie B – D4

Trena T – D4

Gail S – D1

-Meeting Opened: 9:02 am Mtn. time with the Serenity Prayer-Kathy B

-Steps –read by Kris S

-Traditions – read by Jean D

-Concepts – read by Laurie B

Kathy B provided opening remarks about the importance of everyone present going out and finding people who will step forward to take on area positions so that there will be choices and all positions will be filled. Voting will be held at Fall Assembly with positions to start in January 2023.

Introductions

Area Positions:

Coordinators-

Don't have to be voted in, they are approved by Area committee. Area officers are voted in- chairperson, secretary, treasurer.

-Area Group Records – Cheryl S. Records changes to groups for Area/WSO records, changes to GRs, addresses, etc.; district directories are not part of Group Records duties. Cheryl S looked on the Area Website to see if there are meeting directories, D1 was updated in March 2022, D2 is up – no notation of when updated. D3 all ZOOM. D4 on site,

no update noted, D5 looks like an old one no date of update, D6 looks like old one no zoom, D7 looks up to date. It's an easy position to hold. She has probably spent about 6 hours total for the last 3 years.

-Tami O added the following to the ZOOM chat box: "District 3 has a very big meeting schedule with as many in person meetings as zoom meetings. Our scheduling man is not using the trifold."

-Area Forum Coordinator—Paula has been learning patience in this position

-Area Archives – Ladora shared guidelines from WSO about this position. What she has learned is flexibility in this position, especially since COVID. It has been a "heart thing."

-WSO Delegate—Lori M. happy to be delegate. It was an amazing experience to attend and to represent the state of Idaho. She feels privileged to be in this position. Job is to go to the delegate assembly and come back and report to Area.

Treasurer's Report: Becky Z (screenshot below)

Donations by District, screenshots follow for all 7 districts:

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41		1	Living Fully	30601048	30.00	
42		1	From Insanity to Serenity	65487	52.00	\$ 390.79
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44	November					
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46	December	1	AFG Freedom	502355	29.00	
47		1	Courage to Change	502711	20.00	49.00
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49	Total 2021					\$ 1,397.54
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51	January		Group Name	Group Number	Amount	Total To Date
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53	February	1	AFG Freedom	502355	25.00	
54		1	Courage to Change	502711	25.00	
55		1	Easy Does It	30703557	25.00	
56		1	North Idaho District One		171.90	
57						
58	March					
59						
60	April	1	From Insanity to Serenity	65487	80.00	
61		1	Happy Solutions	3422	20.00	
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63	May	1	North Idaho District One		68.04	
64		1	Courage To Change	502711	50.00	
65		1	AFG Freedom	502355	37.00	
66		1	Wednesday Noon	40751	932.02	\$ 1,433.96

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3	2021					
4	January					
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6	February					
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8	March					
9						
10	April	2	Anne W.	Individual	\$ 21.00	
11		2	Thursday AFG	61569	\$ 102.00	
12	May					
13						
14	June	2	Round Table Family Group	14149	\$ 70.00	
15						
16	Total 2021				\$ 193.00	
17						
18	2022		Group Name	Group Number	Amount	Total To date
19						
20	January					
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22	February					
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24	March					
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26	April	2	Thursday AFG	61569	\$ 100.00	\$ 100.00
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General

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	A	B	C	D	E	F	G
43		3	Saturday Eagle Step Study AFG	30561909	308.97		
44		3	Donation Laura F		230.00	\$ 586.15	
45							
46	November						
47							
48	December	3	Monday-Wednesday Noon	61227	57.50		
49		3	Al-Anon Thursday Friends	3014823	61.25		
50		3	Donation Carol S		15.00		
51		3	Southeast Boise AFG	30707658	50.00		
52		3	Tuesday-Friday Noon Five Mile	502795	72.20	\$ 255.95	
53							
54	Total 2021					\$ 2,257.47	
55							
56							
57	2022						
58	January		Group Name	Group Number	Amount	Total To Date	
59		3	Al-Anon Sunday Early Birds	62889	55.00		
60							
61	February	3	Tuesday Night Adult Child	31241	20.00		
62		3	Monday Thursday Noon Eagle	502539	139.64		
63		3	Collister AFG Group	504118	50.00		
64							
65	March						
66							
67	April	3	Monday Thursday Noon Eagle	502539	124.67		
68							
69	May	3	Idaho District Three		57.49		
70		3	Living Fully	30601048	46.00		
71		3	Sunday Meditation	30576209	35.00		
72		3	Tuesday-Friday Noon Five Mile	502795	108.00		
73		3	Monday-Wednesday Noon Al-Anon Group	61227	147.50		
74		3	Idaho District Three		67.26	\$ 850.56	

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3			Group Name	Group Number	Amount	
4	2021					
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6	January	4	Serenity Seekers	35113	\$ 25.00	
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8	February					
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10	March					
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12	April	4	Serenity Seekers	35113	\$ 25.00	
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14	May					
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16	June	4	Serenity Seekers	35113	\$ 25.00	
17		4	Idaho Area AFG	500427	\$ 30.00	
18		4	Wednesday Night Al-Anon	3426	\$ 33.00	
19						
20	July	4	Serenity Seekers	35113	\$ 25.00	
21						
22	August					
23						
24	September	4	Wednesday Night Al-Anon	3426	\$ 33.00	
25		4	Serenity Seekers	35113	\$ 25.00	
26						
27	Total 2021				\$ 221.00	
28						
29	2022					
30	January		Wednesday Night Al-Anon	3426	\$ 37.00	Total To Date
31						
32	February	4	Serenity Seekers	35113	\$ 25.00	

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12	April	4	Serenity Seekers	35113	\$ 25.00	
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14	May					
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16	June	4	Serenity Seekers	35113	\$ 25.00	
17		4	Idaho Area AFG	500427	\$ 30.00	
18		4	Wednesday Night Al-Anon	3426	\$ 33.00	
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20	July	4	Serenity Seekers	35113	\$ 25.00	
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22	August					
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24	September	4	Wednesday Night Al-Anon	3426	\$ 33.00	
25		4	Serenity Seekers	35113	\$ 25.00	
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27	Total 2021				\$ 221.00	
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29	2022		Group Name	Group Number	Amount	Total To Date
30	January		Wednesday Night Al-Anon	3426	\$ 37.00	
31						
32	February	4	Serenity Seekers	35113	\$ 25.00	
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34	March					
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36	April	4	Serenity Seekers	35113	\$ 25.00	
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38	May	4	Friday Noon AFG	502687	\$ 116.84	\$ 203.84

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12	May						
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14	June						
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16	July	5	AFG Friday Group	30788	\$ 15.00		
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18	August	5	Steps To Serenity	48198	\$ 30.00		
19							
20	September						
21							
22	October	5	AFG Friday Group	307088	\$ 15.00		
23							
24	November	5	Pocatello AFG Turn Around	36305	\$ 50.00		
25							
26	December	5	Steps to Serenity	48198	\$ 30.00		
27							
28	Total 2021				\$ 220.00		
29							
30	2022		Group Name	Group Number	Amount	Total To Date	
31	January						
32		5	AFG Friday Group	30788	\$ 5.00		
33							
34	February						
35							
36	March						
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38	April	5	Steps To Serenity	48198	\$ 30.00	\$ 35.00	
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	A	B	C	D	E	F
1	DISTRICT 6		Group Name	Group Number	Amount	
2						
3	2021					
4	July	6	Just For Today AFG	503388	\$ 20.00	
5						
6	Total 2021				\$ 20.00	
7						
8	2022		Group Name	Group Number	Amount	
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1	DISTRICT 7		Group Name	Group Number	Amount		
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3	2021						
4	January						
5							
6	February	7	Paths to Recovery	30541795	\$ 15.00		
7							
8	March						
9							
10	April	7	Noon to Serenity	46331	\$ 25.00		
11							
12	May						
13							
14	June	7	Al-Anon District 7 AFG		\$ 100.00		
15							
16	July	7	Pathways to Recovery	30541795	\$ 15.00		
17		7	Noon Serenity	43661	\$ 25.00		
18							
19	August						
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21	September						
22							
23	October						
24							
25	November	7	Safe and Sound	62297	\$ 20.00		
26							
27	December						
28							
29	Total 2021				\$ 200.00		
30							
31							
32	2022						
33			Group Name	Group Number	Amount	Total To Date	
34	January						
35							
36	February	7	Noon Serenity AFG	46331	\$ 50.00		
37							
38	March						
39							
40	April						

- Travel expenses have increased since we can get out and see people in person again.
- WSO Equalizer Expense has increased. We need to consider increasing this item in our budget as it is not likely to go down.
- Our area is responsible for Alateen. We now need to pay for the background checking process for Alateen sponsors. That cost is about \$40.00 per person. This expense hasn't been used for a couple of years.
- Calendar- we made quite a bit of money on this, \$1,100 in, cost was about \$470
- donations were \$25 more than last year

> Kathy B noted that the reason Area pays for all Area position holders to travel is so that there will be no barrier to service for those willing to serve. <

-Becky notes that there are a couple of problems as a result of COVID

-USPS

- they have started returning some mail which is list as PO or PO BOX
- so, our Area address is now to be written out as listed on Area Website:

Idaho Area AFG
967 Parkcenter Blvd # 310
Boise ID 83706

-Banking (Wells Fargo)

- staffing and procedures changed which affected the recording of deposits.
 - Becky has all records and is working with the bank to correct this
- if your group has any issues, please reach out to Becky and the bank
- Becky would like to recommend that we use electronic deposits.
- Wells Fargo has a process similar to Venmo and PayPal, but they don't charge for the service.
 - treasurer's phone number can be used as access phone number (if we vote to approve this)
>Bank requirement for identity is satisfied by use of a phone number, treasurer's name and organization proof of position (minutes work well); treasurer doesn't have to be a Wells Fargo customer<
 - Money could not be removed from the account, it could only be deposited.
 - When using this service, the depositor will have to record what the money is for
 - Treasurer will have ability to print report of each and every deposit made
 - Downside:

- Treasurer has to use their phone number

- Treasurer tells the bank that they are going to be responsible for the organization's money/contact person for nonprofit and maybe the new person won't want to do this

-our trusted servant, current treasurer for Idaho Area AFG Area 13 has given permission for recording of her full name in minutes in order to provide for ease of services transitioning with Wells Fargo Bank

-Beatrice, "Bertie" is no longer the "Key Executive with control of Idaho Area AFG, the Entity, and Rebecca Young, "Becky Y" has replaced Bertie and she is currently the "Key Executive with control of Idaho Area AFG, the Entity".

Becky proposed a *motion*: Approve the treasurer of Area 13 to develop commence use of ZELL for deposit of donations into Area account with Wells Fargo and have the authority to set this up.

Seconded by Rosemary

Motion passed!

- Treasurer will type instructions to share

- Will be effective June 1.

-Becky moved on to show the donations by district

Treasurer's report: Kathy D7 moved to accept treasurer's report as discussed

2nd by Kris D1

Motion Passed

Reports:

-Website Coordinator Report:

Read by Ruth B, submitted by Laura F

-Archives Report:

Ladora B presented a "show and tell" of items from the collection of Archives. She showed several publications and CAL, some of the items she had multiple revisions to share. She has some pamphlets on the registration table, "Al-Anon Then and Now." Please take one or two.

-Secretary's Report:

Kathy B asked if members wanted the minutes to be read, they declined. They took a vote to approve. Minutes accepted.

Recovery Countdown: 564 years represented by all people present in person and on ZOOM. Ladora B most of one individual at 51 years, Trena T newest at 3 weeks.

Speaker: Dianna R

After healing and learning in Al-Anon, every day is **“Choose-day.”**

WSO Delegate’s report:

-Lori M. Shared a PowerPoint presentation she created to report back to Area. She has been a member of Al-Anon since 1998. She has been in service in some manner or other since then. It is a key part of her recovery. She wants to see Al-Anon stay for her children.

Pause please to reach out to your Higher Power in gratitude for NancyJo, for all those in the room and for all those who are still out there in pain and struggling without Al-Anon.

Lori’s sponsor had a box full of “love gifts” waiting for her at the hotel.

-There were some motions brought forward to the WSO delegate conference. The upshot is that Electronic meetings have been added to the Al-Anon Family Group structure. Our Area will need to vote on whether Idaho will allow electronic meetings to be added to the Area service structure for Idaho. Lori has several handouts to take back to share with the groups so that a vote can be taken at the Fall Assembly. Then the decision will be to for the ZOOM meetings to join the Idaho area or the global area. In order for ZOOM meetings to be included in the Area Website information about Al-Anon AFG meetings, they will need to be part of the Idaho Area Service structure. If the ZOOM meeting has members from all over the US, that meeting should be part of the global structure which is now Panel 98.

-Becky is part of a ZOOM group which is faced with this decision. The members want to know what benefit will be provided by being part of the Idaho Area service structure.

-If we accept electronic meetings as part of our service structure, how will we serve the electronic meetings.

-assemblies -donations -and many other questions -GR to provide voice

-how will service work with positions, etc.

-Lori recommends that a committee be formed to research this for the Fall Assembly

-Tami O reported that District 3 has voted to accept all ZOOM meetings within their district

-Area 98 as a DR

-They are in the process of figuring out what it will look like

-WSO Al-Anon had to accept in Electronic Meetings in order for it to fit in with the database and expand it as equitably as possible and to make sure that everyone has a voice. WSO wants to make sure that the members have a voice as Al-Anon grows and strives to keep the service structure open and usable for members while honoring physical location of members.

-Nothing is set in stone and we are all evolving and learning

-Alateen is struggling. We need more Al-Anon members to join service to Alateen

If Alateen goes electronic, there will be safety issues to address and WSO will likely have to work on new guidelines.

Calendars:

-Kathy B has been spearheading this committee and needs someone else to take it over.

-Jana M. was convinced to take it over from Kathy

-At our last AWSC meeting it was voted to move forward to with a new calendar.

-The committee tried to use things from Archives as there has been so much work to convert them to electronic form. They weren’t able to make that work.

- They decided to do sunrises/sunsets.
- Submissions needed for pictures and for sayings to include.
 - Sayings which are overheard in meetings, not from literature as those are copyrighted.
 - one heard in 2012 by Cecelia S. "Service is the rent we pay for the gifts we receive in Al-Anon."
 - Jana's email is in the calendar flyer

-Website

- Ruth B spoke to it being critical for newcomers to find us. She believes it should be professionally done and we will need a motion to move forward with this. The current platform may "collapse" at any time and there is data that should be transferred prior to that happening.
- Chrissy supports Ruth's ideas. She also mentioned tradition 5 to welcome and give comfort to families of alcoholics. She also would like to see a motion today if possible rather than wait for the Fall, so that we can get moving on this ASAP.
- Tami O also commented that it is so important for us to have an informative, easy to use and understand website and she supports the area to make improvements for ease of use and to seek professional services to do so; she is not in favor of lobbying for funds to pay for this especially since there is currently a surplus of \$7,500.00 in the Area coffers. She would like to see this added as a line item to the area budget.

-Ruth B moved to update the Area Website with a professional service. Do some fundraising to pay for this. We want a professionally built website. This motion is for a one-time building of the site. On-going maintenance is separate from this.

- 2nd by Nicole
- Motion Passed.***

-Cathy Z moves that we establish a position for Area Technology Coordinator for Assemblies or other meetings for area level to work with the facility regarding sound systems, etc., voting with on-line members and so forth.

- 2nd by Cam Z.
- Motion Passed***

-Becky Y- moved to Add line item to the Area budget for technology equipment purchase and for Area 13 to pay for a Zoom account.

- 2nd by Lori M
- Motion passed***

-Alateen AAPP Report

- Each district needs an Alateen Coordinator
- Tami O read Bret R's report to the Assembly
- Tami O reiterated the need for Al-Anon members to become AMIAS (Al-Anon Member I Alateen Service)
 - with more AMIAS, the Alateen program can grow
 - she receives calls regularly from parents looking for Alateen meetings.
- WSO is resistant to ZOOM, Tami isn't sure why this is the case.
- Ruth noted that there are a few Alateen meetings electronically. No adults can access the meetings, though. Lori M will find out more about why we can't have adults access it. It would be beneficial to be able to recommend it to parents, but if not able to attend, can't say if it's effective or not. Lori believes that contacting WSO to see about getting invited to one of the electronic meetings.
- someone at the Spring Assembly is accessing the Al-Anon website, there is an Alateen mobile app which can be accessed via the Al-Anon mobile app.

-Fall Assembly

-Cathy Z, DR D7 – District 7 is host.

-that is why she has been helping with the technology to help make sure that will be going well.

-“Together We Can Make It” is the theme

-It will be in Ontario, OR

-Third Weekend in September, 9/16-17

-More information to come soon

-More About Service

-Lori has a service inventory in her handouts so that we can find out what it going on

-Becky Y moved to adjourn

-2nd by Cathy Z

-motion passed

-Meeting adjourned with Serenity Prayer at 3:57 pm Mtn time