

AWSC Meeting Minutes
March 9, 2024

Members present:

Cheryl-Area Delegate
Paula-Area Chair
Jeanne –Area Treasurer
Lori- Alternate Delegate
Ruth- Group Records
Jana-Dist. Rep #7
Chrissy- Dist. Rep #3
Chandra-Dist. Rep #2
Nicole-Dist. Rep #1
Janet-Forum/Literature
Cathy-Tech Support
Cindy-Alateen
Beth-Literature Center

The meeting was opened by the Area Chair at 9:00 am Mountain Time.
The Serenity Prayer was recited.
Introductions of the members present.

Delegate: Cheryl read her Idaho Area Highlights. She thanked those DR's that responded to her request. She reported on the Chairman of the Board letter that comes out in January, which recaps 2023 and 2024 goals.

Secretary: Still in need of one. Minutes were sent out by the Chair and read at the meeting. Ruth brought up that Ontario was not added to the suggested central locations and Paula stated per the notes she had that that location was brought up later. Jeanne made a motion to accept the minutes as read and Chandra seconded. Minutes were approved.

Treasurer's Report: Jeanne reported that she had a tentative time set up with someone to do a review of the past three years' financials. Jeanne gave the Area PO Box 4521, Pocatello, Id 83205. Chrissy asked what the reason was to have an audit. It was explained that it is not an audit, just a financial review to make sure everything was correct. It is something that is done every three years after a treasurer steps down.

Alateen: Cindy reported that there were major changes at the Idaho State Police concerning the fingerprinting process. Some of the cards they stated they had mailed back were not received by her and one of the AMIAS was concerned about identity theft. She has been sending in the cards by certified mail and there hasn't been a problem. She has sent in a request asking about electronic fingerprinting; however, she has not received a reply as of this date. She will report more at the next Assembly.

Spring Assembly: Paula reported that while she was checking with hotels in Pocatello, she found that the newer hotels were asking nearly \$250 a night and that was too much for the GR's to have to pay.

The Red Lion and La Quinta were close to \$200 a night.

La Quinta wanted \$200 for the meeting room, \$75 for \$15 screen

While waiting to see the person at the Red Lion, she felt lead to go the Town Place Suites. The sales rep remembered her from a meeting she attended over a year ago. We were able to get rooms for \$149 +Tax and if we booked rooms for ten nights the meeting room was free. Coffee and water are complementary. Bi-Lo's will be catering for the Assembly. The flyer just needs the address for the hotel added and Paula stated she would get with the hotel for a link to book rooms.

Paula brought up the fact that our Assembly was not a fund raiser and that we might want to consider lowering the registration from \$20 to \$15 and raising the luncheon to \$30. There was a discussion, and it was decided to just leave things as is for the moment.

There was a discussion concerning having a central location and if voted in, that it would not take place until the Spring Assembly in 2025.

Fund raiser: Cheryl brought up candles or colored trash bags instead of the calendar. A discussion followed and it was decided to take it back to the groups and then vote at the Assembly on possibly having two fundraisers.

Fall Assembly: Holiday Inn rooms are \$129 with breakfast meeting room is \$250. There is a block of 10 rooms. Different options for the luncheon.

Open positions on the AWSC are secretary, public outreach, newsletter and archives. Please go back to your GR's and encourage participation.

Website: Paula reported that she and Jeanne cannot find a contract with the company that built our website. We paid close to \$3000 for the building of that website and now if we do not pay an

additional \$500 per year, the website goes down. Will keep trying to get information about a contract.

Literature Center: Beth stated that the Center decided that they wanted to be more involved in area outreach and have put together a couple of handouts that are available for the groups to print themselves or the Literature Center will print them for you. One is strictly Al-Anon and the other has AA information. These are to be used as outreach and not handed out in the groups. They are also in Spanish.

There was a short discussion on the various ways the districts have been doing outreach.

The meeting ended with the Al-Anon Declaration.