

Oregon Area World Service Committee Meeting
St. Paul Lutheran Church, Portland, OR 97202
October 15, 2016

The meeting was called to order at 8:15 am by Bunny G., Chairman, followed by the Serenity Prayer.

The Twelve Traditions: Deanna McC., DR, District 10.

The Twelve Concepts of Service and the Warranties: Brenda G., DR, District 17.

Microphone and Voting Statements: Bunny G., Chair

Roll Call: Mary Lynn J., Secretary

Excused: Joanne., C., AAPP; Ruby W., DR District 14; Katie W., DR District 16; Donelda H., The Communicator; Kate R., Group Records; Polly McG., Literature; Regis P., Website.

Absent: Elaine E., DR District 8; Dorena G., DR District 13.

Minutes of the June 18, 2016 AWSC Meeting: Approved by motion, second and vote.

Housekeeping: Amy S., DR, District 11.

Ask-It-Basket Forms were presented as both table tents and forms to be used in submitting questions. It was decided the forms would be modified to include “I looked for an answer in the Oregon Area Handbook on page ____.”

Motion Forms: We have not been using Motion Forms as prescribed in the OAH. Before submitting a motion, use KBDM. Motions should be based on principles, not emotions. Motions should be brought before AWSC before being taken to Assembly.

Treasurer’s Report: Dawn K., Treasurer. It was noted there are a few line items that have gone over budget that would be addressed at the Audit/Budget meeting later today. There is money in the contingency fund. Line 69 was added because of the new process for AMIAS background checks. The area is billed with districts reimbursing the area. Line 69 reflects the amount for which the area has not been repaid. Districts are emailed invoice for background checks through the website emails. A reminder: All contributions to the Area should include the District Number, WSO Number, and the Group Name. Checks should be made payable to Oregon Area AFG. See Treasurer’s Report at the end of the minutes.

KBDM Presentation on Assembly Allowance: Dawn K., Treasurer. Business Services Action Committee went through a Knowledge Based Decision Making process on the topic of the \$150 limit for AWSC members for expenses allowed for hotel and food for AWSC and Assembly meetings. Dawn used a power point presentation to demonstrate the process. By using the KBDM process, the five questions on this topic could be answered.

1. What do we know that is relevant? What do we know that our members want?
Members want to be reimbursed. The limit has been exceeded 26 times, or 17.33% of all travel allowance reimbursements, since 2007.
2. What do we know about our resources and our vision for the organization?
We have a limited budget that can be reviewed each time the limit is exceeded.
3. What do we know about the current realities that is relevant to this discussion?
The current cap is \$150 and sometimes people go over the limit.

4. What are the ethical implications of our choices? Is the choice within our Traditions and Concepts? Will it be the right thing to do?
There is a chance people could take advantage of a higher limit. We are all trusted servants.
5. What do we wish we know, but don't? What do we need to know before moving forward?
We wish we knew how the limit would be affected in the future. Budgeting will be more difficult. We would like to know meal and lodging cost in the future.

Discussion: Going over budget at times has been unavoidable, like roommates cancelling at the last minute. In the past Audit/Budget has reviewed the overages and made a determination based on circumstances. The issues of mobility and men being unable to find roommates was considered. General consensus is that the Audit/Budget Committee, as trusted servants, has the authorization to pay overages on a case by case basis. The OAH should be changed to reflect this change to ensure all AWSC members can attend meetings without fear of having to pay his/her own expense overages. The KBDM Presentation will be made at Assembly for voting on the topic. The KBDM Presentation will be made at Assembly as a demonstration of how the process works.

2017 Budget: Barb B., Audit/Budget reviewed the Proposed Budget for 2017. The cash carried forward is higher because the SSM brought in more money than in previous years. The amount allotted for assembly rental needs to be made clear that the area covers amounts above the allotment. There was discussion about whether the limits should be increased but a consensus was reached to keep it the same, but have higher amounts go through the Audit/Budget Committee for approval. It was noted that Archive Coordinator is higher because of the need to purchase a fire-proof file cabinet; Forum increased for writing workshop expenses; Website to include web hosting; Equipment and Supplies is higher because a new sound system may be purchased; Alateen Coordinator was raised to accommodate an Alateen Sponsor Workshop at each Assembly. Items with suggested changes were: Membership Outreach A.C. to \$100; Alateen Coordinator to \$300; Website Coordinator to \$200; Handbook Update reduced to \$50. The budget will be presented at Assembly for approval by GRs. DRs are encouraged to discuss the budget at district meetings to prepare GRs for the discussion. A revised Proposed Budget will be emailed to all AWSC Members as soon as possible. See 2017 Proposed Budget at the end of the minutes.

Flyer Committee Job Description: Bunny G., Chair, appointed the current Flyer Committee members, Sue B., Dawn K. and Mary Lynn J., to a Task Force. Their charge is to come up with a procedure for the Flyer Committee to follow when flyers are submitted.

Website Guidelines for Meetings in Homes Thought Force: A Thought Force comprised of Joanne C., Dawn B., Kate R., and Regis P. held a conference video on Google Hangouts. Bunny G. also participated in the conference. The discussion centered around the safety and anonymity of publishing meeting information online for meetings in members' homes. The Thought Force recommendation was to temporarily hold meetings in the home for four (4) months, and to look for a new meeting location. The recommendation of WSO is also not to list meetings in private homes. By way of area anonymity, the decision to do so or not is the choice of the membership.

A Task Force has been created with an update due at the February AWSC Meeting and a completion date of the March Assembly. A report from the meeting can be found at the end of the minutes.

AMIAS Section 8 Handbook Report: Joanne C., AAPP, and Sue B., Alternate Delegate, have been working on changes for this section. They should be completed by the end of this month. Procedures have changed. Forms used by WSO will be added to the handbook, with hopes of having fillable online forms.

Handbook Update: Sue B., Alternate Delegate. New sections have been printed as far as they have been completed. The Table of Contents has more identification, making it easier to find particular documents. Section I has been reformatted with no changes. Section II, Position Descriptions, change as people work in positions and note changes to their job descriptions. Section III is being prepared for discussion, and the suggested changes have been noted on the pages handed out. Section IV is pretty much complete. Section V has no changes. Section VI will be worked on. Section VII, Election Process, needs work, but can wait. Section VIII should be available by Assembly. The Table of Contents has a “Change Form” listed. If changes are requested to be made, this form should be completed and forwarded to Sue. The Handbook will be created as one searchable file for the website.

Alateen Standing Committee Discussion: This committee was created to fill a need at the time, in July 2012. It appears there may no longer be that need if the Alateen Coordinator is interfacing with Audit/Budget and AAPP. An answer may be to make changes to the Alateen Coordinator Position Description.

MOTION: That the Alateen Standing Committee be discontinued and all reference to it be removed from the Oregon Area Handbook.

Submitted by: Linda S. Second by: Caralynn W.

Yes: 19 No: 1 Abstain: 0

OAC Fundraising at Assembly and AWSC Meetings: Linda S., Alateen Coordinator, gave some history of how the Alateens were allowed to fundraise at Assembly and AWSC for the Oregon Alateen Conference by a motion on a trial basis until the end of Panel 53, December 2015. The discussion at the November 2015 Assembly was tabled and has not been brought back for continuation. If Alateen fundraising is to be continued at Assembly and AWSC Meetings, a new motion must be presented and passed at the upcoming Assembly. The motion will be prepared in advance so GRs can be made aware of the motion.

OAC Report: Linda S., Alateen Coordinator. We are grateful for your donations and support. 51 teens attended; 15 half scholarships and 15 full scholarships were awarded. Conference theme was FROG – Fully Rely on God. OAC started the year with a balance of \$9,510.15. After donations, fundraisers and registration income and the expense of the conference, the ending balance is \$5,524.81. The Portland sponsors requested that Cindy E., WSC Delegate, carry a request to the Conference and WSO that the discontinued book, *A Guide to Alateen Sponsorship- An Unforgettable Adventure*, be published as an ebook. The full OAC Report can be found at the end of the minutes.

Lunch 11:45 to 12:30

Assembly and AWSC Event Liaison: Bunny G. There was an Assembly and AWSC Event Liaison position tried as a trial several years ago to help answer questions and provide a check list of needs for hosting an event. Sue B., Alternate Delegate, will take on that responsibility and it will be added to the Alternate Delegate's Position Description. Sue will have a form that can be sent to hosting DRs to use as a recap. The form will become part of the OAH.

Delegate's Report: Cindy E., Am I coming across open and welcoming? Have I told you enough about the Conference? I've brought Conference Summaries for you so you can read and see if I've brought you up to speed. I've left evaluations for you to fill out about how I've done.

We asked for you to complete evaluations of our AWSC meetings. 12 of 32 responded. The Washington Area Delegate compiled our answers. There are more positives than concerns. Members are new and still learning. We show a respect for our program and for the Oregon Area. Areas of concern seem to be dominance, confusion about process for handling problems and minority opinions. Strengths include good participation, different strengths, consider spiritual principles.

A committee has been working with Washington to submit a proposal for having a TEAM event. We have been notified by WSO that we have been selected for the last event of 2017, if we vote for that at the November Assembly. The event would be November 3-4, 2017 at the Holiday Inn at Airport in Portland. If we vote to hold the event, Oregon and Washington Areas will each need to fund the \$1,000 seed money. Each area will need a Chair and a Treasurer.

I was assigned to a Task Force on Spirituality on Area Finances. I have passed out the beginning of a pamphlet on the topic. If you have any feedback or ideas, please email me with your thoughts. The deadline for me to turn in my suggestions is October 20th.

Do we know what the terms "open" and "closed" meetings mean? Are those terms confusing to the newcomer? DRs, talk to your GRs to see if there is knowledge about the types of meetings. Do we need to change the terminology? This topic is sure to come up at the next WSC. Please share your feedback with me.

The Prayer for Today discussion will continue at Conference. Do you want to delete the prayer from our literature, edit or leave it alone? You can see the full discussion on page 57 of the Conference Summary. Give me your ideas.

See complete Delegate's Report at the end of the minutes.

Action Committees: Judy J., Past Delegate Panel 41, gave background information and instructions for Action Committees. Prepare an agenda for November Action Committees, which are to be sent in advance to the Delegate, Alternate Delegate and Chairman.

AAPP Position: Bunny G., Chairman, There have been questions about whether the AAPP position should be an Officer or Coordinator. The position has requirements beyond other coordinator positions, in that the person must have previously served as a district representative. Officers have functions at AWSC and Assembly meetings. Coordinators receive information and interact with members. We have an ongoing motion that it is an officer position, but we can continue to discuss this.

Bids for November 2017 Assembly: There were no bids to hold the Assembly in November 2017; however, the Salem district will be considering hosting.

Bids for 2017 AWSC Meetings:

February	District 10, Deanna McC., DR
June	District 7, Tama S., DR, AWSC Meeting will be held in Eugene
October	District 9, Mary W., DR

Upcoming Events:

- a. **November 18-20 Area Assembly**, Embassy Suites Washington Square, 7:00pm Friday Sharing Meeting; Alateen Sponsors Training Workshop
- b. **March 17-19 Area Assembly**, District 1, Astoria Elks Lodge, 3rd floor; will cater lunch for \$12 per person; still looking for hotels that will comp meeting space for Friday night sharing meetin. Contact District1aft@hotmail.com or Kathi at 503-458-6467.
- c. **July 15-17 Area Assembly**, District 17, Brenda G., DR. Looking for a facility in Oregon City.
- d. **2018 SSM** Hosted by Districts 10 and 15; Theme is “Filling our Recovery Toolbox.” SSM@oregonal-anon.org, For contributions, PO Box 921, Tualatin, OR 97062. Potential dates are April 20-22, April 27-29 and May 4-6, 2018. To be held in McMinnville.

Combining Coordinator Positions PI and CPC into one Public Outreach Coordinator:

It was discussed that some areas are combining these positions. This is the beginning of the discussion for the Area. There was discussion in opposition, suggestion of a single coordinator with someone helping, and the desire to keep the positions separate to allow more people to serve. Nothing is changing now. There will be election of a PI Coordinator in November.

Combining Forum and Literature Coordinators into one Coordinator:

Lainey J., Current Forum Coordinator, said she would not be willing to do both at this time. It was suggested that we may be using the wrong methods to get people into service since we seem to have a hard time filling positions and keeping them.

Add Tech Position to handle Audio, Visual, Banners, etc.

It was suggested that we might create a position for someone who could introduce new technology as well as be responsible for all pieces of equipment. Discussion included that we could employ a “special worker” as someone qualified for these technical tasks; if the one person responsible for all equipment was not present, we could be without any of our equipment; if a “special worker” was employed, members might not feel free to speak openly.

November Agenda Items:

Welcome
Traditions
Roll Call
Introduce Group Reps
Housekeeping
Ask-It-Basket
Motion Forms
Treasurer's Report
KBDM
TEAM Decision (Cindy to present motion)
Budget
Conference Summary Education (30 minutes)
Forum Subscription Raffle
Writing Workshop Raffle
SSM Raffle
Group Services – Report on \$65 Birthday Challenge/Birthday Cake
Action Committee Breakouts
Action Committee Reports
PI Coordinator Election
OAC Report
Fundraising for OAC at Assembly and AWSC (Motion)
Delegate's Report (60 minutes)
Drawing for NW Delegates' Meeting from Active Past Delegates
Bids for November 2017 Assembly
Round Table Discussions on *Just For Today Prayer* and Understanding Open/Closed Meetings
Report on Memorial Contributions in honor of Roland (Golda)

4:30 pm Meeting Adjourned with Al-Anon Declaration

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Lynn J.
Oregon Area Secretary, Panel 56

MOTIONS:

Motion #1: That the Alateen Standing Committee be discontinued and all reference to it be removed from the Oregon Area Handbook.

Submitted by: Linda S. Second by: Caralynn W.

Yes: 19 No: 1 Abstain: 0

REPORTS:

Oregon Area Al-Anon Family Groups
Expense & Income vs. Annual Budget
 January 1 through October 12, 2016

			Jan 1 - Oct 12, 16	Budget	\$ Over Budget
1	Revenue				
2		Group Contributions	12,502.22	13,000.00	-497.78
3		Assembly Registrations	1,360.00	2,200.00	-840.00
4		State Speaker Meeting	7,501.43	4,000.00	3,501.43
5		Advances	1,500.00	1,500.00	0.00
6		Cash Carried Forward	13,583.69	12,500.00	1,083.69
7	Total Revenue		36,447.34	33,200.00	3,247.34
8	Expense				
9	Delegate Fund				
10		WSO ETF	1,965.00	1,965.00	0.00
11		Extra Day	134.00	200.00	-66.00
12		Delegate Meeting	298.72	350.00	-51.28
13		Delegate Travel	837.21	800.00	37.21
14		Delegate Miscellaneous	327.63	350.00	-22.37
15	Total Delegate Fund		3,562.56	3,665.00	-102.44
16	Working Fund Expense				
17		Archive Rent	578.90	850.00	-271.10
18		Area Travel Fund	553.32	2,000.00	-1,446.68
19		Communicator	75.10	200.00	-124.90
20		SSM Advance	1,500.00	1,500.00	0.00
21		Assembly/AWSC Rent	2,250.00	3,000.00	-750.00
22		Insurance	759.00	800.00	-41.00
23	Total Working Fund Expense		5,716.32	8,350.00	-2,633.68
24	Assembly Allowance/Meal/Lodging				
25		Officers	509.31	2,075.00	-1,565.69
26		Audit/Budget	62.70	900.00	-837.30
27		Coordinators	1,205.25	2,225.00	-1,019.75
28		Past Delegates	595.82	900.00	-304.18
29		Regional Trustee	319.45	900.00	-580.55
30		DR's At AWSC	91.91	0.00	91.91
31	Total Assembly Allowance/Meal/Lodging		2,784.44	7,000.00	-4,215.56
32	Officers Expenses				
33		Alternate Delegate	0.00	50.00	-50.00
34		Chairperson	33.96	100.00	-66.04
35		Secretary	0.00	50.00	-50.00
36		Treasurer	177.45	200.00	-22.55
37		AAPP Expenses	56.49	50.00	6.49
38	Total Officers Expenses		267.90	450.00	-182.10
39	Assembly Expenses				
40		Assembly Workshops	0.00	50.00	-50.00

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		Jan 1 - Oct 12, 16	Budget	\$ Over Budget
41	Business Services A.C.	0.00	50.00	-50.00
42	Membership Outreach A.C.	858.80	500.00	-168.20
43	Group Services A.C.	0.00	500.00	-500.00
44	Fellowship Communication A.C.	217.78	550.00	-332.22
45	Public Outreach A.C.	986.50	4,000.00	-3,013.50
46	Audit Budget Extra Day + Exp	75.06	300.00	-224.94
47	Total Assembly Expenses	2,013.14	6,350.00	-4,336.86
48	Coordinator and Other Expenses			
49	Al-Anon Coordinator and Standing Com	0.00	125.00	-125.00
50	Archives	0.00	300.00	-300.00
51	CPC	7.18	50.00	-42.84
52	Forum	47.23	50.00	-2.77
53	Group Records	0.00	50.00	-50.00
54	Literature	0.00	50.00	-50.00
55	Public Information	0.00	50.00	-50.00
56	Web Coordinator	180.97	330.00	-149.03
57	Total Coordinator and Other Expenses	236.36	1,005.00	-768.64
58	Delegate Meeting			
59	Alternate Delegate	0.00	350.00	-350.00
60	Part Delegates	171.84	350.00	-178.16
61	Donation as support of NWDM	0.00	300.00	-300.00
62	Total Delegate Meeting	171.84	1,000.00	-828.16
63	Other			
64	Al-Anon Sponsor Workshop	0.00	400.00	-400.00
65	Contingency Fund	0.00	1,000.00	-1,000.00
66	Equipment Supplies	288.99	600.00	-310.01
67	Handbook Update	0.00	50.00	-50.00
68	Transition Fund	0.00	733.00	-733.00
69	ANIAS Background check fee expenses	182.00	0.00	182.00
70	Total Other	471.99	2,783.00	-2,311.01
72	Total Expense	15,223.55	30,603.00	-15,379.45
73	Cash Balance as of 10/12/16	21,223.79		
74	Reserves	7,880.17		
75	Cash Available as of 10/12/16	13,243.62		
Remember to put all three items on checks:		Donations Payable to Oregon Area AFG		
	District Number			
	WSO Group Number			
	Group Name			

A	B	C	D	E
OREGON AREA AL-ANON 2017 PROPOSED BUDGET				
Compared to 2016 Approved Budget (Increases in Bold; Decreases in Italics)				
No.	Category	2017 Budget	2016 Budget	Increase & Decreases
1	Revenue			
2	Group Contributions	14,000.00	13,000.00	1,000.00
3	Assembly Registrations	2,000.00	2,200.00	(200.00)
4	State Speaker Meeting	0.00	4,000.00	(4,000.00)
5	SSM Advance	0.00	1,500.00	(1,500.00)
6	Cash Carried Forward	19,995.00	12,500.00	7,495.00
7	Total Revenue	35,995.00	33,200.00	2,795.00
8				
9	Expenses			
10	Delegate Fund			
11	WSO ETF	1,909.00	1,965.00	(56.00)
12	Extra Day	200.00	200.00	0.00
13	Delegate Meeting (NWRDM)	600.00	350.00	250.00
14	Delegate Travel	800.00	800.00	0.00
15	Delegate Miscellaneous	350.00	350.00	0.00
16	Sub-Total: Delegate Fund	3,859.00	3,665.00	194.00
17	Working Fund Expense			
18	Archive Rent	456.00	850.00	(394.00)
19	Area Travel Funds (ATF)	2,000.00	2,000.00	0.00
20	Communicator	200.00	200.00	0.00
21	SSM Advance	0.00	1,500.00	(1,500.00)
23	March Assembly Rent & Expenses	900.00	900.00	0.00
24	July Assembly Rent & Expenses	900.00	900.00	0.00
25	November Assembly Rent & Expenses	900.00	900.00	0.00
26	AWSC Rent (3 @ \$100 each)	300.00	300.00	0.00
27	Insurance	800.00	800.00	0.00
28	Sub-Total: Working Fund Exp	6,456.00	8,350.00	(1,894.00)
29	Assembly/AWSC Allowance(Meal/Lodging)			
30	Officers	2,000.00	2,075.00	(75.00)
31	Audit/Budget	600.00	900.00	(300.00)
32	Coordinators	2,000.00	2,225.00	(225.00)
33	Past Delegates	600.00	900.00	(300.00)
34	Regional Trustee/Board Visit	0.00	900.00	(900.00)
35	Sub-Total: Assem/AWSC Allowance(Meals/Lodging)	5,200.00	7,000.00	(1,800.00)
36	Officers Expenses			
37	Alternate Delegate	75.00	50.00	25.00
38	Chairperson	100.00	100.00	0.00
39	Secretary	50.00	50.00	0.00
40	Treasurer	150.00	200.00	(50.00)
41	AAPP	75.00	50.00	0.00
42	Sub-Total: Officers Expenses	450.00	450.00	(25.00)

A	B	C	D	E
OREGON AREA AL-ANON 2017 PROPOSED BUDGET				
Compared to 2016 Approved Budget (Increases in Bold; Decreases in Italic)				
No.	Category	2017 Budget	2016 Budget	Increase & Decrease
43	Expenses (Continued)			
44	Assembly Expenses			
45	Assembly Workshops	50.00	50.00	0.00
46	Business Services A.C.	50.00	50.00	0.00
47	Membership Outreach A.C.	100.00	800.00	(700.00)
48	Group Services A.C.	600.00	600.00	0.00
49	Fellowship Communication A.C.	880.00	880.00	0.00
50	Public Outreach A.C.	4,000.00	4,000.00	0.00
51	Audit Budget Extra Day Expenses	80.00	300.00	(220.00)
52	Sub-Total Assembly Workshops	5,400.00	6,350.00	(950.00)
53	Coordinators and Other Expenses			
54	Aislen and Standing Committee	300.00	125.00	175.00
55	Archives	600.00	300.00	300.00
56	CPC	50.00	50.00	0.00
57	Forum	80.00	50.00	30.00
58	Group Records	80.00	60.00	0.00
59	Literature	80.00	60.00	0.00
60	Public Information	30.00	50.00	0.00
61	WebSite Coordinator	200.00	330.00	(130.00)
62	Sub-Total Coordinators	1,360.00	1,005.00	375.00
63	Delegate Meeting			
64	Alternate Delegate	600.00	350.00	250.00
65	NWDM Support	0.00	300.00	(300.00)
66	Post Delegate	600.00	350.00	250.00
67	Sub-Total Delegate Meeting	1,000.00	1,000.00	0.00
68	Other			
69	Task Force/Thought/Force Projects	0.00	0.00	0.00
70	Aislen Coordinator Sponsor Conference	400.00	400.00	0.00
71	Contingency Fund	1,000.00	1,000.00	0.00
72	Equipment Supplies	1,000.00	600.00	400.00
73	Handbook Update	50.00	50.00	0.00
74	Transition Fund	600.00	735.00	(235.00)
75	Sub-Total Other Expenses	2,950.00	2,785.00	165.00
76	Ample Reserves	6,254.00	7,802.00	(1,548.00)
77	Total Expenses & Reserve	33,548.00	36,405.00	(4,857.00)
78				
79	Budget Balancing Ledger			
80	Budgeted Income	35,905.00	38,200.00	2,295.00
81	Budgeted Expenses	(33,549.00)	(36,405.00)	4,856.00
82	Experienced Shortfall of Budgeted Expenses	(2,448.00)	6,205.00	(7,653.00)
83	Total of Budget Balancing Ledger	0.00	0.00	0.00

Report on Thought Force For Meetings on Area Website

Regis P. (Website Coordinator), Dawn B. (District 6 DR), Kate R. (Group Records Coordinator), Bunny G. (Chairperson) and Joanne C. (AAPP) met via Google Hangouts video chat. This was a thought force meeting to discuss the question of listing a WSO registered meeting that meets in a private home on the Oregon Area website. The main concerns were anonymity and safety. However, there are many topics and items that need to have guidance and though many people have verbally given advice to the coordinator this committee feels there is a need for better written guidelines and Oregon Area policies for our website. It is our recommendation we create a task force to create such a guideline.

We also recommend that for now we list a meeting in a home for a temporary four month period of time and continue to list the meeting on printed material like the local meeting list and possibly create a flyer to pass around to other groups. Encourage the group to start looking for a location that doesn't have limited access to maintain the anonymity and safety of its members.

2016 OAC Report

We are so very grateful for your donations and support. Fifty-one teens attended the conference, a new high! It's not surprising that we gave 15 Half scholarships and 15 Full scholarships. We were able to accommodate them because of the generous giving of AI-Anon and AA.

The OAC committee spent a year planning for the conference. Our theme this year was FROG - Fully Rely On God. We started the year with \$9,510.15. OAC collected from donations, registration, and our annual fundraiser \$6,530.90. The expenditures to put on the event this year were \$10,516.24. Our ending balance is \$5,524.81.

The event started off on Friday night with a fireside meeting with deep personal sharing from so many of the teens. Then they participated in a silent luminary walk for those still suffering from the disease of alcoholism, or for *any* issue that needed the group's prayers. Once the walk was completed it was back to the campfire for s'mores. We finished the day with games and visiting until lights out.

Saturday was packed full! The morning brought breakfast, followed by workshops about The Steps, Program Miracles, Self Harm/Depression, Principles of the Program, Jealousy, and Courage to Change. In the afternoon they had an open meeting with the topic "Principles Above Personalities". The teens shared about their responsibilities, asked and heard answers about issues they were having in their groups. After the meeting is the *best* time, Easy Does It Time, where the teens swim, tie-dye their OAC t-shirts, play games, make bracelets, and get better acquainted. Our Saturday night after-dinner speakers were fantastic! Once the meeting

closed it was time for the talent show. We had singing, stories, poems, and one person even made it rain! Lights out came too soon!

Sunday's Spiritual Meeting was a sharing meeting about what Alateen brings to the teens. Many chose a single word to describe OAC and Alateen like safe, peaceful, trust, vulnerable, powerful and amazing! Ezra was elected the 2017 OAC chairman. Two of our members were graduating to Al-Anon so we ended OAC with the cinnamon roll (a giant hug in the shape of a cinnamon roll) to send them off with a sense of love, belonging, and well wishes from all of the teens at OAC.

There were 5 Frogs donated this year and they all found homes with the newest Alateens.

Submitted by
Linda S
Oregon Alateen Coordinator

OAC Fund Raising at Assemblies/AWSC

History:

Carolyn proposed that Alateens on the Oregon Alateen Conference (OAC) committee be allowed to do fundraising at AWSC and Assembly. Reference was made to a motion limiting fundraising to SSM and the hosting district only. Lively discussion began. Later there was a report that no motion could be found limiting fundraising at Assembly to SSM, so the Area can do as it wishes. The current rule / informal policy is based on history when there were competing fundraising activities at Assembly that created confusion. There is a policy that the hosting district has the option of having a fundraiser. There is concern that the fundraising could get confusing. At the Astoria SSM, Alateens were permitted to fund raise.

The pre-addressed envelopes are a form of fundraising but it's different from having Alateens at a table competing with SSM and the hosting District. There is a significant difference between accepting donations and actively engaging in fundraising work and the experience is important. The teens need experience with service work and this provides that opportunity. They currently fundraise at other events.

Some members support Alateens being able to fund raise. They are the future of Al-Anon. We could have trial period.

Motion #1

That Oregon Alateens involved in fundraising for OAC be allowed to attend AWSC and Assembly for fundraising on a trial basis until the end of panel 53, December 2015. Motion passed by substantial unanimity.

Discussion:

I took this discussion to the Portland Sponsor Meeting and asked for their input. Their answer was unanimously “yes, we would like to have the opportunity to fundraise at Area functions”.

Some of the comments were as follows:

- Usually the Alateens only sell trinkets and T-shirts.
- We really didn't feel this was a very big competition from the great baskets that SSM raffle off.
- It is our understanding that the Assembly & AWSC fundraising SSM does, are only a small portion of the SSM funds.
- We feel that we really need to be able to continue this if we are to offer scholarships. We really would like be able to offer this opportunity to Alateens that would not be able to afford it otherwise.
- This is a great way to get Alateens to Area Functions.
- Remember Alateens are future AI-Anons.
- Having Alateens at Area Functions help the body of AI-Anon get to know Alateens, find out what Alateen is, and the great kids that are a part of Alateen.
- This is a great way for the Alateens to become involved in Service.

Conclusion:

I would like to recommend that Oregon Alateens continue to be allowed to fundraising at Area Events.

Linda S., Alateen Coordinator

Delegate's Report

How are we feeling about how we've done our jobs this year? When we stood for the position, did we have a vision of what we wanted to do? Did we accomplish some of our visions? I stood for Delegate because I wanted to be the best voice for Oregon and the Worldwide fellowship of AI-Anon that I could be. I wanted to make sure Oregon was heard and that our area knew what was happening at the World Service Office. I wanted to provide the best AI-Anon service I was capable of.

I have brought the Conference Summaries for each of you here. Now you can read them and find out if I brought you up to speed on the conference. We'll introduce the information in them to the assembly in November.

I have left evaluation papers on your tables for you to fill out about how I've done. Would you spoil me and fill them out and leave them in my mailbox at the back? I believe at the end of the November Assembly, I will have given you everything that I have known about at the World Service office and

everything I experienced at the World Service Conference. There is so much! How do I convey everything I hear and experience? Have I made myself available to anyone that wanted to talk to me? Have I listened well enough? Do you remember me saying that at the February AWSC? How have I done?

We asked for an evaluation of our AWSC meetings. 12 people responded out of 32. Those that wanted to voice their opinions are heard. Let me tell you what the delegate of Washington compiled from our answers.

I believe there are more positives than concerns. I believe we're on the right track, especially for our first year of our term. I see we have concerns to address and resolve. How about you? Have you written down a note about something you heard?

The concern I've read about and would like to address today is, "concern with dominance by other members". I hope each of us will write this phrase down, "concern with dominance by other members". We can each reflect upon ourselves and ask ourselves if we are part of the problem, or part of the solution. We want to be honest with ourselves. We may want to talk to another person about someone that we feel is dominating or we might want to talk directly to the person we feel is dominating. How?

One of the Task Force presentations I brought back from the WSO (World Service Office) is Communication and Strengthening the Links of Service. How appropriate, right? I believe one of our action committees are going to be presenting a skit regarding this topic.

The WSO is asking us to consider the spiritual principles that are associated with anything we're dealing with. What spiritual principles do you associate with communication?

Abundance, acceptance, attraction not promotion, autonomy balanced with responsibility, compassion and understanding, forgiveness, knowing our roles, kindness, listen, mutual respect, patience, principles above personalities, trust, tolerance, Trust my Higher Power, willingness. These are but a few that the conference came up with.

Can we use these principles when we address this concern with another person? Can we use these words when reflecting upon ourselves?

Are we, Oregon's AWSC communicating with each other as often as we could be? Are we giving new information, sharing topics of concern or delight with each other? Are we following up on things that are said or asked to be done at the assembly level? A couple people I see frequently on AFG Connects. Thank you. I believe it helps ourselves and it helps others in the fellowship.

When we have a concern about an individual and how they're doing their job, do we talk to them, refer them to a service sponsor? Do we ask to talk to them about their job description? Do we treat them like

a newcomer at a meeting and guide them in the direction of the person in the Links of Service who can best help them?

Do we apply and practice the spiritual principles of the program in working with each other? Or do we just talk to others about what we see?

Getting back to the AWSC Inventory, as for highlights, we should be totally proud and congratulate ourselves for people feeling that we are caring dedicated members, that people feel a tone of respect and that they belong here in our service fellowship! How cool is that? All evaluations mentioned different strengths! Every one of us has strengths we bring to our group every day. Thank you. You are what makes this AWSC dynamic and productive. Thank you.

TEAM – I have a power point to share with you about the update information regarding our TEAM event we're exploring with Washington State and the World Service Office.

I want to apologize, I went away from the July Assembly with the feeling we had agreed to hold a TEAM event and that the particulars would be worked out with a group of us. This group consists of Carolann, (who has recently stepped away from the group), Dawn B, Dee, Jodie, Kristel and myself. Would each of you stand please? These women have done a fabulous job of meeting on a conference call week after week until we with 4 other people from Washington have put all the pieces together to make a presentation to the WSO.

Presentation

We have not committed to anything yet. We've just made a presentation and can back out of the hotel venue if we need to. We are on a timeline though.

On Wednesday, we heard that we were selected to be the last area that hosts a TEAM event in 2017! Do we want to do it?

Task Force on Spirituality in our Area Finances

I was assigned to this Task Force last March before I went to the conference. At conference, we were given the framework of what the WSO wanted from us and then asked to meet over the year and come up with a skit, a presentation and a pamphlet. This pamphlet will be accepted and printed at the WSO at the next WSC and available for everyone in Al-Anon. How cool is that? Something I've participated in will be in a pamphlet put out by the WSO! That is way cool!

Our group of 8 or 9 Delegates got together through "go to a meeting" online and through a phone conference call at the same time and divided up into teams of the skit, the presentation and the pamphlet. We all added our voices to what we thought was needed in each of these areas. We voiced the spiritual principles we came up with at the WSC that concern talking about money.

From there, each of our teams got together by phone conferencing and produced their product.

I was on the pamphlet team. I have left copies of the pamphlet we are designing on your tables. We are NOT done. If you have any feedback for me or ideas regarding it, would you email me and let me know them. I'd love to hear what you have to say about it. Deadline for me to turn my suggestions in is October 20th.

Open/Closed Meetings. I sent each of you District Reps an email asking for feedback from your specific group representatives regarding the understanding of what an Open vs Closed meeting is. I have heard back from a few of you, and wondered if I could gently nudge the rest of you to talk about this topic with your group reps.

Back at the WSC in April, the delegates got to attend an open policy meeting. At that meeting they were discussing this item. Does the fellowship understand the difference? Is the word "closed" too negative and maybe sending interested members in the wrong direction? Is this still a valid statement about our meetings?

Now the Board has sent out a series of questions to get more feedback from more of the fellowship. Through the Links of Service (there's that term again), Delegates have been asked to give these questions to the District Representatives and then they in turn as the Group Representatives to give their voice on the subject. This topic is sure to be on the WSC agenda in April next year.

Remember, the groups are the building blocks of our program of Al-Anon. Their voices need to be heard.

Prayer for Today – Do you have ideas/concerns you want me to express when I go back to Virginia Beach in April? It's a ways off, but it'll be here before we know it. Please let me know what your groups think – editing? Deleting? Leaving? There are choices and I'm sure it will be talked about at the WSC. I want to hear what you have to say.

I appreciate every one of you. Thank you so much for being in service, for taking time out of your lives to participate in service above the group level. You are so appreciated by many members of our fellowship. They may not tell you one on one, but please know many people are affected by your service to our program.

Cindy Erickson

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