

Area World Service Committee Meeting (AWSC)
Sleep Inn, 2855 NW Edenbower Blvd,
Roseburg, OR 97470
Host District #13, Linda C., DR
OCT 10, 2015

Meeting opened at 8:30 am with a moment of silence and Serenity Prayer by Acting Chair, Barb S., Alternate Delegate.

Traditions read by member of host committee, Liz T.

Concepts read by member of host committee, Vicky L.

Microphone and Voting Statement read by Acting Chair Barb S.

Roll Call by Secretary Val V.:

Excused: Rita B., Chair; Float DR (District Representative) District 1; Stone C., DR District 11; Carolyn H., Atateen Coordinator; Jodie P., Archives Coordinator; Irene M., CPC Coordinator

Absent: Radiant G., Literature Coordinator

Welcome: new DR District 15, Angel K., and new Alternate DR District 7, Michael B.

Approval of AWSC minutes from June 2015 presented by Val V. Secretary, accepted with motion, second and unanimous vote.

Treasurer's Report presented by Sue B., Treasurer. We are on track for this year. Current balance is \$12,316.37.

Housekeeping details presented by Host District #13 DR, Linda C.

Communicator report by Mary W., Communicator Editor. There is continued approval of the Communicator delivery online. Vote to be taken at Assembly in November to make changes permanent.

2016 Proposed Budget presented by Dawn K. Budget discussed line by line, with explanations of history of expenditures/income for each line item and any questions answered. There were some suggested changes that are listed below.

- Line # 15, Delegate Miscellaneous: The new delegate will need to install computer programs for Area and WSO on his/her position computer, so an increase from \$200.00 to \$350.00 was suggested. Consensus vote approved change with majority.
- Line #34, Assembly/AWSC (meal/lodging) Allowance/Coordinators and AAPP: due to rising costs for lodging and meals the line item was increased from \$2200.00 to \$2500.00. Consensus vote approved change with majority.
- Line #46, Membership Outreach Action Committee (A.C.): The original request was for \$800.00, and was not submitted in time. Need for the increase was explained by the Action Committee Chair. Consensus vote approved change with majority.

- Line #49, Public Outreach, A.C.: The request was for \$8000.00, exactly double the \$4000.00 previously listed. After discussion with all opinions heard, the Consensus vote denied the increase and voted to keep the line item at \$4000.00.
- Line #53, Alateen: The Alateen Standing Committee was added to this line item and an additional \$50.00 was added to the Alateen's current amount of \$50.00, making a total of \$100.00. Consensus vote approved adding the Standing Committee to the line item and to the increase of funds with majority.
- Line #72, Equipment Supplies, The need to purchase a new projector was presented. We are currently using a borrowed projector. Options presented and an Epson WX3212 for approximately \$470.00 was selected by consensus vote to be presented to the Assembly.
- Line #81, Budgeted Expenses: The above actions changed the balance of \$40,600.00 to \$38,380.00.
- Line #82, Proposed Shortfall of Budgeted Expenses: The above actions changed the balance of \$7,400.00 to \$5,180.00.

(Due to the length of time allowed for discussion of the budget, we briefly adjourned the presentation twice, once for a 15 minute BREAK, and then a ½ hour LUNCH with homemade soup and Subway sandwiches provided by Host District 13. I have recorded the budget meeting all together for clarity in understanding this important presentation. Meeting reopened with Serenity Prayer by Acting Chair, Barb S. after each interruption of the presentation.)

Consensus vote was taken, and Proposed Budget was accepted to be presented to the membership for review at the November Assembly including the changes made today.

Presentation by Dawn K., Audit/Budget Committee Chair, of a packet of information to be added to the Oregon Area Handbook, (OAH) as a new Guideline. The title is Oregon Area Al-Anon Guidelines for Financial Record Keeping and it includes copies of forms and procedures to assist host districts in keeping records for Al-Anon Area events. *These changes can be seen on the website under Service, then Section IV in OAH Manual.*

Motion #1

Move to add guidelines for financial record keeping to Section IV, of OAH. Seconded and passed with substantial majority.

Spiritual Moment presented by member of the host district Wendy S., reading from How Al-Anon Works, and the Just for Today Bookmark.

Discussion of new temporary AAPP position. Consensus vote taken for presenting this position as a permanent Area position to the Assembly in November for approval with majority.

Discussion of combining the Forum Coordinator and Literature Coordinator positions into one coordinator position. Many opinions heard. Consensus vote to present this proposal to Assembly with majority.

Report from special committee, chaired by Linda C., established to discuss changing the number/frequency of Assemblies per year.

SURVEY ON REDUCING ASSEMBLY MEETING TIMES

I heard from 11 Districts and 6 Districts did not respond.

Five of the Districts were in favor of reducing our Assemblies to 2 days 2 times a year.

Three Districts were in favor of staying with 3 a year.

One District suggested we start Friday evening and be done by Saturday evening OR go to 2 days 2 times a year.

The tally came out tied with the one District's suggestion of Friday evening meetings OR going to 2 times a year could be counted on either tally.

Since the survey is tied, I assume there is NO urgency in changing how often we meet, and my conclusion is we continue meeting 3 times a year until someone wants to bring it up again at another AWSC or Assembly.

Respectfully,

Linda C., DR District 13

Raffle by Fellowship Communications Action Group.

Al-Anon book Many Voices, One Journey, won by Fran A.

Forum subscription won by Barbara L.

Delegates Report by Colleen G.

Delegate's Report

I want to thank all of you for the support you have given me these past three years as Delegate. It is a privilege, opportunity, growing experience and a pleasure to serve in this position. And as echoes throughout Al-Anon in these service transitions, "Now that I almost know what I am supposed to be doing, it is time to move on."

As outgoing Delegate, I'm excited to see the rotation of leadership. Al-Anon has taught me with heart and soul of its importance. I look forward to seeing who will be guided by HP to fill the positions of delegate, alternate delegate, area chairperson, treasurer, secretary, district representatives, coordinators, committee members, liaisons and group representatives. All who will complete the incoming Oregon Area panel 56. It will be great to experience these members; their excitement; enthusiasm; and even more, their willingness to serve.

We encourage each of you to bring your completed Trusted Servant Profile to assembly. DRs please encourage your GRs to bring theirs too. How much easier it is to look at a written history of service, when standing for any position. I have mine completed already. Where it asks "position sought" I have stated in all capital letters – PAST DELEGATE!

It is hard for me to believe, election at the area level will happen in Springfield at November 14-15 assembly. This is coming up faster than fast!! This makes even more important the reminder to me from my Conference Trustee:

“Our service structure rests on the dedication and ability of GRs, DRs and Delegates, the direct agents of our Al-Anon groups and the vital connection with world service. Each is the primary representative of Al-Anon’s group conscience.”

And, it is my awareness that without the encouragement and support of all area members, we - Oregon, as an area, wouldn’t be accomplishing as much as we are!!

This brings me to **ACTION COMMITTEES** – THANK YOU!! THANK YOU ALL!

FELLOWSHIP OUTREACH:

Forum and Al-Anon Faces Alcoholism contributions from Oregon Area members.

Fellowship Outreach created ways of making our literature more visible in our groups.

We love the contests where we were all winners!

PUBLIC OUTREACH:

The Twisted Road Sign PSA just keeps expanding its usefulness to carry a message of hope. And it is my understanding there is a continued nationwide interest in the movie theatre public service announcement (psa). Much more I’m sure.

BUSINESS SERVICES:

Created new and easier expense forms, and new proposed financial guidelines (section 4 of the Oregon Area handbook) for review and vote.

And the proposed budget for 2016

MEMBERSHIP OUTREACH:

The Communicator is now distributed electronically. We are at the end of a one year trial. Hummmm????? Isn’t it strange to hear in Al-Anon the concept, *“at the end of...”* Our website continues to offer information on current and past area business.

GROUP SERVICES:

Sponsored an Area Archives celebration and introduced us to many interesting events from the history of the Oregon area.

Alateen had another stellar year with teen and AMIAS participation at OAC.

Group Records keeps the area current on new meetings and those that have closed.

Lots of interesting statistics were presented too.

The Oregon Area Handbook sec 1- page 4 it states the importance of our Action Committees.....” All groups and members at our assemblies view action committees as a vehicle for increasing participation.” We see this happening and so much more this panel. Our Action Committees are really growing up! Thank you all for your contributions.

Having the agendas and report backs from Action Committees for the Delegate and Alternate Delegate gives them an opportunity to be more familiar with what is happening within each

committee. We then received the committee reports. What a fantastic way for this to happen. When the notebooks are handed on to the next committee, will you please make this suggestion part of the format for the next panel? Thank you!! Thank you to Districts where I gave my delegates report. It is awesome being in such close contact with the members of these districts. I believe these visits were the most fun part of my job as delegate. You all made it that for me.

AFG-CONNECTS – what can I say? After e-communities this is a fantastic way to communicate.... My own personal funny story.... I use my cell phone as my alarm so it is on 24/7. I began having trouble sleeping a few weeks ago and couldn't figure out why.... then it dawned on me I was getting AFG CONNECTS messages at all times of the day and night in my email account on my phone. Each time one would come in, my phone would beep and sleep was disturbed, but not enough to wake me up completely. I got this when I was looking at the posting time of these emails....

My thanks to all AWSC for your participation in panel 53. Participation is the key to harmony has only made Oregon Area a stronger base to stand on. Please give yourselves an appreciative round of applause.

And ending on a good news report.....

Ric B, Executive Director, WSO. Has said yes to coming to Oregon!

My LOVE to you in SERVICE
And Especially in FRIENDSHIP

Colleen G.
Oregon Area Delegate/P-53

March 18-19, 2016 Al-Anon 65th birthday celebration report by Dawn K. There are many exciting events planned with a special Friday Night meeting, a Chili and baked potato dinner hosted by District 4, Dinner Speaker Ric B. from WSO, and many more. Flyers to be available soon. Everyone is welcome and encouraged to attend all these events.

Discussion on trial period of using the Trusted Servant Profile which ends in November 2016. Consensus vote to recommend continuing use of this form to the Assembly. Dawn B. agreed to meet outside of meeting and update the form, with assistance of Caralynn W., Mary Lynn J., and Val V.

Discussion of voting practice of sending the applicant out of the room to allow discussion of qualifications before voting, by Bunny G., Past Delegate Panel 38. Consensus vote was taken, with a majority, to bring this discussion to the Assembly for voting.

BREAK

Discussion of Alateen's 1 year trial period of selling articles at our events. Vote is scheduled for November Assembly.

Discussion of scheduling AWSC Meetings in 2016. Bids received from Districts to host the events are:

Feb 2016, District 6, Donelda H., DR

June 2016, District16, Kim M., DR

Oct 2016, District 11, Stone C., DR

Consensus vote approved all bids with majority.

Breakout for Action Committee meetings to set agendas for meeting at Assembly.

Meeting resumed by Acting Chair, Barb S. with Serenity Prayer.

Discussion and finalizing of the Agenda for the November 2015 Assembly.

Districts/Groups encouraged to bring baskets to November Assembly to raffle as a fundraiser for the upcoming SSM in 2016.

Upcoming Events:

AWSC:

- Feb 2016, District 6, Donelda H., DR
- June 2016, District16, Kim M., DR
- Oct 2016, District 11, Stone C., DR

Assembly:

- November 14-15, 2015, Springfield, OR (**Please note this is the 2nd weekend.**)
- March 18-19, 2016, Salem, OR

SSM:

- May 14-15, 2016, Milwaukie, OR

Reminder: Proposed motions for voting in November.

1. Continue Alateen's sales at Area Events
2. Continue use of Trusted Servant Profile
3. Proposed Budget with changes
4. Continue Communicator on-line
5. Combine Literature and Forum Coordinator Positions
6. Purchase of a new Projector for AWSC and Assembly meetings
7. Make the AAPP Position a permanent position at Area level
8. Possible change in voting practices used when applicants stand for Oregon Area positions
9. Change of leadership for officers, coordinators, etc.

Meeting adjourned with Al-Anon Declaration.

Respectfully submitted,
Val V., Secretary

Motions made during October 2015 AWSC Meeting

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