

Draft TWO Minutes July 2013 Assembly
July 20-21, 2013
Meridian Park Hospital Education Center
Host District 9

Saturday Assembly

Meeting was called to order by Roland C at 8:30 am. Roland C explained identification badges and discussed the procedures for using the microphone. We said the Serenity Prayer and listened to the Traditions.

Roll Call:	District 2	Avette G	excused / not represented
	District 3	No DR	not represented
	District 7	Marvalee M	excused / represented by Carol M
	District 8	Michelle W	absent / not represented
	District 15	Sue E	absent / not represented

Minutes of March 2013 Assembly: There was a motion to approve the minutes of the March 2013 Assembly with editorial corrections. The motion was seconded and carried.

Treasurer's Report: Sue B reviewed the summary financial report for 2012. She distributed the Treasurer's report by email. Cash on hand is \$12,296.63. Some of the Transition fund has been used; the current balance is \$442.00. The CMA envelopes are working well. Contributions have increased since these were made available. There are envelopes for the next quarter in the mailboxes.

See Attachment # 1.

Delegate's Report: Colleen thanked the Assembly for sending her to the World Service Conference (WSC), saying she had a wonderful time. She read a love note from the Conference Chairperson. Some of the spiritual principles used at the WSC were honesty, responsibility, unanimity, spirituality, anonymity.

Executive Committee for Real Property Management (ECRPM): Colleen described her personal experiences serving on the ECRPM as being like a mouse in the corner, able to attend WSC but report only on property issues. She encouraged those who are eligible and interested to apply for a seat on this committee.

The WSC has given approval for development of a pamphlet for parents and grandparents of young problem drinkers. The World Service Office (WSO) is asking for contributions / sharings from members about their experiences as parents and grandparents of problem drinkers.

The updated Service Manual will be available on-line in September 2013 and will be printed and mailed to groups in the first quarter of 2014.

Colleen played one PSA from WSO website. We can purchase a PSA for \$30.00 to distribute to TV media outlets. There is also a CD for use on the radio; the cost is \$8.00

The subject of dual members serving in Al-Anon service positions remains a hot topic. A flow chart created by WSO has been emailed as a starting point for discussing this issue. The Al-Anon policy stated in the Service Manual prohibits dual members from serving in certain positions. Other than those prohibited positions, all other decisions about dual member service positions can be made based on group / local autonomy. Colleen read an email reply from WSO referring to this reference and augmenting it.

See Attachment # 2 for full report.

Visit from NW Regional Trustee: Penny R is the NW Regional Trustee. She will be at our March 2014 Assembly as part of her direct contact with the fellowship. Oregon Area is suggesting a campaign to honor Penny by donating funds to WSO. The Area is asking groups to collect at least \$12.00, or whatever they can, between now and the March 2014 Assembly. Each group will be asked to write a check to the WSO for the money collected. Those checks will be handed to Penny when she visits in March 2014, so she can hand-deliver them to the WSO from Oregon Area Al-Anon Family Groups.

Meet the Board: Colleen introduced this discussion by reviewing the invitation from WSO for a "Meet the Board" event. This is the first year of a three-year trial to hold the July Board of Trustees meeting in a location outside of Virginia Beech, where the Board of Trustees usually meets and where expenses are extremely high in summer months. The event will include nineteen trustees, three executive committee members, WSO staff and Al-Anon members. Areas around the country are invited to bid on the opportunity to have the Meet the Board event located in

their Area. At this Assembly Oregon Area Districts will bid on the opportunity to be the location for the Meet the Board event, should Oregon be selected as the location.

The responsibility of the District selected today will be to find two hotels which meet the minimum requirements and submit the names of the hotels to WSO by September 15, 2013. The WSO staff will handle the negotiations with the hotel and will host the event, assuming responsibility for all other details. The Area is only responsible for publicizing the event. WSO will select the meeting dates and since we plan to hold this in conjunction with our Assembly, being selected for the location for the Meet the Board event might change the date(s) of our July 2014 Assembly. A registration form will be distributed by WSO in February 2014 for those members wishing to attend the open portions of the Board event. The criteria the Board of Trustees will use to select a location are the availability of major transportation and ample space to conduct their business.

The benefits of having the Meet the Board event in Oregon are the opportunity to see the spiritual tone of how the Board conducts its business and to experience, first hand, the world-wide nature of Al-Anon. We are a world wide fellowship. Al-Anon is more than just our home group.

Because WSO sets the agenda for the Meet the Board event, which will be held on Saturday, if Oregon is selected as the site for this event we will Sunday for Oregon Area business, in an abbreviated format. If Oregon is not selected we will have Assembly as usual.

Colleen and Roland will fill out forms to 'sell' us to WSO. Three signatures are required, the delegate, the chairman and the area contact, which will be the DR for the District winning the bid today.

Districts bidding to be the location for the July 2014 Meet the Board event were District 4, covering Marion and Polk counties and Salem; District 6, Lane county including Eugene and District 17, Milwaukie and parts of Clackamas County, in cooperation with Districts 11, east Multnomah county and 12, covering part of Multnomah county and all of Sherman, Wasco and Hood River counties. The District winning this bid must be willing to host the July 2014 Assembly if they don't get the bid from WSO for the Meet the Board event. The Assembly indicated by substantial unanimity the desire to move forward with the plan to hear the District's bids and submit our application to WSO for consideration. GRs were offered an opportunity to sign the voting registration if they had not already done so. This was a majority rule vote. Districts 11, 12 and 17 in combination were awarded the bid by vote of the GRs at the Assembly.

Coordinator and AIS Liaison Reports

See Attachment # 3 for full reports.

Alateen Coordinator...Carolyn H

Carolyn thanked the fellowship for donations to the Oregon Alateen Conference (OAC) which will provide scholarships for teens to attend OAC. The teens held a pancake breakfast as a fundraiser and raised \$1,070.00. They have Tee-Shirts for sale in a variety of sizes as an additional fundraiser. Tee-Shirts are \$15 each.

Archives...Jodie P

Jodie has seen an increased interest in our Archives over the last year. One of the functions of Archives is to be a repository for group histories. Jodie reminded members, when submitting a group history, to make a copy to keep in the group's records. On display today are some examples of old and new literature. She continues to work on scanning documents that were not created in digital format so they can be made available electronically to our membership. She needs scan buddies for this endeavor.

Communicator Coordinator...Mary W

The Communicator comes out before each Assembly. It is currently sent by USPS bulk mail but the cost has increased and the requirements are more rigid for bulk mail, making the expense almost equal to first class. She had to reduce the number of pages from twelve to eight to meet the current bulk mail requirements. *The Communicator* is available electronically on our website and is also sent via email. She continues to advocate for distributing *The Communicator* exclusively by electronic means. WSO does everything electronically. GRs are invited to send contributions to Mary by October 7, 2013 for the next issue of *The Communicator*.

Cooperating with the Professional Community (CPC) PC coordinator...Lisa M

Lisa is still learning her role and is using ecommunities for discussion with CPC members in other Areas. She has drafted a letter to legal communities, which has been distributed to DRs for use in their Districts. Lisa is chairing Public Outreach Action Committee and their survey showed that people want to know how to reach the professional community. She is available to anyone in our fellowship to work on CPC issues.

Forum Coordinator...Paula J

A *Forum* Workshop is an opportunity for members to write about their experience, strength and hope and submit their writing to WSO for consideration for publication in the *Forum*. Paula did a workshop at the last Assembly and in District 1. At a workshop she talks about the articles in the *Forum* and encourages writing. A subscription to the *Forum* is \$11 per year. Each issue of the *Forum* has an article on the Step, Tradition and Concept of the month as well as news and sharings from WSO.

Group Records Coordinator...Dawn B

Dawn presented graphs showing Group Records information about the meetings in our Area. She has updated 120 group records. There are two ways to submit changes. The information may be sent to WSO or to Dawn using the form GR-1 which is available on the WSO website. However, the policy in Oregon is to submit changes to the DR who forwards it to the Group Records coordinator. Tuesday night is statistically the night of the week with the most meetings.

Literature Coordinator...Carol M

Carol has prepared a display of the various packets for newcomers. The first segment of our Service Manual contains information about how to start and conduct an AI-Anon meeting. This same information is contained in P-24, a smaller pamphlet. Meetings are encouraged to use P-24 rather than typed versions of a meeting script which may contain errors and which are often not updated when changes are made by the WSO.

Public Information Coordinator...vacant position / now filled by Reina C

The Public Information Coordinator position is vacant because the person who held the position was injured and needs to focus on her own recovery. The person in this position has voice and vote at AWSC. Roland asked is anyone was willing to stand for the position? Reina C stood. She was asked to leave the room and members were offered an opportunity to voice an opinion about her fitness to serve by providing information that will help voting GRs make a decision. Reina was elected by substantial unanimity.

Website Coordinator...Rick C

The website is a critical tool for people to find meetings. There is a time commitment to administrate the site and learn Area procedures. Rick wants to proceed slowly and thoughtfully. He expects that there will be a Task Force or committee set up to oversee the work on the website. Rick wants communication within our fellowship to be accurate and complete. Let Rick know if there are problems with the website. He wants to focus on cooperation, communication and correctness. Concerns expressed at the March Assembly were addressed; District 9 information is fully visible.

AIS (AI-Anon Information Service) Liaison / Portland...Caralynn W

Caralynn has been communicating monthly with AIS concerning Group Record changes in an effort to keep the meeting lists as accurate as possible. AIS needs ISRs (Information Service Representatives) to help with a fundraiser in November 2013. Judy W. maintains list of individuals willing to speak at various functions; contact Judy if you are willing to be a speaker or know of someone who is willing.

Action committee breakouts: Dawn K from Audit / Budget asked Action Committee members to consider how much money they would need in the 2014 budget to accomplish their objectives.

Action Committees met for 90 minutes.

Assembly Reports

2013 November Assembly Report: Sue B reported that the Nov 2013 Assembly will be held at the high school in Grants Pass. She has put a flyer in the mailboxes. She suggests that members use the hotels on 6th or 7th street, as they provide the easiest access to the high school.

Items to expect at the November 2013 Assembly are a presentation from Business Services Action Committee on donations and how WSO uses them. There will also be a presentation of the Area budget for 2014 and a vote on the budget.

2014 November Assembly Report: Linda C reported that Oregon Area AI-Anon is invited to co-locate with Oregon A.A. for the November 2014 Assembly at Umpqua Community College in Roseburg to be held the third weekend of November. Linda and members of our fellowship from the Roseburg area have been involved in preliminary planning.

Roland C suggested that we make a decision about the November 2014 Assembly today rather than wait until November as we normally would since the AAs begin their assembly planning earlier than we do. The suggestion was met with substantial unanimity that we make the decision today.

Our share of the cost for this event would be \$720.00. Usually we fund activities only within the calendar year. This proposal requires us to spend money from this year's budget for an activity that will occur next year. Our Treasurer, Sue B, indicated that this year's November Assembly will be under budget so there are available funds in the budget to pay some of the expenses for the November 2014 from the 2013 Budget.

See Attachment # 4 for full report.

Motion: There was a motion to hold the 2014 November Assembly at UCC campus in conjunction with A.A. and to finance \$360.00, one-half of the total cost, this year. Motion carried with substantial unanimity.

State Speakers Meetings (SSM)

2013 SSM:

Ruby & Melissa P from Klamath Falls reported on the 2013 SSM. Ash B from Oklahoma was the main speaker. Other speakers were Melissa P from Al-Anon and Dennis from A.A. After expenses the SSM made \$3,789.75. A check was presented to the Area Treasurer for the Area account.

See Attachment # 5 for full report.

2014 SSM:

Sue from District 6 invited all to attend the 2014 SSM in Eugene. It will be held at the Hilton Eugene Conference Center; the theme is **Ready, Set, Action**. The date: April 4 - 6, 2014. There will be no business meetings; this is entirely for fun, fellowship and fundraising. Chuck L. from Wisconsin will be the primary speaker. All proceeds will go to Oregon Area. There will be a raffle today to support the 2014 SSM. Tickets were pulled and prizes awarded.

Sue B., from District 7, presented District 6 with a check for \$531.31, money earned at the District 7 chili feed fundraiser for the SSM. She mentioned that Mark was the chairman of the chili feed.

2015 SSM:

Pam M from Bend, District 5 submitted a bid for the 2015 SSM. There were no other bids and the bid was awarded to District 5 by substantial unanimity.

Breakout Sessions: There was a breakout session for DRs, an orientation for new GRs and a Question and Answer session for everyone else.

Task Force and Thought Force: Roland C asked for volunteers to serve on a Task Force to review and revise the Alateen section of the Oregon Area Handbook and for volunteers to serve on a Thought Force on Assembly Procedures and Processes. Interested individuals should see Roland or notify him by e-mail.

The Assembly was adjourned at 4:45 pm.

Sunday Assembly

The Assembly was called to order at 8:30 am by Roland C, Chairperson. The meeting began in the usual fashion with housekeeping and other announcements.

Audit / Budget Report: Dawn K presented a report from the Audit Budget committee which is composed of Sue B, Area Treasurer, Barb B and Kay S. The Audit / Budget committee met on the following occasions:

- The audit/budget committee met after the February AWSC and reviewed the fourth quarter 2012 books. No discrepancies were found.
- The audit/budget committee met at the Eugene AIS office in April and reviewed the first quarter 2013 books. No discrepancies were found.
- The audit/budget committee met after the Saturday session at the July Assembly and reviewed the second quarter 2013 books. No discrepancies were found.

The Audit / Budget committee will ask us to submit budget requests for 2014, present those at the October AWSC and vote on the Budget at the November 2013 Assembly.

PRESENTATIONS FROM OUR FELLOWSHIP COMMUNICATIONS ACTION COMMITTEE

Skit on Conference Approved Literature: The skit began with a reading from *Hope for Today*, July 21, page 203, and a quote from *Paths to Recovery*, page 139, "When I see Tradition one applied at the group level, it reminds me again how important unity is in my life." Skit members responded with "sharings" that were typical of those we hear in our Groups when the person sharing is not focused on Conference Approved Literature (CAL). Members of the Assembly were asked, "How would you respond to these sharings in a Group meeting?" Replies to that question were:

- I'd need to get clear with myself about what's going on with me. In my share I'd politely refer back to CAL and *Al-Anon Spoken Here*;
- I'd read the other affiliations tent-card;
- I'd bring this up for discussion at a Business meeting;
- I'd offer a friendly reminder by mentioning the Three Obstacles after the person shares;
- My Group reads, *Why Conference Approved Literature* at every meeting;
- Refer to pg 149 in the *Service Manual*;
- P35, *Al-Anon Spoken Here*, is always available at the meeting;
- I'd say what needs to be said for the good of the group;
- I'd say, "It's a lovely share but we need to stick to CAL";
- My preference is to talk to the individual after the meeting;
- Use the next share to mention CAL;
- Literature from other fellowships can water down the Al-Anon message;
- Be gentle;
- We read the *Al-Anon Spoken Here* tent-card at each meeting;
- Mention that in Al-Anon we try to share solution.

Literature raffle: Dave offered copies of *How Al-Anon Works* to four individuals whose ticket numbers were called. The winners talked about how they would use book and a couple of books were given by the winners to those present who did not yet own a copy of the book.

Forum subscriptions raffle: Awarded 4 subscriptions to the *Forum*.

Action Committee Reports Back

See Attachment # 6 for full reports.

Business Services...Barb L

We discussed a presentation our Delegate, Colleen G, sent to this Action Committee concerning finances. We have been asked to create a presentation for the November 2013 Assembly using this information. The main focus of the presentation is to educate and affirm just how important contributions are. We will be doing the presentation in seven parts—each from the vantage of a member of our Action Committee and we will address what WSO does for us with the money we send. Linda will create a power point presentation utilizing a pie chart. The plan is to present this on Sunday at the November Assembly.

Fellowship Communication...Paula J

The committee plans to focus on literature, how many and which kinds need to be distributed. The daily readers may be more attractive to newcomers. They also want to encourage and support the use of the sponsorship bookmark. Alateen literature strips away 'grown up stuff' and gets to the heart of issues.

Group Services...Poppy W

The committee wants to focus on increasing the number of GRs and keeping records up to date. They plan to follow up on inactive meetings. They encourage groups to use the change form if groups believe information in the data base is incorrect.

Membership Outreach... Helen S

A motion was passed to recommend to ASWC a trial period for sending the Communicator electronically and bringing paper copies to Assembly for distribution. Other items that can be addressed in the short term were identified as: increasing the number of groups with GRs, encouraging membership involvement on all levels, best practices for welcoming newcomers and formats for newcomers meetings. The long term item is asking to have a website committee appointed to address various issues and policy decisions associated with our website.

Public Outreach...Stephen

There was a debate about Public Outreach helping members talk about what they are passionate about; Al-Anon saves our lives. They know that someone needs to see a PSA several times, at least eight, before they come to a meeting. Oregon Area Al-Anon Districts will get letter from the Public Outreach Action Committee offering an opportunity to ask for money for Public Outreach activities by the District. If all Districts apply and if funds are distributed equally, each District would receive \$235.29. The request for funds need to be received by September 15, 2013.

Alateen Presentation / Carolyn H

Carolyn began by saying that her daughter, Abbey, needs Alateen likes we need Al-Anon. There is a need for more Alateen groups and more sponsors. There are six Alateen meetings in the Portland area, although there are none in Portland proper. There are three Alateen meeting in Grants Pass and one on the Oregon coast. Caralynn W talked about her growth experiences being an Alateen sponsor. Kathy said she was scared at first, but then startled at the rigorous honesty of the teens. Alateens in the existing meetings are willing to travel to visit groups and Districts to talk about Alateen and the need for meetings and sponsors. The requirements for being an Al-Anon Anon Member in Alateen Service (AMIAS) are posted on the Oregon Area website. The slogan Oregon Alateen Conference (OAC) this year is *Together We Can Make It*. Carolyn suggested that interested individuals try being a sponsor for 90 days.

Al-Anon International Convention:

Members shared their experiences at Al-Anon International Convention.

Ask-it-Basket

This is an opportunity for members to submit questions. Most often they will be answered by past delegates.

Ask-it-Basket Question # 1

Where in the Service Manual does it say that members can make "brief references" to other readings (non-CAL)?

Answer: Page 101, second complete paragraph.

Ask-it-Basket Question # 2

How would we go about setting up a trial starting January, 2014, to switch from mailing the *Communicator* to handing them out at Assemblies and eventually transitioning completely to electronic? Originally the *Communicator* was the way to get the budget to GRs so that they could look at it before the Assembly. With electronic mailing the *Communicator* is no longer necessary for getting the budget to GRs. Could we start a trial this January 2014 of no longer mailing the *Communicator* and instead handing out hard copies of the *Communicator* to GRs and AWSC members at each Assembly?

Answer: The Oregon Area Handbook (OAH) references *The Communicator* several places in Section III. (See OAH pgs 2-5, ongoing motions on the following dates: May 1986, November 2003, October 2008, May 1977, October 2008, June 2010.) One of these motions mentions the "mailing of" *The Communicator*. Bunny G, past delegate, suggested that we table this for today and submit it to AWSC for motion and discussion.

Ask-it-Basket Question # 3

Are the 3rd and 7th step prayers Al-Anon approved. If yes, like the Lord's Prayer, how are they viewed as Al-Anon?

Answer: No, these are not Al-Anon prayers. These are AA prayers and not found in Al-Anon literature. A group may use the Lord's Prayer for closing a meeting under group autonomy. See page 22 of the Service Manual.

Ask-it-Basket Question # 4

When we talk about dual members does it only apply to AA? What about NA, DA, OA, CA, MA, etc?

Answer: It only applies to AA. Al-Anon 's relationship to AA is unique. As long as a person is not a member of AA that person can serve above the group level. See page 78 of the Service Manual.

Ask-it-Basket Question # 5

Can we use the Area's non-profit number for an activity in our town to be able to pay half price for our outreach booth?

Answer: The Area does not have a non-profit status or a non-profit number.

Ask-it-Basket Question # 6

Can an AI-Anon meeting choose to be “closed” (via group conscience) and only include AI-Anon members, i.e.: no AAs or outside visitors? Example: After leaving an abusive relationship with an AA member, an AI-Anon potential member does not feel comfortable attending a meeting where dual members will hear the shares.

Answer: No. A “closed meeting” is for all AI-Anon members, whether or not a person is also a member of the AA fellowship.

Ask-it-Basket Question # 7

A dominating male attends regularly and does not stick to AI-Anon principles when sharing. Some members are intimidated by his behavior and have quit coming to our meeting. We have tried to reason things out and are doing a group inventory. How do we address a person who is damaging our group serenity?

Answer: You need to reason things out with one another. A group inventory is a good start. After you’ve done that, if you’ve still not found an answer, you may want to ask for input from your DR and continue using the links of service. See the Service Manual, pgs 51 and 79.

Ask-it-Basket Question # 8

What are the “rules” concerning group registration when it is a joint AI-Anon/AA meeting? Can it be registered with both organizations with members from each group serving in positions (a GR for AI-Anon and the equivalent for AA.)?

Answer: The World Service Office (WSO) will not register a group as an AI-Anon group if it is also registered with AA. The World Service Office (WSO) cannot register any group that is solely for AI-Anon members who are also recovering alcoholics and members of AA, because such a group would be in violation of Tradition 3 which says, in part, “provided that, as a group, they have no other affiliation.”

Follow-up: District 16 has a group registered with both AA and AI-Anon.

Answer: The Area officers and DR from District 16 will reason things out around this issue.

Ask-it-Basket Question # 9

We have a member of our group who has a collection of AI-Anon (and AA) speaker tapes. They wish to make a lending library for our meeting. What does the Assembly say as to the appropriateness of this practice?

Answer: The Service Manual recognizes that there may be an occasional talk by an AA member. Offering the tapes / CDs from a lending library seems appropriate. See pgs 41-43 in the Service Manual.

Ask-it-Basket Question # 10

Is a group considered self-supporting if they do not contribute to district and WSO or if they do not support their GR?

Answer: A self-supporting group supports AI-Anon financially and pays the GR expenses to Assembly. Pages 53 and 54 of the Service Manual address group finances.

Ask-it-Basket Question # 11

Do we still have the new GR flip books?

Answer: Yes. They are the same ones made several years ago and will be distributed to GRs at the GR orientation.

Ask-it-Basket Question # 12

How is the fact that our fellowship earns a huge share of its income on sales of literature (and pamphlets) compatible with our commitment to “carry the message”? (For example, we raffled off photocopies of the Forum, which is technically a copyright violation.)

Answer: We used photocopies of the subscription form to order the Forum, not the Forum itself. Photocopying the subscription form is not a copyright violation.

Ask-it-Basket Question # 13

I keep hearing about KBDM. What is KBDM and can Oregon GRs get training on KBDM?

Answer: KBDM is Knowledge Based Decision Making. Being on a thought/task force will provide training, but we are looking at providing a training/workshop at a future Assembly.

Rita B, Area Secretary

There were no ongoing motions at this Assembly. Things decided:

To bid for the July 2014 Meet the Board event;

To elect Reina C as Public Information Coordinator;

To Hold the July 2014 Assembly in District 17;

To hold November 2014 Assembly at Umpqua Community College co-located with AA and fund half this year;

To hold 2015 SSM in Bend.

Attachment # 1 / Treasurer’s Report

Oregon Area Al-Anon Family Groups Cash Flow vs. Annual Budget

Jan 1, 2013 to Jun 30, 2013	2013 Budget	Over/(Under) Budget
Assembly Expenses		
Assembly Workshops	\$45.79	\$50.00 (\$4.21)
Business Services	\$30.42	\$100.00 (\$69.58)
A.C.		
Membership Outreach	\$0.00	\$350.00 (\$350.00)
A.C.		
Group Services A.C.	\$0.00	\$100.00 (\$100.00)
Fellowship	\$91.35	\$100.00 (\$8.65)
Communication A.C.		
Public Outreach A.C.	\$0.00	\$4,000.00 (\$4,000.00)
Audit Budget Extra	\$101.08	\$300.00 (\$198.92)
Day + Exp		
Total Assembly Expenses	\$268.64	\$5,000.00 (\$4,731.36)
Coordinators		
Alateen	\$30.86	\$200.00 (\$169.14)
Archives	\$0.00	\$300.00 (\$300.00)
CPC	\$0.00	\$100.00 (\$100.00)
Forum	\$0.90	\$50.00 (\$49.10)
Group Records	\$1.52	\$100.00 (\$98.48)
Literature	\$8.40	\$200.00 (\$191.60)
Public Information	\$0.00	\$50.00 (\$50.00)
Web Coordinator	\$116.98	\$120.00 (\$3.02)
Total Coordinators	\$158.66	\$1,120.00 (\$961.34)
Delegate Meeting		
Alternate Delegate	\$839.78	\$840.00 (\$0.22)
Past Delegates	\$775.15	\$800.00 (\$24.85)
Total Delegate Meeting	\$1,614.93	\$1,640.00 (\$25.07)
Other		
Ad Hoc/Special	\$0.00	\$50.00 (\$50.00)
Projects		
Alateen Sponsor	\$363.28	\$400.00 (\$36.72)
Workshop		
Contingency Fund	\$0.00	\$1,000.00 (\$1,000.00)
Equipment Supplies	\$316.86	\$600.00 (\$283.14)
Handbook Update	\$0.00	\$50.00 (\$50.00)
Transition Fund	\$0.00	\$442.00 (\$442.00)
Total Other	\$680.14	\$2,542.00 (\$1,861.86)
Total Expense	\$9,561.66	\$32,063.00 (\$22,501.34)
Cash on Hand as of	\$12,296.63	(\$41.00) \$12,337.63
06/30/13		
Reserves	\$7,682.80	\$7,387.00 \$295.80
Cash Available as of	\$4,613.83	(\$7,428.00) \$12,041.83
06/30/13		

Remember to put all three items on checks: Donations Payable to Oregon Area AFG
 Group Name Send to: Sue Beacham
 District Number 551 Trollview Road
 WSO Group Number Grants Pass, OR 97527

Oregon Area Al-Anon Family Groups Cash Flow vs. Annual Budget

Jan 1, 2013 to Jun 30, 2013	2013 Budget	Over/(Under) Budget	
Income			
Group Contributions	\$7,189.55	\$12,200.00	(\$5,010.45)
Assembly Registrations	\$850.00	\$2,000.00	(\$1,150.00)
State Speaker Meeting	\$0.00	\$4,000.00	(\$4,000.00)
Advances	\$1,500.00	\$1,500.00	\$0.00
Miscellaneous	\$62.00	\$0.00	\$62.00
Cash Carried Forward	\$12,256.74	\$12,322.00	(\$65.26)
Total Income	\$21,858.29	\$32,022.00	(\$10,163.71)
Expense			
Delegate Fund			
WSO ETF	\$0.00	\$1,968.00	(\$1,968.00)
Extra Day	\$175.28	\$250.00	(\$74.72)
Delegate Meeting	\$789.16	\$800.00	(\$10.84)
Delegate Travel	\$523.93	\$800.00	(\$276.07)
Delegate	\$156.74	\$250.00	(\$93.26)
Miscellaneous			
Total Delegate Fund	\$1,645.11	\$4,068.00	(\$2,422.89)
Working Fund Expense			
Archive Rent	\$693.00	\$703.00	(\$10.00)
Area Travel Fund	\$766.85	\$2,500.00	(\$1,733.15)
Communicator	\$1,134.70	\$1,200.00	(\$65.30)
SSM Advance	\$0.00	\$1,500.00	(\$1,500.00)
Assembly/AWSC	\$517.85	\$3,300.00	(\$2,782.15)
Rent			
Insurance	\$0.00	\$760.00	(\$760.00)
Total Working Fund	\$3,112.40	\$9,963.00	(\$6,850.60)
Expense			
Assembly Allowance/Meal/Lodgi			
Officers	\$888.82	\$1,680.00	(\$791.18)
Audit/Budget	\$32.73	\$1,080.00	(\$1,047.27)
Coordinators	\$462.97	\$2,430.00	(\$1,967.03)
Past Delegates	\$357.66	\$1,440.00	(\$1,082.34)
Regional Trustee	\$0.00	\$500.00	(\$500.00)
Total Assembly Allowance/Meal/Lodgi	\$1,742.18	\$7,130.00	(\$5,387.82)
Officers Expenses			
Alternate Delegate	\$69.40	\$100.00	(\$30.60)
Chairperson	\$27.99	\$150.00	(\$122.01)
Secretary	\$10.84	\$100.00	(\$89.16)
Treasurer	\$231.37	\$250.00	(\$18.63)
Total Officers Expenses	\$339.60	\$600.00	(\$260.40)

"Our Legacies: The Spiritual Journey of Changing 'Me' to 'We.'"

July 19-21, 2013

THIS MESSAGE WAS given to me as A LOVE NOTE FROM
the 2013 Conference Chairperson.

"Today we lay the groundwork for a successful tomorrow. It is essential you believe in yourself, and never lose faith in YOUR ability. Remember you were brought here for a purpose and a reason. Thank you for the courage you will demonstrate this weekend."

I feel it relates to all of you here today. I am offering it to YOU with my love...

I have changed only one word, the word Week to Weekend.

Thank you for your willingness to come and to take ownership in this Spiritual Journey of our Al-Anon Program as we participate in changing "ME" to "WE."

Words from our Chairman of the Board, Karen Rimmell

"Our Legacies: The Spiritual Journey of Changing 'Me' to 'We.'" What a powerful statement and what a powerful Conference we had. All of the activities during the four days of Conference— the Policy motions, the financial discussions, the Thought and Task Force Presentations, and all of the other sessions— were considered through the lens of our spiritual principles. Those principles— honesty, responsibility, unity, anonymity, autonomy, and many more— continue to guide the Conference (*and our assemblies*) just as they did for Lois, Anne, and the pioneers."

MANY VOICES - ONE JOURNEY – READ Section from page 263

Our program allows us to make mistakes, make amends and to move on!

With this World Service Conference, there have been 52 years of continuing conversation.

LOVEGIFTS:

\$ 100.00 donation to WSO

District 16

Corvallis, OR 97330

\$50.00 donation to WSO

Total Donations were \$239.00 Representing Love And Abundance from OR AREA.

How it Works Al-Anon

Clackamas, OR 97015-7397

\$50.00 donation to WSO

Friends of Lois AFG

Portland OR 97230

\$39.00 donation by Individuals.

I received A beautiful bouquet of flowers that kept me company all week, Thank you to all who contributed. Darling Love book bag. It was the envy of many. To carry my love gifts home to you all. AND cards from so many and the Alateens too. It really touched my heart. They took time to write messages, and in that process were learning about the links of service. Really neat love gifts and cards from groups, districts and individuals. See display and help yourself.

Resumes for Trustees At Large (TAL), AND OTHERS

Tustees At Large (TAL), the Executive Committee for Real Property Management (ECRPM), AND Al-Anon/Alateen World Service Office Committee Resume for

COMMITTEES WITH AT-LARGE MEMBERS.

Copies of these Resumes were emailed out before the Area World Service Committee meeting and a printed copy was placed in each DR's mail box. These resumes are to be completed individually and all Resumes need to be received at WSO by August 15th for consideration. Please encourage participation in your groups and districts. Remember there is an opportunity for Alateens to participate in some At Large Committees. If you need more information, see your District Representative or send me an email.

We were reminded by our Chairperson of Board, "Every year our volunteers provide invaluable service to the fellowship of Al-Anon and to Al-Anon Family Headquarters, Inc. We are privileged to have such dedicated, hard-working, spiritually - motivated, and enthusiastic service workers. "

Current Agenda Items

"The board placed plaques at Stepping stones and the World Service Office Archives with these words: *We the members of Al-Anon Family Groups earnestly pledge to carry on the work of Lois. Her memory will be sustained with each new generation of families and friends of alcoholics everywhere. She leaves us the legacy of the Al-Anon program and we will continue to search within our hearts to meet each new challenge, with the guidance and inspiration that Lois had provided. Her life has been a blessing and her work is kept alive each time there is one more newcomer to the Al-Anon fellowship.*"

In 1980 at the AA international where she was greeted by deafening applause after speaking, Lois is quoted as asking, "Did I do all right?"

"Sandra F., the past Deputy Executive Director of the World Service Office, worked with Lois for many years. She recallsLois is gone, but never from my mind. I have taken in *her* experience, strength and hope, and *she* will stay alive as long as I do. "

In 1988 when Lois passed, I was at an Assembly in Washington. I remember our Delegate, Caryn J., making the announcement. There was a spontaneous hush that engulfed the meeting room. And as we experienced the loss of this beautiful lady, we also embarrassed the legacy she was leaving in our care.

These questions were asked by a delegate many years ago. W?

"How do you like Al-Anon?"

"Is it helping you?"

"Do you think it should be kept going?"

"There are lots of things to do in order to keep it going.

Being a Group Representative, Being a District Representative, a Coordinator, an Officer at the group, district and Area. Filling the positions in our service arms. When practice ownership of our program, as you are doing here today, when we encourage the new member's to be involved, this is what keeps Al-Anon going and growing.

Statement's I heard at Conference:

DO WE DEMONSTRATE THE 3 A's? ATTENTION, APPRECIATION, AFFECTION to the newcomers and the long time members, and all members of our groups?

WHO WE ARE IS MORE IMPORTANT THAN WHAT WE SAY!

ARE WE THE BEST NEW COMER'S PACKET WE CAN BE?

Are you starting a new service position? Does it feel uncomfortable to be here?

Remember - no matter how long one is in the program, there are times we all feel like a newcomer. YES, We are strong people; we are fragile people."

NEW WSO SURVEY:

Readiness for Step Twelve' Survey

All Al-Anon members are encouraged to participate in this anonymous survey, available in English, Spanish, and French until July 21.

LITERATURE:

A new workbook was introduced at the International. It can be purchased through WSO or from AIS and Book Depots now or as they get them into their inventories.

There still needs to be more sharing for the Intimacy book that is still a work in progress. The focus seems to have been changed from SEXUAL Intimacy to the general topic of Intimacy. So far, only 775 shares have been received and ONLY 76 of those from men. Remember intimacy covers so many different categories. Have you had a special opportunity to connect with your Higher Power Or that special relationship with a sponsor or program friend. Perhaps sitting in your group meeting listening... you have had revelation about a specific subject that has been troubling you.... And the list goes on.. Sit down and give it a try. Al-Anon members what to hear your experience, strength and hope.

With the conceptual approval of Conference, WSO is now working on the pamphlet The World Service Conference gave conceptual approval for a new pamphlet about parents and grandparents of young problem drinkers.

SO NOW!!! Please share your experience in writing by postal mail, fax, e-mail, or electronically on the Members' Web site, www.al-anon.org/members.

Parents' and Grandparents' stories are needed

And Hot off the presses:

Hi Colleen,

Suzanne has asked me to respond to your question regarding the *Service Manual*. The plan is to have the new *Manual* posted to the Members' Web site by about September 30. Delegates will be notified when this happens. As was reported at Conference, for budget purposes, it will not be printed until January 2014, and will be mailed to the groups as soon as possible in the first quarter of the year.

Let us know if we can provide additional info...

Love in service,
Mary Lou Mahlman
Associate Director Member Services
Al-Anon Family Group Headquarters, Inc.

PUBLIC OUTREACH

Is implementing a 24 hour meeting locator using city, zip or providence.
<http://www.al-anon.alateen.org/how-to-find-a-meeting>

Local Al-Anon contact information and meeting schedules: Al-Anon Family Groups meet in most U.S. and Canadian communities. Community-based [Al-Anon Information Services and Web sites](#) can connect you to local Al-Anon groups in the U.S. and Canada. Or call 888-4AL-ANON (888-425-2666) from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. ET, Monday – Friday.

Our directory of U.S., Canadian, and worldwide Al-Anon Family Group offices helps potential newcomers, members, professionals, and the public to obtain Al-Anon meeting information and services provided.

In countries outside the U.S. and Canada, [Al-Anon national offices](#) and Information Services provide local meeting information.

Electronic meeting information: Al-Anon Family Group Headquarters, Inc. provides a [list of contacts](#) for on-line and telephone Al-Anon meetings. These meetings supplement attendance at regular face-to-face Al-Anon meetings.

TV PSAs and Radio CDs.

We have a new PSA for use with both Radio and TV. It will have broadcast ability in English, Spanish and French. I have been given a copy that is only test quality. The completed TV PSA is available from WSO for \$30.00. The Radio CD is available for \$8.00 each in English, Spanish and French. Let's take look at it now.

DUAL MEMBERSHIP

This is a Task Force project to help Service Arms identify service positions for Dual Members.

Dual Members are members of Al-Anon who also have membership in AA. They have family (and friendship) ties across the fellowship which often makes service very important to them. Many have come into our groups because of their children or grandchildren. They want to give back what has been so freely given to them through their participation in Al-Anon.

This is still in a Task Force Committee, working on a pamphlet to help all of us sort out what service positions are available for Dual Members.

We were given the flow chart for review. I have emailed this chart out to the AWSC Roster. If you haven't received a copy and would like to, please contact me via email and I will forward a copy to you as soon as possible.

This isn't conference approved, so is only a piece of information to work from. It is titled *Criteria to Determine Dual Members' Service*. This flow chart can be used to help guide dual members who wish to participate in Al-Anon service at or above the group level. This chart is a partial list and not all inclusive. Opportunities to serve Al-Anon outside the World Service Conference structure may be available to dual members subject to the service arm's autonomy. A service position within the World Service Conference structure could lead to membership in the World Service Conference and is therefore unavailable to dual members. Some may allow participation above the group level...as long as it does not lead to World Service Conference or is a position that will affect Al-Anon policy. We are all encouraged to change the conversation from what service dual members cannot do into an invitation to participate in areas where they can support their Al-Anon recovery.

A response from WSO to questions submitted by an Al-Anon member.

Mary Lou, Associate Director Member Services, Al-Anon Family Group Headquarters, Inc. writes:

"You are familiar with the dual member policy in the *Service Manual*, so we will not repeat that. To expand a bit on the roles that dual members can play in Al-Anon service, the reality is that positions other than those described in the policy are a matter of local autonomy. Districts and Areas are encouraged to look for positions that can be filled by dual members. Service is one of our Legacies, and dual members of Al-Anon and A.A. can serve in a variety of ways. By virtue of their Al-Anon membership, dual members of Al-Anon and A.A. can serve as Alateen Sponsors providing they meet the requirements of their Area Alateen Process. Carrying the message to institutions, schools, and professionals, answering the local Al-Anon meeting line, serving on convention planning committees, sponsoring newcomers, and public outreach service are just a few ways that all Al-Anon members, regardless of other affiliations, can serve the Al-Anon fellowship. However, when dual members of Al-Anon/Alateen and A.A. are in service to Al-Anon/Alateen, care is taken to always maintain the Al-Anon focus. Participation by all Al-Anon/Alateen members is the key to harmony and growth in Al-Anon, and it is hoped that all groups provide additional service opportunities for all members, including dual members of Al Anon and A.A., that do not lead to serving at the World Service Conference.

What a district might discuss relative to the district coordinator positions, is the criteria for it: does this position have a vote at district meetings? Will they participate in policy-making discussions in district meetings? These are all points for discussion. If the position is one to take care of specific duties, to report to the district, not to vote in district policy matters, and if the district is confident that the individual can always maintain the Al-Anon perspective, it would be the district's decision to open it to dual members.

We hope this provides some food for thought in future discussions."

MOTIONS

"The Conference continues to use the Knowledge-Based Decision-Making Process to Reach an Informed Group Conscience. The discussions that we had at tConference were rich and full. They took into consideration all sides of an issue. Being a part of the Conference as we listen to each other with an open mind, as we shared without the fear of judgment, and as we presumed good will is to see our Legacies in action and to be a part of the spiritual journey of "we." "

There were 7 motions presented at Conference and all passed with flying colors. Using voting machines helped. It was like voting for the winner of dancing with the stars or something to that effect. The motion would be read and shown on a projector screen and the voting would begin. We had 1 minute to vote and if we decided to change it, we could, within 30 seconds of count down. It was a fun process and we had one member holding out for the last second.. as the seconds are projected on the screen....and a couple of times missed out. I kept thinking whomever it was didn't do life like me.... obeying the rules and not taking chances... but we did get everything accomplished.

1. *The first was seating motions*
2. Last year the Board of Trustees introduced the idea of an Area, or of numerous connected Areas, changing their service structure to fit their needs. This originally came out of a request from an Area that needed help to service all the groups within its boundaries. In past years, the Conference created three Thought Forces in the hopes that they would come up with a plan for all Areas to use, but at the end, there was no plan. This "out-of-the-box" idea of allowing Areas to make their own decisions, and ask permission from the Conference only if it affects the Conference composition, has offered the Areas a "no-holds-barred" approach to their structures. Over this past year, the Board talked to the Delegates about what each of their Areas has been doing regarding their structure. As you can imagine, the

changes range from no changes to adding Delegates and creating new Areas in order to achieve full communication, representation, and participation for all the groups in their Areas. The Board Task Force asked Delegates from Areas that represent the entire range of activity to present their experiences so that all could hear the changes that are being made, or at least considered. This is a six year trial.

One of the changes that numerous Areas formally requested because of the Conference Structure discussion was to change their names to include parts of another Area. At this Conference, a motion was made by the Conference Leadership Team on behalf of four Areas. The motion was to change the names of the following Areas:

2. *Alabama/Northwest Florida, New Mexico/El Paso, Manitoba/Northwest Ontario, and Wisconsin and the Upper Peninsula of Michigan.*

This helped align meetings within the Areas. It was exciting to see this happen and gave us all an awareness of the possibilities that can exist for the rest of our Areas, and/or Districts to better facilitate member participation. The new name changes became official the next morning with new identifying badges for the delegates.

Numbers 3, 4 and 5 were to approve the Audited financial report, the Finance Committee Report and the Annual report

6. *Number 6 was that WSC 2013 give conceptual approval to develop a new pamphlet to address parents and grandparents whose children (teenagers and young adults) are problem drinkers.*

We did! The World Service Conference gave conceptual approval for a new pamphlet about parents and grandparents of young problem drinkers.

“As was evident during Conference week, the Policy Committee had been busy during the past year. Revisions to two different sections of the “Policy Digest” were presented to the Conference for approval. The importance of these sections was apparent not only because of the content, but because they are the first two sections approved with the spiritual principles at the forefront of the policy. The idea behind this change was that the “Policy Digest” is not a rule book, but a collection of guiding principles. These principles will enable each service arm to have the conversations that will help them to make the right decision for their service arm. The new Policy sections voted on at this Conference— “Anonymity” and “Public Relations”— will, hopefully, start some of these spirited conversations.

7. *Number 7 was to amend the text on pages 88-91 beginning with the section “Anonymity and the Media” on page 88 and ending with the new section “Anonymity in the AI-Anon/Alateen Publications” on page 91 in the Policy Digest section of the 2010-2013 AI-Anon/Alateen Service Manual.*

“The WSC discussed and passed the proposed text for the Public Relations section of the “Digest of AI-Anon and Alateen Policies.”

This section incorporates the spiritual principles of public outreach and reconfirms that the WSO is solely responsible for creating public outreach messages beyond the local level, to ensure consistency in media messages throughout the world..”

FROM PAGE 128 – MANY VOICES, ONE JOURNEY

“AI-Anon is attracting when it tells people why we are, what we are, what we do and how; we let them know that we are available if and when help is needed. We state the facts, which are communicated via press, radio, TV, and films, always stressing anonymity at the public level.

AI-Anon is cooperating when it works with others, rather than alone. In working with others, our scope and contacts are broadened and we reach many more of those in need.”

Prior to group conscience we were asked the following 3 questions:

1. *Is the resolve accurate to the point of our awareness?*
2. *Does it provide clarity?*
3. *Can we live with it?*

By answering these 3 questions... our voting process became very stream lined.

NORTHWEST DELEGATE'S VISIT

Read Ric's letter (in part)

“WE are delighted to have Penny Ridderbusch attend the Oregon Area Assembly to be held

...Penny R., has accepted our invitation to come to our March 2014 Assembly. She is one of those dedicated, hard-working, spiritually motivated and enthusiastic (VOLUNTEER) service workers mentioned before. Not only was she involved in presenting the financial reports and many other duties, she was acting as traffic director, to assist all of us in getting to our breakout rooms without getting lost. She was available to anyone with any question as the week went by. She is Just Awesome!!

THIS BRINGS UP OUR RECENTLY INTRODUCED CAMPAIGN TO HONOR PENNY AS OUR OUTGOING NW REGIONAL TRUSTEE.

IT IS ALSO ABOUT GETTING 100% of the GROUPS (IN OREGON) TO PARTICIPATE. WE ARE NOW #5 FOR GROUPS DONATING FROM THE US AND CANADA IN 2012 TO 100% FOR 2013..

Having Penny come to Assembly: Display Pennies for Penny banks

When Penny R, was giving her financial reports at Conference she shared that if each group in the Structure of WSO who does not donate would donate just \$12.00 there would be an increase in income of \$75,000.00 annually. AND if those groups who already donate would add \$12.00 to their current annual donations the increase in income would total \$113,000.00 annually. We know through Step One we are powerless over other Areas, Districts, Groups and Members. .but we can still look at how we can research the spiritual aspect of Tradition 7 and share the abundance we have here in Oregon.

THANKS TO EACH OF YOU FOR YOUR DONATIONS TO WSO. YOU, YOUR GROUPS, ARE ALL SO APPRECIATED.

WE would like each group in Oregon Area donate \$12.00 (or any amount they are able to come up with, PRESENT A CHECK FROM THEIR GROUP FOR PENNY TO TAKE WITH HER TO WSO.

LET'S BE #1 NEXT YEAR

Finance Committee

The Finance Committee's Presentation gave the Conference insight into all of the activities each of the departments at the World Service Office—Public Outreach, Membership Outreach, Group Services, Fellowship Communications, Administration, and Business Services—perform so that the Al-Anon program is available to everyone, everywhere. Each department works within its area of expertise to ensure that the needed programs and information reach the fellowship, including longtime members and newcomers alike. The financial contributions donated to the WSO support these departments, and ultimately, the fellowship and its work of sharing our program with those still suffering.

Looking at ABUNDANCE and RESERVE FUNDS

WSO, Policy Committee, is asking us to look to see if the ample reserves in our groups, districts, and Areas have reserve funds that exceed one year's operating budget. They are asking us to determine if and how to help the fellowship understand our spiritual and financial principles in relation to an ample reserve at every level. ”.

Some of the Spiritual principles to consider are gratitude, unity, prudence, abundance and hope.

The WSO Policy Committee will take a look at Concept 12, Warranty One and the practice of Groups and Service Arms' accumulating beyond their ample reserve and see how it can apply to our conference theme: “Our Legacies: The Spiritual Journey of Changing “Me” to “We.”

Our Business Services Action Committee is developing a workshop to further our awareness and plan to present at the November Assembly.

HEARD AT CONFERENCE:

“We want you to succeed, yet IT IS YOU WHO needs to bring your talents and your willingness along to be stretched and able to grow.”

AT CONFERENCE, I HAD THE OPPORTUNITY OF HAVING AN OUT-GOING DELEGATE FROM PUERTO RICO AS MY CONFERENCE MENTOR.

IN CONVERSATION SHE SHARED WITH ME HOW SHE WOULD LOVE TO BE ABLE TO PRESENT HER 2 MINUTE TALK IN HER NATIVE SPANISH LAUNGUAGE.

SHE SAID WHEN SHE TRANSLATES THE WORDS SHE IS SO COMFORTABLE WITH TO ENGLISH THEY DON'T HOLD THE SAME PASSION SHE FEELS IN HER HEART AND WAS CONCERNED IT DOESN'T SHOW UP IN HER SHARING.

SHE VOICED A CONCERN THAT MEMBERS IN HER AREA DO NOT SPEAK ENGLISH AND THERE MAY NOT BE ANYONE WILLING TO STEP UP AS DELEGATE FOR THE NEXT PANEL. SHE REALIZES THAT OUR SPANISH SPEAKING COMMUNITIES DO NOT GET TO HEAR "THEIR LANGUAGE" FROM CONFERENCE AND MAY FEEL A SEPARATION BECAUSE OF IT.

I ENCOURAGED HER TO SEE IF SHE COULD PRESENT IN SPANISH. I TOLD HER I WOULD LOVE TO BRING HER VOICE TO MY AREA SO OUR MEMBERS HERE COULD SHARE THAT CONNECTION TO THE WORLD SERVICE CONFERENCE.

I WOULD LOVE FOR YOU TO HEAR HER MESSAGE OF CHANGING ME TO WE..
I WILL CONCLUDE WITH HER MESSAGE...

Thank you for bringing your talents and willingness. THANK YOU FOR CHANGING "ME" TO "WE."

*Colleen G, Delegate
Panel 53*

attachments: Finance Update and Policy Update

FINANCE UPDATE May 2013

Penny R., Treasurer

The following update is based on the unaudited financial statements for the period ended March 31, 2013. The General Fund recorded a loss of \$51,800 for the period, compared to income of \$29,300 last year. Income was less than budget projections. Expenses were in line with budget projections.

Income:

Literature sales were \$970,700 this year compared to \$1,022,700 last year, a decrease of 5.1%. Gross profit on literature sales was \$757,000 (78.0% of sales), compared to \$826,400 (80.8% of sales) last year. Contributions were \$312,800 this year, compared to \$323,900 last year—a decrease of 3.4%. *Forum* subscription income was \$68,400 this year, compared to \$69,200 last year—a decrease of 1.2%.

Expenses:

Operating expenses were \$1,218,700 this year, compared to \$1,182,200 last year— an increase of 3.1%. The increase is due primarily to a cost of living and merit raises for the staff that took effect June 1, 2012 and an increase in supply costs over last year. Overall, expenses are in line with the budgeted amounts.

Reserve Fund:

The fair value of investments in the Reserve Fund totaled \$5,275,600 at March 31, 2013. This amount includes an unrealized gain of \$976,600. In compliance with a Board of Trustees' motion, 4% of the average balance of the Reserve Fund over the prior 36 months will be transferred to the General Fund.

POLICY UPDATE May 2013

Paula Burlison, Chairperson, Policy Committee

The purpose of the Policy Update, sent each quarter with the Chairperson of the Board's letter, is to provide Delegates with information regarding:

1. Current discussions by the Policy Committee in response to questions and concerns generated by the fellowship.
2. Pending motions to be presented to the next World Service Conference (WSC).
3. Policy motions passed by the WSC.

The WSC discussed and passed the proposed text for "Anonymity Within AIAnon/Alateen" section of the *2010-2013 AI-Anon/Alateen Service Manual* "Digest of AIAnon/Alateen Policies." This new text clarifies the preferred or best practice of Tradition Eleven within our spiritual principles.

The WSC discussed and passed the proposed text for the Public Relations section of the "Digest of AI-Anon and Alateen Policies." This section incorporates the spiritual principles of public outreach and reconfirms that the WSO is solely responsible for creating public outreach messages beyond the local level, to ensure consistency in media messages throughout the world.

At the 2013 WSC, there was a presentation by a Policy Thought Force on Memorial Contributions. The presentation and handouts provided an in-depth study of the change in the original policy, which was in place from 1962 to 1984. This policy allowed family members who were not AI-Anon members to make a one-time memorial contribution in honor of a deceased AIAnon member. Based on the WSC discussion, the Policy Committee will discuss this issue further.

During the Open Policy Committee Meeting at the 2013 WSC, the Committee discussed contributions from conferences, conventions, workshops, etc., which may or may not be tied to a service structure. The Committee determined that our current policy of accepting contributions as acknowledgment of and in proportion to AI-Anon attendance is aligned with the spiritual principles found in Tradition Seven.

During the Open Policy Committee Meeting, there was a discussion on abundance, reserve funds, and how to help the fellowship understand our spiritual and financial principles in relation to an ample reserve at every level. The Committee focused on Concept Twelve, Warranty One, which states "that only sufficient operating funds, including an ample reserve, be its prudent financial principle." Based on the discussion, a Policy Thought Force will look at the "Digest of AIAnon/Alateen Policies" and offer suggested text to better guide the fellowship on aligning our spiritual and financial principles.

Attachment # 3 Coordinator and AIS Liaison Reports

Archives Coordinator Report / Jodie P

Greetings! It is great to see all of you. I am Jodie, Archives Coordinator, for the Oregon Area. The Oregon Area Archives continue to be in a storage unit, in an environment conducive to storing archives, in Milwaukie, Oregon.

In the past year I have seen an increased interest in the archives, and request for information contained in the archives.

I had an email from a District Rep who forwarded an email from the District Archive person who had questions regarding the responsibilities for this position. I am excited because this is a possibility to open the door to getting more members involved.

Another example is a request for information about past State Speakers Meetings with specific information needed. This is why I am an Archives Coordinator. To help others get the information they are looking for.

In addition I received an email from a member who found my e-mail address in the March Communicator. I was able to connect her with the links of service that were needed and the concern was resolved.

I have had members request copies of the group history for their groups and also offer to do a group history for other groups in their district if it had not already been done. I would recommend that when a group history is completed for your group; make a copy to keep in your archives.

An archival trivia question was sent to all the members of AWSC, which is on the archives table for display along with another archival trivia question.

There were changes made to the Area Archives guidelines G-30, which comes from the WSO. These changes came

through a Thought Force of which I was one of the participants along with three other Archive Coordinators from other states. For your reading pleasure I have G-30 then and now for you to compare on the archives table.

We are into the 7th month of the 53rd panel of the Oregon Area. The priority for the remainder of this panel will be scanning the archives starting with past minutes that are not saved in any other form. To expedite the project I will be requesting at least 2-3 members as scan buddies.

I look forward to receiving more group histories and would love to help a district or group start an archives depository. Submitted by Jodie P, Trusted Servant

The Communicator Report / Mary W

Thank you to all of you have who have sent in contributions to the Communicator and to those who will be doing so in the near future. I am enjoying the position especially with the growth opportunities. I'd first like to invite the GR's to submit an article for the November Communicator. Each issue is dedicated to a special group in the AI-Anon Family Groups and the November issue is for the GR's. I have already received one article from a GR. The due date for submissions is October 7.

One of the ongoing issues for the Communicator is whether to continue sending it via snail mail. Each issue of the Communicator is available electronically on the Oregon area web site and I have also been sending them by email to the current mailing addresses for the groups. The printing and mailing of the Communicator is essentially where the costs in producing this newsletter occur. If we did switch to electronic only, this would save us over \$1000. The postal bulk rates have been going up dramatically. At this point the cost of mailing using first rate stamps is not much different from sending by bulk mail. I have had to reduce the number of pages from 12 to 8 because the postal office requires a heavier paper for bulk mailing. This resulted in two submissions for the July issue not being put in because of the cut back in page number.

I had the opportunity to have breakfast last week with Lorraine, a past delegate from Iowa, and talked to her about the issues that we are facing with the costs of mailing the Communicator. She brought up that WSO no longer mails by snail mail, having converted completely to electronic delivery. Several people at the Area level have brought up the concern that groups may not be able to afford printing out their own copies. Her response to that was "are they buying themselves lattes?" I have to admit that my life would be much simpler if we converted completely to the electronic format, however, I am happy to continue with mailing out hard copies. Thank you for the opportunity to be your Communicator editor.

LIS,
Mary
Communicator editor

9 submissions for the March issue
12 submissions for the June issue. Only able to put 10 of them in due to space limitations

CPC Report to the July, 2013 Assembly

I am still finding my feet with respect to my role as CPC, and the resources available through WSO and in the Oregon Area.

One important resource is the e-communities forum the WSO provides, which allows both communication from the WSO to Area coordinators as well as questions and discussion among coordinators. I've logged on and toured around and know it will support me in this role so that I can support outreach in our Area.

So far I have attended two AWSC meetings and this is my second Assembly as CPC. At the first Assembly in March, I provided to District Representatives and the Public Outreach Committee a draft letter to legal professionals and information on Alcohol Awareness Week. These materials were sent to DRs electronically, along with contacts for local bar associations in all the districts.

Between the March and July Assembly, I volunteered to chair the Public Outreach Action Committee, a job that dovetails with CPC. I'm hoping I can do a good enough job and help the membership get done what they want to do to get the word out about AI-Anon in our state.

I love Al-Anon and am grateful for the opportunity to help grow it and me, in the process. I am already face-to-face with my procrastination issue!

Respectfully submitted,
Lisa Mayfield

Forum Coordinator Report / Paula J

So far in then year 2013 there has been one Forum workshop at the March Assembly, the topic was the Twelve Steps, and one Forum workshop in District 1, the northern Oregon coast.

Format of the workshop so far:

- Pass out Forums to attendees;
- Explain layout of Forum magazine;
- Introduce a topic
- Suggest that all attending write on topic or about anything else;
- Assure anonymity;
- Allow time for writing;
- Collect writings;
- Thank you and close of workshop.

Layout of Forum magazine:

- Possible meeting topics;
- Step, Tradition and Concept of the month;
- Alateen pages;
- Instant meeting topic / Step of the Month
- News and sharings from WSO;
- Inside Al-Anon, Directors and Trustee sharings.

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Group Records Overview for Oregon Area

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Overview for
Oregon Area

District	# Meetings in WSO DB	Meetings OR Area Website	Active Meeting	GR listed in WSO DB	Meeting Inactive	No Mail Status	Flagged to Delete	Has CMA email	% w/CMA email	% w/GR
1	14	9	10	2	3	1		1	10%	20%
2	6	5	5	2	1	0		3	60%	40%
3	13	10	9	5	3	1		3	33%	56%
4	35	18	21	18	14	0		14	67%	86%
5	23	17	16	14	7	0		11	69%	88%
6	39	31	30	18	8	1		17	57%	60%
7	27	23	23	10	4	0		21	91%	43%
8	21	17	15	7	4	2		5	33%	47%
9	25	18	17	14	6	1	1	5	29%	82%
10	33	27	24	17	7	2		13	54%	71%
11	25	14	14	8	10	1		8	57%	57%
12	21	17	18	10	2	1		10	56%	56%
13	6	6	6	5	0	0		5	83%	83%
14	14	4	4	4	0	0		0	0%	100%
15	5	5	4	4	1	0		3	75%	100%
16	11	14	10	10	1	0		8	80%	100%
17	27	17	18	14	9	0		12	67%	78%
Totals	345	252	244	162	80	10	1	139	57%	66%

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Group Records District Ranking by Percentage of GRs

District rank from highest

to least % of GR's

District	% w/GR
16	100%
15	100%
14	100%
5	88%
4	86%
13	83%
9	82%
17	78%
10	71%
All Meetings	66%
6	60%
11	57%
12	56%
3	56%
8	47%
7	43%
2	40%
1	20%

Group Services Action Committee goal:

- 1). Increase number of GR's
- 2). Keep group records up to date

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Groups in "No Mail" Status and New Groups in 2013

Groups with "No Mail" Status

District	ID	Group Name	City
1	11933	Turn-A-Round AFG	Seaside
3	30598594	Wednesday Night Harper AFG	Hermiston
6	30539362	Thursday Night New Perspectives AFG	Eugene
8	11789	Daytime AFG	North Bend
8	11870	Experience Strength And Hope AFG	North Bend
9	61101	Pill Hill Hope AFG	Portland
10	30512807	Love And Service AFG	Beaverton
10	501809	Happy Destiny AFG	Cornelius
11	30522579	Una Luz En El Camino I GFA	Portland
12	503707	Aprendiendo A Vivir GFA	Portland

New Groups Registered in 2013

District	GroupID	GroupName	Registered
4	30617635	Sunday AFG Step Meeting	5/22/2013
5	30616616	Culver AFG	5/2/2013
5	30617150	La Pine AFG	5/16/2013
6	30610668	Friday Noon How AFG Works Book Study	1/10/2013
7	30613504	Keep It Simple AFG	2/27/2013
10	30611550	Bent But Not Broken AFG	1/24/2013
11	30614276	Young Adults Meeting AFG	3/15/2013
17	30612665	Muchas Voces Un Solo Viaje GFA	2/14/2013

(2012- 16 groups registers - currently 9 active, 5 inactive, 1 no mail, 1 marked for deletion)

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Group Records List of Active Meetings by District

Most to Least # of Active Meetings

District	Location	# Active Meetings	% w/GR
6	Lane County - Eugene/Springfield	30	60%
10	Portland Metro-Tigard/ Hillsboro/Tualatin/Beaverton	24	71%
7	Southern Oregon - Medford/Grants Pass	23	43%
4	Marion County - Salem/Silverton/Dallas	21	86%
12	East Portland plus - Hood River/Gresham/Hood River	18	56%
17	Portland Metro - Milwaukie/Wilsonville/Oregon City	18	78%
9	Portland Metro North	17	82%
5	Central Oregon - Bend/Redmond	16	88%
8	South Coast	15	47%
11	Portland Metro Central	14	57%
1	North coast - Astoria/Tillamook	10	20%
16	Albany/Corvallis/Lebanon/Sweet Home	10	100%
3	Eastern Oregon boarder - Pendleton/La Grande	9	56%
13	Douglas County - Roseburg	6	83%
2	Middle coast - Newport	5	40%
14	Southern Central - Klamath Falls	4	100%
15	McMinnville/Newberg	4	100%

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*Portland/Metro Area (PMA) 91
 % of Oregon Area Meetings in PMA 37%

Coastal Meetings 30
 % of Oregon Area Meetings on Coast 12%

Group Records Number of Meetings per Day in Oregon

Day	# Meetings	%
Saturday	25	10%
Friday	33	14%
Thursday	31	13%
Wednesday	40	16%
Tuesday	46	19%
Monday	44	18%
Sunday	25	10%

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Website Coordinator / Rick C

Date: 7/19/2013
 Subj: Rick C, Web-site Coordinators Report

I have been in my position since Jan. 2013.

I'm enjoying the position and really enjoy giving service to our area.

There was a small initial learning curve for local home setup to administer and for orderly managing update requests to our site.

There has been some initial discussion on improving the organization and to have a members only login access for exclusive viewing of documents. A small committee is probably needed to determine all the necessary requirements and to decide what is and what is not important.

Based on what requirements we decide, there could be both logistical and time maintenance challenges for example having individual logins to setup and maintain versus a single group login.

Some of the important goals I want to accomplish by end of this year is to establish some archival procedures for documents that are no longer viewed and organize the file directories. Disaster recovery website backups.

3 C's: (1) Cooperation, (2) Communications, (3) Correctness.

More to come.

Thanks!

A.I.S. Liaison Report / Caralynn W

- Meeting changes are now being sent to me by Dawn B (Groups Records) and I forward them to A.I.S. This way our meeting schedule on-line is more up-to-date.
- A.I.S. has revised the financial guidelines that are offered to groups. It increased the amount given to WSO.
- We ended 2012 in the black!!
- The meeting schedule printed by A.I.S. is now seasonal rather than monthly to save money.
- Al-Anon literature now is cost + 12% instead of 10%. This is to cover A.I.S. cost and hopefully generate a little extra income for A.I.S.
- OAC! Do you all know that it is spelled OAC, not OAK! And that it is the Oregon Alateen Conference! August 16, 17, 18. You heard about it already from Carolyn H.
- Calling all ISRs. You are need by the A.I.S. Board to join the committee planning the A.I.S. fundraiser for this fall – probably early November. It will be almost exactly like last year's, which was a great success!
- Judi W, who is on the A.I.S. Board, is keeping a list of members who are willing to be called to speak at various places. If you are interested in helping, tell me, or call the A.I.S. office at 503.2921333.
- Pennies for Penny! Yes, we are trying to get all our groups to do this. It has been suggested, though, that we make better labels for the jar/can/bank that say more than "Pennies for Penny" so everyone knows it is going to be converted into checks made out to WSO. Penny will take these checks home with her after the March 2014.

Caralynn W

Pending / No Report Received from:

Alateen Coordinator
Literature Coordinator
Public Information Coordinator / newly elected

Attachment # 4 / NOVEMBER 2014 ASSEMBLY REPORT / PROPOSAL

District 13, which includes Roseburg and the small towns surrounding it have been asked by AA District 13 to be included in their bid for a Combined Assembly in November of 2014. LaVone and I participated in a meeting and a walk through at Umpqua Community College -UCC- with AA's District 13 Rep Riley, Assembly Chairperson Gary, and Oregon Area Chairperson Skip. We discussed finances and then walked through several different buildings available for use for the Combined Assembly.

AA's District 13 received confirmation from their Area Chairperson that their proposal for the November 2014 Assembly was accepted. Gary, the Assembly coordinator called and told us that our portion for the Whipple Building, excluding coffee and water is \$720.

AA will have their portion in the big gym with their outbreak and hospitality rooms to be held in class rooms adjacent to the gym. We chose to use the Whipple Auditorium for all of our meetings including breakout rooms and Hospitality.

The Whipple Auditorium is set up Theater style with all the seats having tables that lift up. It is wheel chair assessable except for the stage area. It has an upstairs that has both stairs and an elevator. The Entrance hall is roomy and the room for hospitality is right off it so very convenient for us all.

AA has scheduled a luncheon with an Al-Anon Speaker with the cost being only \$12, and a Dinner with an AA Speaker for \$19.50. There are a couple of small Restaurants a few minutes drive from the college and the Motel we will most likely use is about a 15 minute drive from the college, making the lunch with the speaker a great choice for most of us.

We in District 13 are very excited to be hosting the Area at the November 2014 Assembly if our proposal is accepted. We have set up Committee Chairpersons for the Flyers and Registration for the lunch and dinner, for Hotel/Motel, and Speaker, and Hospitality room. We think the college and it's beautiful grounds is a great place to hold an Assembly and we look forward to extending our hospitality to you all.

AA's Chairperson Skip has asked if we would be able to provide any monies up front for the 2014 Fall Assembly with even half being helpful. We realize that the money is not usually given out for the assembly until a year prior to that assembly so we are asking for your consideration, wisdom and group conscience on this request.

In Grateful Service,
Linda Connell, District 13 Rep

Attachment # 5 / State Speakers Meeting Report

STATE SPEAKER'S MEETING 2013 – DISTRICT 14, KLAMATH FALLS, OR

WOW!!! It's finally come & gone & boy! are we glad!

We had a FABULOUS planning crew for the State Speakers Meeting! We had 6 chairpeople (each for a different aspect of the weekend) and several more volunteers that made everything happen!

We started out several months ago with an idea of what we wanted the weekend to be and everything evolved and fell into place from there!

Our venue (the 9th Street Venue) is located in the heart of our downtown district & was within walking distance of several hotels, restaurants, small shops, grocery store & park. We got a great rate from the owner & because we are a non-profit, and also because the owner knew about & supported Al-Anon, we were able to use the entire venue for the whole weekend and half-price!

All of us on the SSM committee were so excited to share one of our favorite local caterer's Yummy's Cowboy Cuisine with you all! They gave us a screamin' deal for each meal & we were able to pass the deal on to all who registered for meals! Here is the first thing we didn't account for tho, as there are always several things you might not realize at these things... We were concerned on Friday night about not having enough meals to cover Saturday & Sunday so we were able to order more meals from our Caterer that evening. I think we overshot by a few & then we ended up losing a little on the meals where we thought we'd at least break even. Oh well! I think we were impressed by the food and I'm glad we didn't mark up the meals anymore than to cover costs & tip.

Our decorations committee did an OUTSTANDING job creating a warm, loving, bright, friendly, welcoming space for our Speaker Meeting! From the table decorations, to our hanging décor, to the God Box! Everything was well placed and great to look at it! We tried to keep everything simple & allow the guests to move around freely without a bunch of stuff in the way. I think it was a great success!!!

We didn't have much of the actual event happenings planned until pretty much the last minute! (We are a fly by the seat of our pants kinda district! LOL!) We weren't even sure our Saturday night speaker, Ash B, was going to make it until the week right before! But our Higher Power had everything planned as it should have been & everything worked out beautifully!

Another tip? Make sure to have someone local double check your directions! I didn't even realize but I put the wrong street name on all the flyers! Right directions, wrong street name! oops!

Friday night kicked off with a potato bar & dessert auction. Holy Moly Ya'!!!! We sold \$615 of desserts that night!!!

What a wonderful start to our event! That was followed by a sharing meeting about the God Box.

Saturday morning we had an ice breaker "throw a ball" to meet fellow Al-Anon members from out of town. Ash B provided us with a thought-provoking meeting about the "Power of Words". I sure took a lot away from that one! Lunch on Saturday was Yummy! Both in taste and provided by ☺ Our AA Speaker Dennis was great to listen to. I believe this was his first speaking engagement & wow! It's so refreshing to hear from 12-steppers with short-time under their belts also!

Our Saturday afternoon sharing meeting wasn't quite what everyone expected! Our version of a "stick meeting" differs quite a bit from those in other places ☺ After an afternoon break, everyone reconvened for some more delicious food!

And then we got to hear Ash B's story of Recovery! What a life she has led! I know I learned a lot from her story! There were even a couple anecdotes she shared that I've passed on! I do have some tapes of Ash & Dennis available, if anyone is interested. We are not charging for them, but would request a small donation to replenish our blank cd stock. After Ash spoke a very small group of us stuck around and sung our hearts out to some karaoke!!! Sunday morning... was... NERVE WRACKING!!! I don't know what I was thinking but I accepted to speak on Sunday AM. We had another awesome meal from Yummy's. and then waited, and waited, and waited for me to get up and speak. Oh man! Ash & Dennis made it look so easy but my nerves got the better of me! But I did it. I survived. We wrapped up the weekend with a semi-ceremonial burning of the God Box! Our big weekend reveal was a large God Box in the corner of the room. We encouraged all attendees to put their problems in its true perspective and turn it over to GOD. I must have had "SSM 2013" written down on at least three notecards myself in there! We had the pleasure of having SOLD-Southern Oregon Literature Depot all weekend & it was sure nice having CAL-Conference Approved Literature for sale at our event! Thank you Bunny & Glen & Dist 7 for being there for us! We are a small district, but I am amazed at how we all pulled together & put on such an amazing weekend of fun, fellowship & memories!!! Thank you to all the districts who were so generous in donating to our SSM!!! Thank you to all the groups that sent in donations & thought of our SSM!!! Thank you thank you thank you to all the members who came down to little ol' Klamath and shared your weekend with us!!! We couldn't have done it without you!!!

Attachment # 6 / Action Committee Reports Back

Business Services Action Committee

We handled our "dots" selected a recorder, and did Introductions—present were Barb B, District 10; Kay S, District 10;Debbie ?,District 10; Linda S, District 4; Bill W, District 17; Stone ?, District 11; Dawn K, District 4; Sue B, District 7; Kathy N, District 6; and Barbara L, District 17

We discussed a presentation our Delegate, Colleen G, sent to this action committee concerning finances. We have been asked to create a presentation for the November 2013 Assembly using this information. The main focus of the presentation is to educate and affirm just how important contributions are. We will be doing the presentation in 7 parts—each from the vantage of a member. What does WSO do for US with the money we send them?

Linda will create a power point presentation utilizing a pie chart. Committee members will have their portions to contribute: An introduction will be done by Debby and Kathy using black and white. Kay will present with Camille for Public Outreach (they will use purple). Dawn and Peg will use pink and do Membership Outreach. Bill and Sue B using yellow, will do Group Services. Business services will be done by Barb B and Billie B and they will use green. Fellowship Communication will be done by Stone and Judy using orange. Barbara L and Joyce will do the conclusion using multi-colors. We will email our portions to Linda to incorporate into the PowerPoint. We will use bullets to focus on and then each will have additional information to add to it. We are keeping the focus on what WSO does for us and how they utilize our contributions. Why we need to contribute more after we see what they do for us.

Our timeline is to have all our info to Linda by the end of August. She will send the PowerPoint to all by the end of September and we will look it over at October AWSC. We will exchange ideas and comments via email.

We will accomplish this via email before the November Assembly. We will ask if we can do the presentation on Sunday so we can practice on Saturday night.

Barb B and Dawn will re-send all info to all action committee members. Barb B will update roster and send to all.

We discussed a bookmark project we have begun. We talked of bookmarks and tent cards. The objective of the bookmark is to create our groups to contribute more. Then and now dollar amounts were given. We discussed what it means for a group to be fully self-supporting and ideas to pay it forward. Perhaps each group could have its own budget so it knows how much it needs to create to be self supporting. Each individual might consider what their \$ amount could be and then pay it. Even if you miss meetings, write a check for what you would have contributed IF you'd been there. We need to remember that people's ability to contribute varies greatly. Don't let money cause anyone to stop coming to a meeting. Larger groups obviously contribute more than smaller groups.

Our Delegate stopped in and reminded us if our group is having difficulty with being self supporting, they can always have a fund raiser event. We mentioned to promote the attitude of abundance not fear.

We will come up with mor4e ideas for the bookmarks/tent cards and bring them back in November. 7th Tradition is not just about money... fully self- supporting is that all our service positions are filled, too. The bookmark/tent card will happen when it happens—well thought out.

We talked about “friendly banks”. Area Treasurer gets checks mostly from US Bank and Umpqua Bank. Varying info coming from branches. Have an attitude that we are a service organization...not mention non-profit or even not for profit. We will look into this further.

Barb B will create an amount to request for a budget. This will be to provide the bookmarks/ table tents should we get the project finished. 250 table tents/ 100 pages of bookmarks/ colored paper and get it to audit/budget by the end of August.

We want to put together a survey as to what did you get out of the assembly...that type of questions. There was an ask-it-basket question at AWSC that suggested this info would be useful. Sue will send it out to the committee to brainstorm for next assembly. Sue will initiate this process.

In service—

Barbara L

Fellowship Communications Action Committee

Chair Dave read the focus and goals of the Fellowship Communications Committee.

We discussed whether this weekend the committee should present

- Power Point presentation
- Skit regarding non-CAL literature used in meetings

For a skit, the committee decided to present tomorrow. Scenario: In a meeting, use of non-CAL literature and groups members’ response. Phil will write skit up this evening for presentation by group tomorrow. Presenters will be Danny, Kate, Phil, Carol, and Paula. This will include a meeting - the meeting chair, and 4 members. (Include use of Service Manual, read pg. 57, 3rd paragraph, regarding use of CAL and non-CAL literature in meetings.)

Discussion about continuing giveaways of literature at Assemblies. Our previous goal has been 4 *How Al-Anon Works* and 2 subscriptions to the *Forum*.

Discussion of other ideas of projects included:

- Promotion of the \$1.00 P-24 (Adjunct to the Service Manual)
- When giving away literature at Assembly, suggest that it be re-gifted to newcomers at meetings.
- Give away daily readers instead of *How Al-Anon Works*, as the daily readers are used for meeting topics very often, and newcomers might identify with the readers more than *How Al-Anon Works*.
- Promote a giveaway of the Sponsorship bookmark
- Give away *How Al-Anon Works* and one daily reader
- Use Alateen literature as a giveaway.
- Give Alateen literature to the Alateen Coordinator for giveaways to Alateens.
- Make a bookmark to go along with a literature giveaway that says something like, “Use this book in your meetings how you best think it should be used for the promotion of our Conference Approved Literature.”

Final decisions. Continue the giveaway, but (according to the budget we have)

- Upon presentation of the literature, say “this is for you to give away.”
- Make the giveaway a daily reader
- Make the giveaway *How Al-Anon Works*
- Make the giveaway a bookmark
- Make the giveaway a P-24
- Make the giveaway a Forum subscription
- Make the giveaway an Alateen book.
- Ask the recipient of the literature to give it to a sponsee or newcomer(s)

Per Bunny, the 2014 budget for our group will be emailed to us all. We will bring to our next meeting the Forum cans from frosting (that are plastic and don’t make so much noise from pocket changed dropping into them).

Group Services Action Committee Met in Room 105

Jodie called the meeting to order with the Serenity Prayer and introductions.

Jodie explained the purpose of this committee is to serve the groups and strengthen the relationships with the District – increase the number of Group representatives and keep the statewide records up to date.

Dawn – Group Records Coordinator

Dawn reviewed statistics from her reports and restated the goals mentioned above (**to increase the number of Group representatives and keep the statewide records up to date**). She mentioned that it is the District Representatives responsibility for updating the database. When a groups mailing address is incorrect, it could take up to 2 years for returned mail to cause the group to become inactive. Oregon area procedures should flow from the District Representative to the Group Records Coordinator. Alateen information should flow through Carolyn. Groups email addresses are currently down to 57% (for e-news). We should work together to increase this percentage. When a group sees incorrect information they should take the initiative to fill out a Change Form which can be obtained through the Oregon Area website by clicking the link to Group Records Coordinator.

Jodie brought up an audit budget committee item. She proposed the 2014 budget should remain the same as 2013 at \$100. This budget is for copying and special project expenses. The motion was proposed and carried.

Carolyn – Alateen Coordinator

Carolyn reviewed current events in her area. In her efforts to attract Alateen membership in the Portland area they have added a new younger Al-anon meeting which Alateens graduate into and is important for younger people to have a group of peers to share with. Carolyn encourages sponsorship at new meetings, and that 3 to 4 sponsors should be available to back up each Alateen meeting. When Alanon sponsors fundraisers it is important to involve the Alateens in service. For example, Alateens could serve as an alternate Group Representative. Alateens are always welcome at Alanon meetings. A question was asked as to whether any Alateens were currently involved in service as group representatives and Carolyn responded that currently there are not. There are currently 10 alateen meetings in Oregon. A project was suggested to create Alateen placards and the goal is to hit each Alanon meeting in Oregon. Carolyn will put on the Oregon Area Website as well as email the Placard template to each District Representative. Next spring she will print an email to each group. This will cost approximately \$250 with printing, postage and labels. A motion was made to increase the 2014 proposed budget to \$250. Motion carried.

Jodie P – Archives Coordinator

Jodie P announced that she needs scan buddies to assist with her scanning project. She has 3 – 4 drawer filing cabinets needing to be scanned. The documents include delegate reports and stories. The group histories have already been scanned. Cathy had an idea for scanning as she currently finished this type of project at work.

Actions items - CMA mailing of Alateen placard.

Membership Outreach Action Committee

Communicator

After discussion a motion was made to bring a recommendation to AWSC related to publication / distribution of the Communicator. The Communicator Coordinator will put together the history of costs (postage and printing) both past and current and the option of using e-mail for distribution with provision of our printed copy at each Assembly.

Short Term Items

Newcomers welcomes / increase of GRs within Districts / member involvement.

Adina and Caralynn will gather ideas regarding best practices re: GRs and member involvement as well as formats for newcomers meetings.

Long term Items

The committee made a motion to form a thought/task force to work on the practicals and logistics of creating and maintaining two sides to the website (public and members only).

Public Outreach Action Committee

No report submitted

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