

**Draft 2 Minutes March 15 -16, 2014 Assembly**  
**Shilo Inn Beaverton OR**  
**Host District 10**

Saturday

**Call to Order:** The meeting was called to order by Barbara S temporary chair at 8:50 am. We said the serenity prayer and Tim V read Assembly procedures. The Traditions were read.

**Roll Call:**

District Representatives (DRs) introduced the Group Representatives (GRs) from their Districts who are attending Assembly for the first time. All members of Area World Service Committee (AWSC) were present. District 3 does not have a DR but was represented by Jan. District 11 does not have a DR and was not represented.

**Minutes:**

Minutes of the November 2013 Assembly were approved as distributed.

**Treasurer's report:**

The treasurer's report was distributed electronically. Sue mentioned that it is through February 28 only. There has not been much activity. Sue reviewed the forms to use for reimbursement. Gas mileage reimbursement rate for this assembly is 18 cents per mile. See attachment #1

**Audit/Budget:**

The function of the Audit/Budget Committee is to review and audit financial activities for the Oregon Area. The Audit/Budget Committee met in January at the Eugene Al-Anon Information Service (AIS) office to review the fourth quarter 2013 financial records. No discrepancies were found. They also reviewed the OAC 2013 books. Everything appeared to be in order.

**Delegate's Report:**

Colleen welcomed everyone, especially first timers. She thanked everyone for the love gifts she received last year. This year she suggests people consider a donation to Word Service Office (WSO) as a love gift. While at World Service Conference (WSC), Colleen can be reached as follows:

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Hold for WSC April 25-29, 2014  
Wyndham Beach Oceanfront  
5700 Atlantic Ave  
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Use Colleen's home address as the return address on your mail:

13640 SE Hwy 212 #114  
Clackamas OR 97015

The Meet-the-Board event will be held July 19, 2014, Newfoundland/Labrador.

See attachment #2

**Finance report:**

Penny R, Regional Trustee and Treasurer of the Board of Trustees, gave a report about the finances at the WSO. She referred to the Chairman of the Board letter and told us that the letter is available on the WSO member website. This year contributions are below budget and Forum subscriptions are down. Operating expenses have decreased some.

When preparing the budget the Finance Committee looks at expenses, and considers what we want to do and what it will cost. It was decided there would be merit increases this year. Last year with the International Convention they didn't do any TEAM events but this year they will resume TEAM events. There are currently 45 paid staff. \$3.4 million of WSO income is in literature sales.

Penny R said that individual members and Al-Anon Groups should provide financial support for WSO, not interest from investments. Each \$1 we give connects us to the WSO. Contributions have not kept up with inflation. The average contribution from Oregon to the WSO is \$106. To be fully self supporting each group should donate \$259. Fundraisers are one way for Groups to raise money. The quarterly appeal letters are to

individuals, not to groups. The letter comes via the group but is addressed to individual members. Who determines how much is in the prudent reserve? For the Board of trustees the prudent reserve must not exceed one year's operating expenses. The Board has a financial advisor who is charged with investing our money. He meets with the finance committee personally. They have guidelines for the financial advisor, such as not having all investments with one company and not investing in a company that sells alcohol. Every five years they review the investment company.

Oregon has conducted a "Pennies for Penny" campaign during which Groups have collected pennies to donate to the WSO. Today GRs formed a line to present to Penny the checks, or pennies, from that campaign. Penny will take these checks to WSO from each of the Oregon Groups that made a donation. Individual Groups collected varying amounts, each check and all money to benefit WSO. The donations to WSO from this endeavor are recorded here, sorted by District.

D-1 Chris	\$162.83	D-10 Sandy	\$22
D-3 Jan	\$17.11	D-10 Kate	\$60.15
D-4 Dawn	\$32	D-10 Suzanne	\$37.12
D-4 Carol	\$2	D-10 Joanne	uncounted
D-4 Linda	\$2	D-10 Frederick	\$39.83
D-4	\$37.50	D-10 Sarah	\$110
D-4 Helen	\$12	D-10 Barb	\$36
D-4 Rick	\$16	D-11 Mona	\$29.16
D-5 Lisa	\$10 + uncounted	D-11 Dave	\$12 + \$15
D-5 Camille	\$33	D-12 Adina Beth	\$13
D-5 April	\$25 + \$8.92	D-13 Linda	\$331 + \$11.96 + \$31.93
D-6 Scott	\$56.71	D-13 Jamie	\$10 + \$5.77
D-6 Debbie	\$12 + \$12 + \$35	D-13 Teddy	\$3
D-6 Donelda	\$13 + \$20	D-13 Barbara	\$15
D-7 Stephie	\$12	D-13 Vicky	\$25
D-7 Cece	\$12	D-14 Ruby	\$18.11
D-7 Michael	\$32.69 + \$15	D-14 Jayne	undeclared
D-7 Roberta	\$20.51	D-14 Nancy	\$22.32
D-7 Mark	\$60.	D-14 Sheila	\$16.98
D-7 Judy	\$14	D-16 Candy	\$30
D-7 Helen	\$12	D-17 Cathy	\$150.10
D-7 Martha	\$12	D-17 Bill	\$16.20
D-7	\$23.33	D-17 Karol	\$71.49
D-8 Wylea	\$12.38	D-17 Abbey	\$17
D-9 Luke	\$7.39	D-17 Julia	\$18.95
D-9 Luther	\$15	D-17 Norma	\$79.49
D-10 Elia	\$12	D-17 Kay	\$15
D-10 Cynthia	undeclared	D-17 Nancy	\$25.03
D-10 J-B	uncounted	D-17 Judy	\$28.50 + \$2.50
D-10 Jim	\$15	D-17 Pat	\$12
D-10 Donna	\$12	Unknown	\$31.80
		Katie	\$96.13

Penny thanked everyone for their generosity, saying that the money donated will help carry the message. Colleen expressed her thanks to Penny and the WSO, saying that the donations show our love for the assistance we receive from WSO. Last year Oregon Area donated \$18,935 to WSO.

### **Financial Information Challenge / Penny R**

Penny divided the room into four teams, Green, Red, Purple and Black, and gave a financial presentation in game-show format. There was enthusiastic participation and many of us learned things we hadn't known about AI-Anon finances. For example, the Board of Trustees must vote to take money out of reserve funds.

### **Election / Area Chairman**

The procedures for election and the position description for the Area Chairperson position were read. Rita B discussed what it was like being the Area Chairperson and said she enjoyed doing that job. All DRs present and past were asked to stand. Each was asked, "Are you willing to serve as Area Chairperson?" Rita B indicated her

willingness. Rita left the room. Members were offered an opportunity to speak to Rita's qualifications to serve as Area Chair. The GRs voted and Rita B was elected Area Chairperson for the remainder of Panel 53.

There was a discussion regarding how to handle the transition for the remainder of the Assembly as Rita B is currently the Secretary. Rita agreed to continue as Secretary for the remainder of the Assembly and will assume the role of Chairperson at the June AWSC. Barbara S agreed to continue to serve as temporary Chairperson during this Assembly.

### **Election / Secretary**

Rita's election as Area Chairperson vacated the position of Area Secretary. The procedures for election and the position description for Area Secretary were read. All DRs present and past were asked to stand. Each was asked, "Are you willing to serve as Area Secretary?" Val V indicated her willingness. Val left the room. Members were offered an opportunity to speak to Val's qualifications to serve as Secretary. The GRs voted and Val V was elected Area Secretary for the remainder of Panel 53.

### **Committees / Thought Forces / Task Forces**

Barbara S distributed lists of Committees / Thought Forces / Task Forces and asked those who are interested and willing to please sign up. Caralynn W is chairing a group to consider whether the AAPP responsibilities should be assigned to a new coordinator position. Barbara L is chairing the Thought Force to welcome Hispanic members.

### **Service participation by AI-Anon members who are also Members of A.A.**

The Assembly, led by Colleen G, Area Delegate, reviewed the proposed change in language in the AI-Anon/Alateen Service Manual relative to the policy about service participation by AI-Anon members who are also members of A.A. There were Pro comments, in favor of the language, citing *Many Voices One Journal* references. There were Con comments, expressing concerns that there are too many loopholes and that this change will give A.A.s voice in AI-Anon's deliberation, which is risky to our fellowship. One comment was that dual members should not be permitted to serve as coordinators. Additional discussion was deferred until Sunday because we were out of time. That discussion is recorded here for clarity.

Colleen opened the meeting for comments about the proposed wording change; each person had one minute. The following comments were made:

- We need specific wording that dual members cannot serve "above the group level";
- The proposed language is unclear and contradictory about coordinators;
- Even after all these years of sobriety the alcoholic is still an alcoholic and still tries to run things;
- This is AI-Anon recovery. We don't want the influence of alcoholics in our program;
- This language has loopholes through which alcoholics can slip into our service structure. The phrase, "Participating in AI-Anon is integral for **every** member" allows for A.A.s to be part of AI-Anon service. We don't want A.A.s carrying the AI-Anon message;
- Proposed language allows A.A.s in our service structures which is a bad idea;
- Bill W said to keep them (the A.A.s) out of our service structure;
- This language would dilute the AI-Anon program;
- It is too risky to have A.A.s above the group level which seems likely with this new language.

### **Action Committees:**

Judy J described Action Committees and designated locations for the breakout sessions.

## **District Representative Reports**

### **District 1 / Chris K**

This year they have prepared the District budget using Quicken. They are currently making a quilt for the annual raffle. Last year's quilt raised \$1,100. They have collected \$162.83 in pennies. They have a new Alateen sponsor and continue with their numerous public outreach activities.

See attachment #3

### **District 2 / Avette G**

In the last year two meetings have closed and a new one has opened. The Toledo meeting closed; one of the oldest meetings in the state. It was founded in 1956. The District voted to donate the entire \$244 from that group's treasury to WSO. District 2 is hosting the June AWSC at The Elizabeth Street Inn. Staying at the Inn reduces costs to Area. Our goal is to have ten rooms reserved.

See attachment #4

### **District 3 / No District Representative / No Report**

### **District 4 / Dawn K**

Dawn reported that she was planning an Alateen meeting while the Alateen Coordinator actually started a meeting.  
See attachment #5

### **District 5 / Pam M**

Each group in District 5 has a GR and there are five GRs here today. The annual spaghetti feed fundraiser was successful. There is a new group in Sisters, OR.

See attachment #6

### **District 6 / Donelda H**

They held a very successful fundraiser in December. They're currently working to get an Alateen meeting in the school. Their Alateen sponsor had to step down because of health reasons, but a new Alateen sponsor has been found. They held a "Passing the Torch" workshop and had the Delegate visit. They are very busy with the final preparations for the 2014 SSM and are now meeting twice a month as the date draws closer. Everyone is encouraged to attend the event April 4, 5 & 6.

See attachment #7

### **District 7 / Marvalee M**

They have an upcoming chili feed. The Alateen Coordinator announced a new meeting; growth. They gave 27 Forum subscriptions to professionals. Their website has been down but is being rebuilt.

See attachment #8

### **District 8 / No Report**

Wylea W has been selected as the new DR for District 8 but she had not had an opportunity to prepare a report.

### **District 9 / Fran A**

They have two new GRs. One group met in a facility that couldn't accept rent, but they resolved the problem by donating literature. They found a babysitter for a toddler who had become disruptive to the meeting. They've opened a bank account. Fran is preparing to visit groups. They have started discussing a public outreach project and are contributing to Coffee Creek.

See attachment #9

### **District 10 / Joanne C**

District 10 hosted AWSC in June of last year and is our host for today's Assembly. In February they held a fundraiser to support this Assembly. With their public outreach funds they are sending Alateen newcomers packets to high schools and middle schools.

See attachment #10

### **District 11 / No District Representative / No Report**

### **District 12 / Dave B**

They held a Creativity Workshop, hosted the Delegate and had an Alateen Workshop. They are working on starting an Alateen meeting and planning a Sponsorship Workshop.

See attachment #11

### **District 13 / Linda C**

District 13 held a spring potluck and a couple shared their recovery stories. They have also held other fundraisers. They are hosting the 2014 November Assembly, which will be co-located with the A.A. Assembly. They are working with A.A. to give out informational pamphlets in schools.

See attachment #12

### **District 14 / Nancy P**

They raised \$800 at an event and are planning a chili cook-off. They have had several Public Outreach activities.

See attachment #13

### **District 15 / Sue E / No Report**

### **District 16 / Kim M**

There are five meetings in Linn and Benton counties. There was one meeting using A.A. and Al-Anon literature. Using the G-3 Guidelines the District learned it was powerless to close a group. The group was given a choice to use exclusively Al-Anon literature or be affiliated with A.A. and they are now connected to A.A. Ultimately that group name will be removed from our Area meeting list and website. The District spent their Public Outreach money on literature, which will be donated to the Collegiate Recovery Community. They are also researching hosting an Assembly or AWSC in the future. A local high school wants to start an Alateen meeting. They've learned that if you keep an open mind and do the footwork you will find help.

See attachment #14

### **District 17 / Barb L**

They have started a new Alateen meeting in a school. Their District positions are held by members who are not GRs, including many more people in District activities. They have had a Relationship Workshop and are planning a Sponsorship Workshop. They plan to hold a workshop once a quarter. District 17 will host the July 2014 Assembly at the Alder Creek Middle School in Milwaukie. There are two Friday night meetings in the vicinity so no special Friday night meeting will be held in conjunction with Assembly. See attachment #15

**Announcement:** Penny R will tell her story at 6 pm tonight. All are invited to join us for a no-host dinner at the Olive Garden after she speaks.

**Adjournment:** The meeting was adjourned at 5:15 pm with Al-Anon Declaration.

Sunday

**Call to Order:** The meeting was called to order at 8:40 am by acting Chairperson, Barbara S.

### **Action Committee Reports Back**

See attachment #16

### **Business Services Action Committee**

They are working on a tent card or bookmark to encourage donations to 7<sup>th</sup> Tradition collection. They plan to compile information about starting a checking account or changing treasurers. They will distribute it to groups as well as post it on the website. They considered debit cards for Area Coordinators, a request that came from an earlier Ask-It-Basket question, and recommend against it. Coordinators can obtain an advance from the Treasurer if needed. They have issued a challenge to each District to conduct a fundraiser for WSO and report back about the fundraiser at the November 2014 assembly.

### **Fellowship Communication Action Committee**

They raffled off Al-Anon literature and Forum subscriptions to members present at the Assembly. They are planning a contest to encourage groups to use a variety of literature in their meetings. The winning group will receive \$100 of Al-Anon literature of their choice. Second prize will be \$50 of literature of their choice. They plan a Forum 60<sup>th</sup> Birthday party at the November Assembly.

### **Group Service Action Committee**

They have created packets for each group with information about Alateen. GRs at the Assembly were given the packets for their groups. The packets will be mailed to the groups not represented today. They are proposing an Al-Anon 55<sup>th</sup> Anniversary party at the July 2014 Assembly. They plan to create a gratitude book.

### **Membership Outreach Action Committee**

The group reviewed issues about the *Communicator* and about welcoming newcomers to meetings. They concluded that we are doing all we can do to welcome newcomers and plan to compile a document describing best practices for welcoming newcomers.

### **Public Outreach Action Committee**

They are compiling a report about the projects that were completed with the public outreach grant funds distributed to various Districts. Districts that have not submitted a report about how funds were used will not be eligible for more funds until the report is submitted.

### **Announcement:**

Sue B announced that the amount collected in the "Pennies for Penny" campaign totals \$2,316.79 so far; some money remains uncounted. As noted above these funds will go to WSO where each Group will be credited with the amount donated by that Group. 75% of OR Al-Anon Groups contribute to WSO. 60% of OR Al-Anon Groups contribute to Oregon Area. Active Groups need to contribute \$98.07 to fully support Oregon Area.

### **Alateen Report:**

Carolyn H, Alateen Coordinator, reported on Oregon Area Alateen activities and recovery activities. The teens are planning a potato bar fundraiser. This provides the teens with an opportunity to share and to grow in service. It costs \$90 for a teen to attend OAC, which is from Friday evening until Sunday noon, August 1, 3 and 3, 2014. That fee includes meals, lodging and materials for activities. Partial and total scholarships are available, and thanks to the

generous support of Al-Anon members and the fundraising efforts of Alateen members, no teen has been denied attendance because of funding.

### **2014 State Speakers Meeting (SSM):**

Donelda and District 6 members performed a skit to interest people in attending SSM. This is Oregon's annual fundraiser. It will be held at the Downtown Hilton Hotel in Eugene. It will consist of workshops and speakers, and will focus on the steps and traditions. The dates are April 4-6, 2014.

### **Assembly Attendance and Donations:**

Sue B announced that there are 89 GRs present at today's Assembly and a total of 113 attendees. \$950 has been raised in 'voluntary donations'.

### **March 2015 Assembly bid:**

Barbara S polled the Districts. District 7 Medford / Grant's Pass agreed to host the March 2015 Assembly.

### **Raffle Items to Support SSM**

Winning tickets were drawn and prizes awarded.

### **Adjournment:**

The meeting was adjourned at 11:50 am.

### **Motions**

There were no ongoing motions at this Assembly.  
Decision was for District 7 to host the March 2015 Assembly.  
Rita B was elected Area Chairperson.  
Val V was elected Area Secretary

### **Ask-It-Basket Questions:**

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

#### **Ask It Basket Question # 1**

Q: Why is the phrase "principles above personalities" spoken collectively by some members when the "principles above personalities" is read as part of Tradition 12?  
A: We don't know how this practice began or why some people do this, but perhaps it's to remind themselves and the group to remember this tradition.

#### **Ask It Basket Question # 2**

Q: How do groups determine the cost of literature? It seems prices should be the consistent at all AFGs.  
A: The Guideline G-18 talks about establishing the price for literature for LDCs, saying the WSO price is to be used by LDCs. The AIS adds a surcharge for postage and handling. Each Group handles this according to their group conscience.

#### **Ask It Basket Question # 3**

Q: What can be done about the Serenity Prayer being read incorrectly, i.e., "the" courage, and "the" wisdom" to know the difference?  
A: The word "the" is used only four times in the Serenity Prayer. Many people mistakenly insert an extra "the" before the words "courage" and "wisdom." It was suggested you talk about this with your group.

#### **Ask It Basket Question # 4**

Q: Can a group conscience be taken regarding the use of the Lord's Prayer at the Assembly?  
A: A motion was passed in September 1995 that the Chairman be allowed to close the Assembly with the Lord's Prayer. We could take a group conscience today if there is time. You can go through the links of service and ask to have it put on the agenda at the next AWSC or Assembly.

#### **Ask It Basket Question # 5**

Q: Some people want to access the WSO website by "pushing" <LIKE> so that it will be on our Facebook page. Is this okay?  
A: No, because then an individual becomes associated with Al-Anon and becomes the face of Al-Anon. It places that person on a pedestal and if the person has a bad day he/she affects how outsiders see Al-Anon. In addition, you

want your recovery to be your own and to celebrate it with like-minded individuals. Websites tend to be full of unsupportive people. Also, it's best to avoid other people who blatantly speak about Al-Anon on the web unless they are specifically on an Al-Anon approved website. The Al-Anon/Alateen Service Manual advises members to maintain their personal anonymity, and that of any Al-Anon / Alateen / A.A. member on the internet, as the internet is a form of media.

Attachments begin on the next page.

Attachment #1  
Treasurer's Report

	<b>Jan 1, 2014 to Feb 28, 2014</b>	<b>2014 Budget</b>	<b>Over/(Under) Budget</b>
<b>Income</b>			
Group Contributions	\$2,083.03	\$12,500.00	(\$10,416.97)
Assembly Registrations	\$0.00	\$2,200.00	(\$2,200.00)
State Speaker Meeting	\$0.00	\$4,000.00	(\$4,000.00)
Advances	\$0.00	\$1,500.00	(\$1,500.00)
Miscellaneous	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Cash Carried Forward	\$12,067.44	\$12,000.00	\$67.44
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>\$14,150.47</b>	<b>\$32,200.00</b>	<b>(\$18,049.53)</b>
<b>Expense</b>			
<b>Delegate Fund</b>			
WSO ETF	\$0.00	\$1,907.00	(\$1,907.00)
Extra Day	\$0.00	\$250.00	(\$250.00)
Delegate Meeting	\$217.00	\$500.00	(\$283.00)
Delegate Travel	\$0.00	\$800.00	(\$800.00)
Delegate Miscellaneous	\$6.10	\$250.00	(\$243.90)
<b>Total Delegate Fund</b>	<b>\$223.10</b>	<b>\$3,707.00</b>	<b>(\$3,483.90)</b>
<b>Working Fund Expense</b>			
Archive Rent	\$0.00	\$693.00	(\$693.00)
Area Travel Fund	\$143.37	\$2,500.00	(\$2,356.63)
Communicator	\$92.40	\$600.00	(\$507.60)
SSM Advance	\$0.00	\$1,500.00	(\$1,500.00)
Assembly/AWSC Rent	\$100.00	\$3,900.00	(\$3,800.00)
Insurance	\$0.00	\$760.00	(\$760.00)
<b>Total Working Fund Expense</b>	<b>\$335.77</b>	<b>\$9,953.00</b>	<b>(\$9,617.23)</b>
<b>Assembly Allowance/M meal/Lodging</b>			
Officers	\$89.81	\$1,800.00	(\$1,710.19)
Audit/Budget	\$0.00	\$600.00	(\$600.00)
Coordinators	\$226.56	\$2,160.00	(\$1,933.44)
Past Delegates	\$91.80	\$900.00	(\$808.20)
Regional Trustee	\$0.00	\$500.00	(\$500.00)
<b>Total Assembly Allowance/M meal/Lodging</b>	<b>\$408.17</b>	<b>\$5,960.00</b>	<b>(\$5,551.83)</b>
<b>Officers Expenses</b>			
Alternate Delegate	\$20.00	\$100.00	(\$80.00)
Chairperson	\$0.00	\$150.00	(\$150.00)
Secretary	\$0.00	\$100.00	(\$100.00)
Treasurer	\$0.00	\$150.00	(\$150.00)
<b>Total Officers Expenses</b>	<b>\$20.00</b>	<b>\$500.00</b>	<b>(\$480.00)</b>

<b>Assembly Expenses</b>			
Assembly Workshops	\$0.00	\$100.00	(\$100.00)
Business Services A.C.	\$0.00	\$100.00	(\$100.00)
Membership Outreach A.C.	\$0.00	\$350.00	(\$350.00)
Group Services A.C.	\$0.00	\$250.00	(\$250.00)
Fellowship Communication A.C.	\$37.79	\$500.00	(\$462.21)
Public Outreach A.C.	\$0.00	\$4,000.00	(\$4,000.00)
Audit Budget Extra Day + Expenses	\$89.42	\$350.00	(\$260.58)
<b>Total Assembly Expenses</b>	<b>\$127.21</b>	<b>\$5,650.00</b>	<b>(\$5,522.79)</b>
<b>Coordinators</b>			
Alateen	\$0.00	\$350.00	(\$350.00)
Archives	\$0.00	\$100.00	(\$100.00)
CPC	\$0.00	\$50.00	(\$50.00)
Forum	\$0.00	\$50.00	(\$50.00)
Group Records	\$0.00	\$50.00	(\$50.00)
Literature	\$0.00	\$100.00	(\$100.00)
Public Information	\$0.00	\$50.00	(\$50.00)
Web Coordinator	\$187.72	\$250.00	(\$62.28)
<b>Total Coordinators</b>	<b>\$187.72</b>	<b>\$1,000.00</b>	<b>(\$812.28)</b>
<b>Delegate Meeting</b>			
Alternate Delegate	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Past Delegates	\$0.00	\$500.00	(\$500.00)
<b>Total Delegate Meeting</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>	<b>\$500.00</b>	<b>(\$500.00)</b>
<b>Other</b>			
Task Force/Thought Force	\$0.00	\$50.00	(\$50.00)
Alateen Sponsor Workshop	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Contingency Fund	\$0.00	\$1,000.00	(\$1,000.00)
Equipment Supplies	\$0.00	\$300.00	(\$300.00)
Handbook Update	\$0.00	\$50.00	(\$50.00)
Transition Fund	\$0.00	\$253.00	(\$253.00)
<b>Total Other</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>	<b>\$1,653.00</b>	<b>(\$1,653.00)</b>
<b>Total Expense</b>	<b>\$1,301.97</b>	<b>\$28,923.00</b>	<b>(\$27,621.03)</b>
Cash on Hand as of 02/28/14	\$12,848.50	\$3,277.00	\$9,571.50
Ample Reserves	\$7,387.00	\$7,467.00	(\$80.00)
<b>Cash Available as of 02/28/14</b>	<b>\$5,461.50</b>	<b>(\$4,190.00)</b>	<b>\$9,651.50</b>

Remember to put all three items on checks:

Group Name  
District Number  
WSO Group Number

Donations Payable to: **Oregon Area AFG**

Send to: Sue Beacham  
551 Trollview Road  
Grants Pass, OR 97527

Attachment #2  
Our Spiritual Principles in Action  
Oregon Area Assembly  
March 15-16, 2013  
Colleen G. Oregon Area Delegate/P53  
503-757-8185

1. **Welcome** everyone, and thank you for being here to help us complete the current business of Oregon AI-Anon. Thank you for your willingness to represent your home groups, districts, AI-Anon Service Arms and the World Wide Fellowship of AI-Anon.
2. **New Service Manual** and AI-Anon at Work – Has your group received yours yet? (Portland AIS has some available for sale here today. Thank you AIS.)

**Conference Mailing Information:** Mail deliveries will not be accepted before April 21<sup>st</sup>. Mail to and use this as the return address on the envelope or package.

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When thinking of **Love Gifts** for the Delegate, please consider a financial contribution to WSO individually, AI-Anon and Alateen groups, districts, Areas and Service Arms of the program. Any others love gifts will be fun to share

3. DONNA E. has been selected as nominee to be our new **NW Regional Trustee** for her first 3 year term. There will be traditional approval at Conference.
4. Some of you have asked!!  
**“MEET THE BOARD”:**  
The first “Meet The Board” Event will be held in Newfoundland/Labrador on Saturday, July 19, 2014! Thank you to all who prepared our bid from Oregon. Your enthusiasm was greatly appreciated Thirty-one Areas submitted bids. WSO has extended an invitation to attend to anyone who may be in the vicinity.
5. **FINANCE UPDATE** – From COB letter.  
Penny, our current AFG/WSO treasure has graciously accepted my invitation to give these reports. I’m excited that you will get to share the experience I have had at the World Service Conference. It will be the best Finance report you will have while I am delegate!
6. **PENNY JARs PRESENTATION**  
“Penny, we used you to begin this fun involvement with our groups. Our purposes were:  
a. to increase awareness for our groups donating in the World Service Structure. We want to be #1 in 2014 and that would be up form #5 in 2012. I haven’t received the numbers yet to show us where we stand for this year (2013).  
b. And, Penny, from the information you gave at Conference last year of what the increase in income for WSO would be if each group that hasn’t donated, would donate \$12.00 (or as much as they can,) and each group who now donates would contribute \$12.00 more.

What fun we have had with this! Our groups have been so involved having the Penny Jars present in their meeting. As the jars got heavier, they needed to be dumped and then even more coins and cash was added. Penny’s name was beginning to be recognized in each group and donating to WSO was a word heard in each meeting.

- a. We want to recognize our GRs for the message they carried to their groups... We have a token of our appreciation for them to take back to share. GR is the first letters in the word Group. It is significant in it is the GR who brings their group to the District, Area and to the World Wide Fellowship of AI-Anon, and brings the business of AI-Anon back to the Group. Good Reporting!! .

Will our GRs please line up to present their group's donation to Penny. Please announce your name, your home group, and your district.

And DRs, if you have checks from your meetings who have donated and are not able to be here, please bring those forward and announce and receive pins for them too.

GRs we want you to take back our "token" of recognition and appreciation for you and your home group. We say thanks for their dedication and support to the service links at World Service Office

On this button it reads, **From Oregon Area 47 to WSO – My Home Group Makes Dollars and Cent\$. March 15-16, 2013. If you look closely you will see "Thank You" written all around the edge of the button. A post Script here.....If I got the numbers right and it will be in the minutes elsewhere.... Our Groups donated \$2,316.79.**

7. Continuing on the Monies donated side, I have put in each district's mail box the receipts from WSO for each group that has donated this year. If I have counted correctly, we had 174 groups donate and ONE Alateen group from Salem. Yea Alateens!! And Yea our Oregon Area Groups!!! I want all of you in this room to congratulate yourself because each of you is a member that has contributed!! Our AREA total donations for 2013 to WSO was **\$18,935.00**.
8. **Introduce Penny** and workshop  
**Announce Regional Trustee Evaluation** Form to be completed and deposited in the box at the back of the room by the end of assembly on Sunday.
9. **Introduce the Election Process:** Barbara and I will be sharing this portion. To begin, we have asked Rita to share on what it is like to be Area Chairperson.
10. **Dual Member Proposed Language Change in Policy** "Proposed change in the language Dual Membership in AI-Anon/Alateen and AA." policy Pg 82/83 2014-2017 section in the AI-Anon/Alateen Service Manual.

Policy update: I emailed this to the DRs asking them to get it to the GRs for discussion in their home group. I am being asked to discuss the motion text in our Area and send any questions or comments to the Policy Committee by March 28<sup>th</sup>. I have heard back from some of you, but really do want to carry the voice of the Oregon Area members with me to Conference. Take a moment to email me your in depth observations of this proposed policy change.

I would like to open the floor for a brief discussion. If you want to participate at the microphone, please form a line on either side of the room. You will have 1 minute to state your perspective, so please write it down as you will be timed. If you hear said (and please listen) what you are there to say, please return to your seat. The chair will make it known to you if you are repeating what has already been stated. If you have a question only, bring your service manual with you to the line and you will be moved forward to ask your question. Questions often times produce answers for others as well as the person asking. Remember Question only... if opinion is being stated you will be asked to step aside for the next person.

Ask Rita to make this discussion to be part of the minutes. Each person speaking could give Rita their written statement. To begin our discussion I have asked Bunny (Con)and Rita (PRO)to begin with a pro and a con statement.

Attachment #3

**DR Report – District #1 – North Oregon Coast; Clatsop and Tillamook Counties.**

Hello from the North Oregon Coast. District #1 always seems to be constantly on the move. We are a busy bunch. We have 8 groups in our district. Some are as small as three members others as big as 15. We are small, but we are mighty.

We have been movin' and shakin' this past year and we are not slowin' down now! We do not have an official District Rep, however, we are all eager to pitch in and get the job done.

Once again we started this year by preparing our annual budget; this task was made much easier this year because we have switched from a paper ledger system to Quicken. Yes, we have moved in to the 21<sup>st</sup> century!

In January, we shopped for fabric to make a quilt for our most successful fundraiser of the year; and you guessed it, the Al-anon District #1 quilt raffle for the North Coast Round-up. This is in the 32<sup>nd</sup> year for this AA convention with Al-anon participation. Last Saturday District #1 members gathered at my house, we had three sewing machines, hundreds of pins, an iron, a huge spread of food and we sewed the quilt together. We have great fun, food and fellowship, creating this quilt. Last year we made over \$1,100.00 with the quilt raffle alone.

District #1 doesn't just make quilts; we have been busy with Outreach. Our members are volunteering to go twice a month to Astoria's two treatment centers and talk to the patients and family members about Al-anon. District #1 maintains pamphlet racks in both the Astoria centers and one other center in Seaside. We participated in Project Homeless Connect again this year and just put in our order for 200 copies of Al-Anon Faces Alcoholism. Additionally, we finished up a theatre ad campaign that ran from Mid-November through January 9<sup>th</sup>. The last project made possible because of a generous grant from the state Public Outreach Committee. We also did our Pennies for Penny campaign. We passed out plastic jars with great labels to all of our groups and had 7 out of 8 meetings participate. That is an 88% participation rate, and collected \$162.83 that we presented to Penny.

We have big plans for the rest of the year too. We look forward the annual Women's recovery convention in Seaside, "It's a She Thang." This convention also being AA with Al-Anon participation takes place in September. We rent a big suite for the weekend, stuff a bunch of women in it, with a lot of food and have a great weekend.

Finally, we have the best news yet! We have a new Alateen group in Tillamook. The group has several regular kids that are attending regularly, and they even have a group rep that comes to district meetings. Recently we had a new member move to Tillamook and she just happens to be a certified Alateen Sponsor. So with our other Alateen sponsor and her, we have all that we need to have a great place for our teens to be. We have already talked to Carolyn and have asked her to bring her OAC kids up to tell our Alateens and District all about OAC and hopefully there will be Tillamook Alateens attending OAC soon.

Well that's about it from the beautiful North Oregon Coast. We are busy and we have fabulous members in District #1. Stop by and enjoy one of our meetings if you are ever in our area.

Love in Service  
Chris Kelso  
DR of the Day

Attachment #4  
**DR Report District 2**

The Toledo meeting closed. One of the oldest in the county, possibly the state: founded in 1956 by Rose G. This 58 year-old meeting was held in cooperation with an AA meeting in the St. John's Episcopal Church, Toledo, Oregon. The District voted to donate the Toledo \$244 treasury to the WSO.

We have 5 meetings & 3 GR's in our District. We have one new meeting in Lincoln City, Thurs. 5:30 - 7 pm, 1<sup>st</sup> Congregational Church.

We are hosting the AWSC meeting on June 21, 2014 at The Elizabeth Street Inn. (Special AI-Anon rates). Flyers are in your files & posted on the Area website. If we get 10 room reservations we get the Elizabeth room for free, saving the Area \$100.00

Avette L. Gaiser

**District 3 / No DR / No Report**

Attachment #5  
**DR Report District 4**

Once upon a time, there was a beautiful DR from beautiful District 4 (Marion and Polk counties, near Salem). The District was not as beautiful as it usually was, however, because a dark shadow had been cast across the District when the local Alateen meeting was closed due to poor attendance.

The beautiful DR thought she knew just what should be done. Her ideas included surveying the membership about whether they had kids that would benefit from Alateen, finding out the best places and times for meetings, etc. She was afraid that just starting a meeting might lead to failure.

Well, while the beautiful DR was busy thinking and planning, the beautiful new Alateen Coordinator in the District had set up a new meeting. The beautiful DR was speechless! How could she? What would happen if it failed? Luckily she had enough Program to just wait and see what happened, without voicing her concerns.

So, the first meeting was held, and there were 2 kids, then 4 to 5, and they kept coming back! Each month the beautiful Alateen Coordinator reported that more kids were showing up, and that they were slowly starting to heal from the disease of alcoholism. One night, some people from Portland came down to visit the meeting, and that night there were 13 sponsors and teens in the room! Soon the kids started leading their own meetings, making God boxes, and working the steps.

Today the beautiful District is beautiful again, and they are looking at starting a second Alateen meeting so that siblings in the meeting can have the freedom to share their own stories in their own meeting. But what about the beautiful DR? She learned a very important lesson – Let Go and Let God.

Thanks.

Dawn K

Attachment #6  
**DR Report District 5**

District 5 is doing well. We have a new GR for Living in the Solutions AFG. 5 GRs are attending the March 2014 Assembly. Yahoo!

We have used KBDM in handling challenges that have come up in the past several months and it's been wonderful! We had a couple of groups with very powerful Dual Members and the personalities have been dealt with with compassion and kindness.....and the problems have been resolved and the meetings have become healthier with the focus on Al-Anon.

Puir annual fundraiser was a great success.....wonderful speakers from AA, Al-Anon and this year, Alateen!! Fun, food and fellowship was had by all!

We have a new meeting just registered in Sisters and a new Alateen meeting in Redmond,

We are growing and learning!

Respectfully submitted by  
Pam M  
DR District 5

Attachment #7  
**DR Report District 6**

Holiday Breakfast auction in December. We got snowed out but had it a week late. Even with the change of date the merchandise sales was \$3024, donations were \$289. and we received \$125.85

Some of the AMIAS have been meeting with the DR and Alt DR every couple of months to discuss working on new meetings as well as going over Alateen guidelines. We are in the process of trying to get a new Alateen meeting in schools. This month one of our current Alateen sponsors had to step down. We got a replacement starting in April.

A number of the groups have recently done group inventories,

We had a Passing of the Torch Event to give information to people considering service positions. There was a treasurer workshop and a website workshop. Both very well done.

Our website is being well utilized and updates are made very timely.

We had Colleen come to our District and give a Delegate report. It was very informative and we enjoyed it very much.

Jody the Area Archivist came with her and talked to us about that position which was very much appreciated. The same day as the delegate report Colleen was asked to share her story at our monthly Breakfast Speaker meeting. It was nice to hear her personal story.

AIS put PAS in one of our local theaters. One of our groups did a major Alateen Outreach project. At district meeting this month we voted on the priorities the district would work on this year.

We have been busy getting ready for the 2014 SSM. It is coming along very well. We have been meeting once a month but have increased to twice a month. Individual committees are also having meetings and work parties. It is going to be so much fun. Saturday evening we will be putting out the red carpet (literally) for everyone to strut their stuff. Complete with the paparazzi. We will have a movie night, a game night, a photo booth along with workshops and great speakers. There will be an AA marathon meeting for the weekend. Please join the fun April 4<sup>th</sup> 5<sup>th</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup> of April.

Attachment #8  
**DR Report District 7**

Hi I'm Marvalee DR for District 7 - Jackson and Josephine Counties. We currently have 23 groups and 2 Alateen groups. Today at this Assembly we have 12 of our 14 GR's present.

We are busy preparing for our 20 th Annual Chili Feed May 17 - this is our fund raiser for the next years SSM.

Alateen is blooming. Our Central Point group struggled with low attendance and now we have a core group that attends regularly with as many as 10 kids at one meeting. Our second meeting just opened in Grants Pass.

Public Outreach continues to have a strong presence. We mail out meeting lists and a piece of literature to over 400 professionals-quarterly. with the area grant money we gave away 27 Forum subscriptions.

We have attended 3 Health Fairs this year.

Our new website is under construction.

SOLD is branching out by mailing orders to groups that don't have a local LDC - faster than ordering from the WSO.

I am grateful to have the opportunity to serve my District and continue to be overwhelmed with appreciation when I see the District members return each month.

**District 8 / New DR / No Report**

Attachment #9  
**DR Report District 9**

Our District is located in north Portland. We average 10 GR's at our district meetings which meet the 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday at 6 pm at the Alano Club.

We have 2 new GR's & one is working on the Alateen sponsor process.

One of our groups have solved their problem of meeting in a facility that cannot accept rent by donating Al-Anon literature. Another has found baby sitting services for a child who was accompanying his mother to meetings. We wanted to help her out as she is a single mother and needs our program.

Also we have a new treasurer as our previous one moved from the area. It was quite a process in getting the bank account changed! I intend to visit our groups as there are several who do not have active GR's.

At our meeting this past week, we started a conversation about having a Public Outreach project. Our GR's are enthusiastic & our meetings are enjoyable with good input. Also voted to make a contribution to Coffee Creek woman's mtg.

9 of us were at assembly yesterday which is good for us. We are still a work in progress!

Submitted by Fran A., District 9  
District Representative

Attachment 10  
**DR Report District 10**

District 10 Report

Many fun things have been happening in District 10.

In June we hosted the Area World Service Committee meeting in Beaverton. The meeting was well attended and the location was enjoyed by all.

February 15<sup>th</sup> our district held its annual fundraiser. We had a cake walk, a silent basket auction, a potluck and speakers. Dawn K. from Salem was our Al-Anon speaker. Our event raised \$1300.00.

With the money the Public Outreach Action Committee gave our district we bought Alateen Newcomers' Packets and will be distributing them to public middle and high school counselors. We hope to generate interest in getting teens to Alateen.

For the past few months our district has been busy coordinating this assembly. I would like to thank all of the District 10 group reps for all their hard work in putting this event together.

### **District 11 / No DR / No Report**

#### **Attachment #11 DR Report District 12**

- ◇ We're NE Portland out to the Dalles.
- ◇ In 2013
  - ⇒ We did a creativity workshop, where we had the Forum Coordinator, Paula J, visit and lead a writing workshop. There was also dancing with a DJ afterwards.
  - ⇒ We had a delegate's visit so Colleen came to speak to our district.
- ◇ In 2014
  - ⇒ We had an Alateen workshop, where we:
    - Formed a committee to get Alateen meetings started in Portland
    - Had someone step up to be our Alateen coordinator
    - Had two Al-Anon members start the process to become an Al-Anon Member in Alateen Service
    - Have picked a time and place to start a meeting
    - Have heard from a local school that wants to start a meeting
  - ⇒ We are planning to do another sponsorship workshop as a fundraiser.

Dave B

#### **Attachment #12 DR Report District 13**

District 13 has had a very busy 4 months since the last Assembly. In February we held our annual Spring Potluck and Speaker Meeting. We were lucky to have it on Valentine's Day. The Theme was SWEET RECOVERY. We had a couple- both in programs for many years- She in Al-Anon and He in AA, share their stories of recovery. We also had a dessert auction plus a silent auction for fund raising for the upcoming Nov. 22014 Assembly we are hosting.

We are working in earnest now on the Assembly in Nov. We have monthly meetings and have had several fund raisers to help defer the expenses. We have a speaker for the Luncheon, the flyer designed, the Hotel reserved and we are working on other projects related to the Assembly. Our Assembly Chairperson is also attending the AA Assembly Planning Meetings since we are using the Umpqua Community College with them for each Assembly.

All our meetings in District 13 had jars for "Pennies for Pennies" and it was a great success. Each group was able to contribute some funds for Penny to take back to WSC on our behalf.

We have 4 people who are working on the certification to become Alateen sponsors. The paper work is filled out and need to get the finger prints done and get the background checks started.

Our Public outreach project is working with AA on getting out pamphlets to several High Schools in Douglas County. Their Committee had several racks we can use and they have made contact with the

schools. The schools are very excited that we are working on getting Alateen started in our area again. They suggested we do not try to have on campus because of anonymity. Now that we have the racks, we will order pamphlets for them from the monies we received from the Public Outreach Committee.

In Service,

Linda Connell,  
Dist 13 Rep

Attachment #13  
**DR Report District 14**

We held a Variety Show in January as a District Fundraiser. All who attended enjoyed finger foods, 50/50 raffle, trip to Mexico raffle (donated by an Al-Anon member), camaraderie and amazing talent. Our District cleared over \$800.

This April, we will have a Chili & cornbread cook-off, including a dessert auction, delicious chili and cornbread and of course, camaraderie. This is a fundraiser put on by the 4 groups in Klamath Falls so they will share the profits equally.

Ruby W, our new Public Outreach Coordinator, has been enthusiastic about increasing Al-Anon's presence in our community. Last summer we had a table at the Third Thursday event downtown. We also had a booth at Klamath Lakes Community Service Action and at Sky Lakes Health Fair. We still have an outreach group at our local treatment center, and are busy getting ready to start a group at our local Woman's Shelter and at the County Corrections Center. Busy, busy, busy!

Our District is dedicated and strong and full of recovery!

Nancy P  
District 14 Rep

**District 15 / No Report Given**

Attachment #14  
**DR Report District 16**

March 2014 Assembly Report District #16: submitted by: Kim Murphy, DR #16

In June, 2013, we experienced a down size in our district. The steps to Serenity in Sweet Home closed due to lack of membership, and we are sorry to lose the participation of our trusted servant, Donna Ego, who has been the GR for that group for many years.

We now have a total of 5 meetings in Linn and Benton counties, with 2 meetings in Albany, 2 in Corvallis, and one in Lebanon. We have 3 GR's who serve at the district level, as well as a secretary, treasurer and a faithful past DR who continues to attend district meetings and help out with any business we have on our agenda.

We have had a meeting called Couples in Recovery that was operating in violation of the traditions. They consider themselves an al-anon meeting, and meet in the same room at the same time as AA. They read from both al-anon and AA literature during the opening/closing of their meeting. They have been meeting for over 20 years, and there are members who enjoy this format. However, we have members who feel that this meeting was watering down the al-anon message; we were concerned the newcomers would be confused by this dual program approach. With the help of our literature, particularly G-3: Cooperation between AA and Al-Anon, and the wise counsel of our previous Area Chair, we learned that while we may not like the format, we had no power to shut this group down. I asked them to take a group conscience about what they wanted to do: keep the same format and be removed from our district meeting list or separate themselves from the AA group. The choice was theirs, and we allowed them 2 months to make a decision. In December they reported that they did not want to change their format; they wished to remain united with the AA group and have this dual meeting in the same room at the same time. I told them that this was their choice, but they would be removed from our meeting schedule, phone message and the Area website. I am confident that we are doing the right thing by following the traditions.

We have received a public outreach grant of \$230.00 from the Oregon Area to spend on getting the word out in our district. We spent the money on literature. We have a state university in Corvallis, and a small community on campus is drug and alcohol free. I think it's important that we let the students and staff on campus know that Al-anon is available in their community. We have donated half of the literature purchased with this grant money to this cause, and we are very happy that this method of distributing literature has begun.

We have done some research about hosting a future AWSC or Assembly in our district, and although we haven't found the required venue yet, we have heard that there are new facilities being built in Lebanon in conjunction with the new medical center going in there. We have made inquiries, and will keep this facility in mind for future events. It should have the meeting rooms, nearby hotels and restaurants needed to host an event.

We have contacted a local high school and found the counselors have interest in starting an alateen group! We have been excited about starting this group since our attempt to do so back in 2006 was not successful. We have asked for participation from both al-anon and AA members, as there are many double winners in our al-anon groups. I have been working with our AAPP to get background checks reactivated, and we have plans to get several new members cleared to sponsor the group. I am doing my best to supply the willingness and keep an open mind, because I have learned in the program that I never know what my higher power can accomplish if I do the footwork and stay out of the way!

#### Attachment #15 DR Report District 17

Woweeee...has this year gone by fast. First I want to tell you that District 17 is Clackamas County east of the Willamette River and also includes the towns of Willamette and West Linn. We are partially metropolitan and partially rural.

Since I last gave a report, District 17 has been very busy. We have started one new Alateen meeting. It is in a school and will hopefully be available year around. We are excited about this...its first meeting was Thursday March 13<sup>th</sup>. It begins at 3:00 and we are hoping to get Alateens from other schools close by.

We have had a District Meeting every month and they are usually very well attended. One of our "long-time-without-a-GR" meetings now has one. All of our District Officers, Treasurer, Secretary, AA Liaison, Public Outreach Chair and Newcomer Meeting Chairs are held by members other than Group Reps. The whole District is active.

We have held Workshops and are planning one per quarter. Our first one was on Relationships and the one coming up on April 26<sup>th</sup> is a Sponsorship Workshop, "Stepping Out Of Fear", learning more about the gift of sponsorship, Alateen sponsorship and service sponsorship.

We had another successful Pancake Breakfast, with the proceeds of \$810.23 benefiting the 2014 State Speaker Meeting coming up in April. We have continued our monthly Manual Study which is always such a great way to learn and study our Service Manual; and we have been up to our eyebrows in Public Outreach.

We had outreach campaigns happening over the holiday season in two multi-screen theaters. We've just received our second batch of laminated window postcards and tear off sheets –both of them in English and in Spanish – that feature the twisted road bookmark artwork. We went back and forth with World Service Office to get it just right and now have it down. We are happy to provide other Districts with the product that has been already successfully. All our Groups are taking them to assigned spots...we are covering the area with outreach.

We have also purchased ads in five local community newspapers with the same bookmark artwork to run weekly for Alcohol Awareness Month—all of April! We teamed up with our Hispanic members and the meetings they attend to purchase a one half page advertisement in the Greater Metropolitan Area

Hispanic phone directory. They contributed \$200 toward the cost of \$500. It is certainly a win-win endeavor.

Our Groups support the District and the GRs are very willing to spend money on Outreach. We also applied for and received \$680 from the Oregon Area Public Outreach Action Committee. This certainly helped make our plan happen. Thank you!

I am so very grateful to be able to be in Service to my District as it's District Rep and am excited to continue into my second year.

Barbara L  
District 17, District Rep

Attachment #16  
**Action Committee Reports**

**Business Services Action Committee**

\*\*\*\*\*Point 1\*\*\*\*\*

Nov meeting- Thought Force Meeting-  
Task - (Bill)

\*\*\*\*Tent table to inform people about the need to increase donations-\*\*

Side one

money contributed today-  
Because reached out  
We give back so

Side 2

Contributions-  
Be fully self-supporting  
Contribution of \$ 3-5 is suggested  
Members \$2 since 1950s, what can you do?

Concerns for new comers-

2 groups-

those who don't know;  
the new comers-

Discussions-

Define other areas of service\*\*\*  
Lois in 1950s \$1 = .11  
GRs to bring back to groups about costs\*\*\*\*  
Suggested donation / contribution-  
Responsibility of group treasury to status group-  
Education of groups / members...  
WSO spending, Area spending per group, etc...  
Message, we need more income to support Al-Anon  
Judy J - read from Conference Summary...  
Barb read from Service Manual, Pg 21 - 7th tradition-  
Inform groups what it costs to operate a meeting...  
There are 228 active groups and it costs ~\$98  
Fund raisers for WSO and OR groups...  
Educate groups  
Dollar =\$.11 now..

Tent Table Card- (quote) (focus on 7th tradition- (Task force-Bill)

Language of new service manual

Side One

Lois' time : \$1 = .11

Side Two-

Language on page 21 "passing the basket"

Color was light green / black printing-

\*\*\*\*\*Point 2\*\*\*\*\*

Thought force \*\*\*\*\* (Dawn)

Bank info on checking acct-

How to set up acct in bank, EIN, IRS, etc...

Develop a form-

what is needed to take to the bank when opening an account

What to say and not say-

Don't say Non-profit, say Not for profit

Dawn and Sue to draft a form for review at AWSC in June and present to Assembly in July

\*\*\*\*\*Point 3\*\*\*\*\*

Answer Ask it Basket question - "Would it be feasible to have debit cards for the Area coordinators for the amount they are budgeted."

Suggested not to issue debit cards,

Instead, if needed Coordinators can request an advance if necessary with documentation-

\*\*\*\*\*Point 4\*\*\*\*\*

Remind of the Challenge for fund raiser to districts for the WSO-

Would like to report back in November

What they did?

How much they earned?

What is working?

\*\*\*\*\*Point 5\*\*\*\*\*

Review first 3 pages of Section 6 of Oregon Area Handbook (OAH)

updated the Assembly General information for Al-anon and Alateen

Attendees to reflect changes made to assembly procedures . Sue will

update and bring to next assembly or send to BS Committee

### **Fellowship Communication Action Committee**

Worked/discussed upcoming literature contest

July - October 2014

Each group will keep track of each piece of literature used in their group

Prizes - 1<sup>st</sup> 100.00 literature of their choice

2<sup>nd</sup> 50.00 literature of their choice

### **Group Services Action Committee**

Dawn was our Chairperson for this meeting and provided a detailed agenda and timeline for the meeting. She asked for a volunteer recorder and time keeper for the meeting.

An attendance sign-up sheet was passed for all to record their attendance.

Introductions and a Welcome to Newcomers followed.

Cathy S. reviewed the minutes from the last meeting and reported that the Young Peoples meeting in Milwaukee has begun operating.

#### **ALATEEN INFORMATIONAL PACKETS**

Cathy also reviewed the plan for putting together packets of information regarding Alateen to be provided to each group in our Area. Cathy S. and Carolyn H. then explained that there were 4 items to be included in the packets:

- 1) An Alateen Cover letter written by Dawn (with the help of many others)
- 2) A laminated Alateen Table tent
- 3) A "Save the Date" flyer for the Oregon Alateen Conference, Aug. 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> and
- 4) An Alateen bookmark for each group.

The Committee then discussed how these packets would be distributed with the consensus being that GRs attending the Assembly would be given the packet to take back to their group and all other packets would be mailed directly to the groups CMA in order to ensure that all groups received the information.

Cathy S. reported that they were able to create the packets at a cost much lower than the \$300 allocated for the project. Cost of postage will come from this budget as well.

The committee participants then had a “work party” and successfully assembled the packets and attached mailing and return address labels for all of the Area groups within our 30 minute time line.

#### **OREGON AREA AL-ANON /ALATEEN BIRTHDAY PARTY**

Led by Dawn and Jody, the committee continued its discussion of having a “Birthday Party” to bring to life the meaning of our history and archives. It was agreed that the committee would have a “Birthday Party” at the July 2014 Assembly to celebrate the 55<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the 1<sup>st</sup> Al-Anon State Assembly in Bend in 1959. Two subcommittees were created: a Planning subcommittee and a Cupcake Subcommittee and participants signed up to serve on these committees. A time for the “Birthday Party” during the Assembly will be coordinated with the Assembly Chairperson, Rita. In conjunction with the party the committee suggested the following activities: a Power Point presentation on the first Assembly, decorations, having an “old-timer” from the Area speak of her experience (Ellen agreed to contact Brick from Bend to share at the meeting), creating a Gratitude Book by asking GRs to solicit written Al-Anon gratitudes from their group members and bringing them to the Assembly to be collated into a Gratitude Book, and having a Table of Memorabilia from the era. The subcommittees will continue to work on making this party a reality in July.

Dawn offered to assist Jody in computer difficulties she was having in retrieving the Archives documents she had successfully scanned into her computer.

#### **GROUP RECORDS**

If groups are not receiving communications from the Area, they were encouraged to check their CMA (Current Mailing Address) to make sure it was accurate.

Respectfully submitted by Kathy M.

#### **Membership Outreach Action Committee**

Meeting opened by Chair, Mary. Approximately 15 members in attendance.

Serenity Prayer

Introductions

Guidelines for conduct

Reconnection with committee purpose

Goals: 1) To survey the membership about The Communicator one-year trial flight from paper to electronic presentation;

2) To consider how groups welcome newcomers.

#### **The Communicator: electronic presentation**

The Committee was asked, “How shall we do the survey? - electronically or at the next Assembly?”

Responses included:

- both electronically and at next assembly
- paper copy to GR’s to take to meetings
- electronic most popular

Discussion of The Communicator ensued. Comments/suggestions included:

- don’t go backwards with paper; just iron out electronic kinks going forward
- focus on education; members not familiar with The Communicator
- transform the newsletter to a blog
- The main purpose of Communicator - to get information out prior to Assembly - is gone; this is done electronically in other formats
- Has The Communicator outlived its usefulness?

It was decided that a survey needed to be distributed electronically to the DR’s for distribution to membership via GR’s for return at the next Assembly. This survey would ask:

1) Do you know what The Communicator is?

2) Do you find it useful?

3) If you would see your favorite Communicator content posted separately on the website, would you be willing to let The Communicator publication go?

#### **How groups welcome newcomers**

The presenter acknowledged that currently meetings use many methods to welcome newcomers:

- assigned greeter
- direction to literature
- newcomers packet

- followup phone call
- newcomer chips
- given district list of meetings

The question was posed: How can we keep newcomers coming back? It was noted that newcomers come with a specific need or question, such as "How do I get the drinker to help?" How can we give them the concrete answer that they ask for? There was discussion which included giving the newcomer AA's phone number. Also, as in AA, a temporary sponsor can be assigned. Some members offered that at their meetings, prime importance is to not ignore the newcomer, that members walk directly to the newcomer and welcome them, ask if they have questions, offer warmth; above all, respect them.

Meeting adjourned with the Serenity Prayer.

Respectfully submitted,

Norma Piper, GR, Mt. Pleasant

Recorder

3/15/14

ADDENDUM:

At the end of the breakout, it was decided that groups are doing "all that we can do" to welcome newcomers. A motion was made to move toward closing the committee. It was agreed that all suggestions and thoughts would be added to a "Best Practices of Membership Outreach" handout to be submitted to the Membership Outreach Action Committee at the next Assembly for review and approval.

If approved, the Handout would either be brought to the entire Assembly for approval, or if this is not necessary, then MOAC would make and distribute the handout on paper. Handout will then be sent to WSO for consideration of adding it to the website as CAL.

np

### **Public Outreach Action Committee**

Lisa lead the discussion

Lots of active participation from the members, who were numbered around 15

Old Business:

**2013 Grant Projects:** About 50% of Districts completed a Progress Report- District 6, 7, 14, 16, 17- THANK YOU.

A number of Districts had not completed the Progress Reports THAT Lisa had emailed them so that we could get an idea of what happened with the money they asked for and what state of completion their project was in.

Reasons Progress Reports had not been completed by District 1, 4, 5, 10, 11, 13 were that they were busy, money was distributed late, emails may not have gone to the right person, thought to report only if project was completed to name a few.

- Motion was made and passed that Lisa will resend and email to these districts (not completed progress report yet) asking for PROGRESS//which is not the same as COMPLETION>
- Motion was made and passed that new money for 2014 Projects would NOT be considered until the 2013 Progress Reports had been completed and received by districts.
- Motion made and passed to send out **NEW Proposals for Grant Money-** \$4000, ASAP- so that districts will have 3 months to complete a NEW Public Outreach Proposal! June 15th deadline.
- Subcommittee formed that includes Reina, Steven, Karen, Ruby, Lisa, Callie and Avette. They will read over the grant proposals and decide whose are awarded (maybe all will be awarded depending on the \$\$\$). This group will email the committee if they decide that they need some help. All are ready to serve!
- Checks will be distributed at the July Assembly so that Districts will have 6 months to completed their Public Outreach- with the Money in Hand!!

Long discussion on encouraging each district to have a Public Outreach Coordinator that can hone in on some of these ideas that were completed this year- spread them to other districts so groups are not feeling like they are recreating the wheel.

Consensus to use "Let it Begin With Me" as the way to discuss Public Outreach to our groups- ask members specifically to share a piece of literature or post a sign so that everyone is doing a small part of a big project.