

RHODE ISLAND AL-ANON AREA 49
SUMMARY OF MEETING MINUTES
April 16, 2009

Meeting called to order at 7:08 pm.

Opening:

Moment of Silence followed by the Serenity Prayer

Reading of the 12 Traditions

Reading of the 12 Concepts of Service and General Warranties of the Conference

Reading of Pages 125-127 from Service Manual (World Service Conference)

Introductions: Area Chair; Area Secretary; Group Records Coordinator; acting Office Manager; Archives Coordinator; District 3 Rep; Area Treasurer/Alateen Process Person; Alateen Coordinator; Forum Coordinator/Alternate District 2 Rep; Webmaster; Literature Coordinator; Al-Anon Member.

Action Items:

Secretary's Report:

A motion was made and seconded to approve the March minutes as corrected. Motion was passed unanimously.

Discussion ensued about how much information to include in summary minutes. Points included: letting members know why the Area made certain decisions; information would be on the web for all the world to see; information is public anyway; anything inciting public controversy should not be on the web; keep it simple for the groups; keep it simple for the secretary; members don't want too much detail; more detail makes it easier for the DRs; the majority of members don't care.

A motion was made and seconded to ensure that the summary minutes be shortened to just talking points that the Area Secretary will independently distribute to the announcement email list. Motion was passed unanimously.

Treasurer's Report:

April activity as follows:

Donations totalled \$644 (includes Al-anon & Alateen)

Expenditures totalled \$448.25

Balance totals \$10,142.32, which includes prudent reserve, Al-anon and Alateen funds.

The Treasurer passed out Area Committee member budget/expenditure sheets that were submitted to the Area at the end of last year in preparation for the 2009 budget. She re-wrote the budget to reflect these figures that were included in the total budget that was voted on and approved at the Election Assembly last fall. The new budget reflects an increase of \$2,275.

A motion was made and seconded to accept the Treasurer's Report as amended, including the Chairperson's budget line. Motion was passed with 9 in favor and 1 abstention.

Delegate's Report:

Delegate was not present due to illness. The business cards, to be given to the Delegate as a gift for the WSC, were shown. District 3 also had some postcards made for the Delegate as a gift. Another group made bookmarks that show scenes of R.I. taken by an Al-Anon member who is a photographer. The Delegate was called on the speakerphone to wish her well, since she is leaving tomorrow for the WSC. An ASWC member volunteered to drop off the gifts for the Delegate.

Chairman's Report:

The Committee set the Area Meeting dates for the rest of the year, as was discussed at the last meeting. Alateen Sponsor's meetings are set to be held at the Area Office at 7:00 pm as follows: April 30, July 30 and October 29.

A motion was made and seconded that the Area does't meet in June. Motion was passed unanimously.

The ASWC has already decided to hold the next Area meeting on Saturday, May 16th from 3:00 to 5:00 pm. The Area Committee chose the following dates: Thursday, September 10th from 7:00 to 9:00 pm; Saturday, October 17th from 2:00 to 4:00 pm; no Area meeting will be held in November because the Assembly will occur; and Thursday, December 3rd from 7:00 to 9:00 pm.

AA Liaison Report:

She was not present.

Action Item:

Interim Assembly Planning:

The committee read page 118 in the Service Manual on Area Assemblies and page 150 on Interim Assemblies.

Discussion ensued regarding what the Area had done at Assemblies in the past. Points were as follows: the Assembly lasts 6 hours; some areas meet for 2 days, or a weekend; 2 hours will be spent for the Delegate's Report, since she will be returning from the WSC; 1 hour is dedicated for lunch; roll call, opening, steps, traditions, concepts, approval of minutes and Treasurer's Report will take another hour, leaving 2 hours for activities; GR orientation may be necessary for new Grs; Liz Coordinator Reports have not been given at Assembly yet; the last Assembly was an Election Assembly and GRs didn't get much input; Coordinator Reports can be given in the fall since delegate will not be reporting; Coordinator Reports will be better in the fall since the coordinators can have some time to get their feet wet; Sponsorship workshop question; the Past Delegate has done a workshop on it at another group; groups can invite her to do a meeting on it.

Further Assembly planning will be done at the next Area Meeting.

AA Liaison Report:

An Al-Anon member gave a briefing on the SEMRU (South Eastern Massachusetts Round Up). The SEMRU will be further discussed at the next Area Meeting when the AA Liaison is present, along with the other upcoming AA events.

Motion was made and seconded to adjourn.

Meeting was adjourned at 9:10 pm and closed with the Serenity Prayer.

Respectfully submitted,
Liz P., Area 49 Secretary