

RI Al-Anon Family Groups (RI AFG)
World Service Committee (AWSC) Meeting

Location: Area Office, 106 Rolfe St., Cranston, RI

Date: April 11, 2015

Time: 10am–12pm

ATTENDEES

Ann-Marie C, AA Liaison; Barbara H, Literature Coordinator; David G, Area Chair; Dean H, Website Coordinator; Deb E, Area Secretary; Denise C, Group Records Coordinator; Heather M, Public Outreach Coordinator; Monique C, District 2 Representative; Phyllis H, Area Delegate; Steve C, Email Coordinator; Tami K, Area Treasurer

OPENING

- Moment of silence, Serenity Prayer, read Traditions and Concepts
- Motion to accept the February 28, 2015 minutes (as amended)—seconded and passed

AWSC-RELATED DISCUSSIONS

- Upcoming Events
 - Delegate (Phyllis) to Conference April 19-23—will give a report at the June Area Assembly
 - Area Assembly June 6, 2015 (District 1)—Agenda set
 - Planning—Ann-Marie will secure a place for the Assembly and solicit volunteers for set-up
 - Sessions—Barbara M, session for GRs; Heather, session on Public Outreach; David/Tami, session on group/Area support
 - Information for groups—Barbara H to create information packets; needs all materials by April 30th; Denise C to create the flier
- Old Business
 - Discussion of continuing transition/acclimation of new officers and coordinators
 - Discussion of possible Area Inventory AWSC meeting—tabled
 - E-Mail addresses for Officers/Coordinators (Dean)—Dean and Denise C will coordinate to get the new e-mail accounts distributed, posted to website, and transitioned on the RI e-mail discussion lists and e-communities
 - AA Convention with Al-Anon Participation 3/20-3/22 (Ann-Marie/Barbara H)—Al-Anon was well received at the Conference; recommendation that the next time the AA Liaison position transitions, that the former Liaison attend, at least on Saturday, to support the new Liaison

REPORTS

- Treasurer's report (Tami K)—see attached reports; plans to start e-mailing receipts to groups that send in donations
- Secretary's report (Deb)—January 2015 AWSC minutes are up on the web site; printed copies of the minutes will be kept in a binder at the office
- See end of document for attached reports: Delegate, Public Outreach, Alateen, Literature Coordinator, Group Records, Email

OTHER AWSC-RELATED ITEMS AND NEW BUSINESS

- Discussion and approval of AWSC Email List Document—approved
- Discussion and approval of Assembly Guidelines Changes—AWSC-approved; will be sent to GRs for discussion and approval at the June Assembly

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AGENDA ADDITIONS FOR NEXT MEETING

Submit any additional agenda item suggestions to David G.

- Area Fall Workshop

CLOSING

- Date of next AWSC meeting—early August; date and time TBD
- Motion to adjourn
- Closed with Serenity Prayer and Al-Anon Declaration

*Respectfully submitted,
Deb E. Area Secretary*

See following pages for Area Officers'/Coordinators' written reports.

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Treasurer's Report

- I would like to introduce a standard Expense & Mileage Report form for all of us to use when we need to submit expenses/mileage to be reimbursed by the Area. I have attached a sample copy of it to this report for all of you to review and would like to discuss it during the meeting this Saturday.
- Attached is the Donations Report which is updated through March 31, 2015.
- David and I were able to open a new checking account for the Area at Washington Trust. I hope to have the remaining funds from the old Santander checking account from Nancy S. by this Saturday so that I can add them to our new checking account.

In Service,
Tami K
Area Treasurer

Delegate's Report

Here is my report of activities since the last AWSC:

- Attended NERD Conference in Cromwell, CT.
- Represented RI in AAPP recertification training conference call.
- Worked with David on revisions to the Assembly Guidelines.
- Worked with David and Barbara M. on RIAFG Service List procedures document.
- Shared WSO Annual Report, 2015 Preliminary Budget, and 2014 Audit Report with AWSC for questions/feedback. Shared questions/feedback with WSO.
- Presented "Sharing Area Highlights" at NERD.
- Assigned to the WSO Technology and Anonymity Task Force.
- Provided David and Tami with WSO group record reports.

LIS,
Phyllis H.
Delegate

Public Outreach Report

My report for Public Outreach is as follows.

1. I have been trying to get the word out to meetings and/or their treasurers that if each group donates 20/month that would just about cover the area yearly expenses. In conjunction with this I've been spreading the word about anniversary meetings, need for Al-a-teen sponsors & open service positions.
2. I am helping get a woman get literature for a multi-faith healing workshop. She, an Al-Anon member, will present our program to a round table discussion.
3. Working towards a presentation for our area meeting. Still need approval but want to be ready.

Heather

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Alateen Report

We have four or five new sponsors in the process of getting certified, and hope to move them into new meetings within the next few months. This should drastically increase the number of kids that we are able to serve.

As usual, we are always looking for new sponsors and I have a long list of school guidance counselors who would like new meetings in their schools.

We have had two sponsor meetings so far this year. The next meeting is not yet scheduled but will most likely be towards the beginning of May.

I spoke with Dean about the idea of setting up an Alateen specific website and he was amenable, so I'm proceeding with this and will bring it to the whole Alateen sponsor group to vote on at the next meeting.

Lisa is working very diligently on all of the WSO processing tasks and seems to be making good progress.

*Thanks,
Megan*

Literature Report

AA Convention - I would like to thank everyone who gave of themselves to make this event a success. We sold \$565.50 in literature and a good amount of brochures were given out. Two books (Reaching for Personal Freedom) "got lost" from the Al-Anon meeting room. Overall the event went well and Al-Anon was well received.

Description	Income	Expense
Opening Balance (3/1/15)	858.90	
March Deposits - Literature sales (Office)	420.42	
AA Convention Literature sales	565.50	
Area reimbursement for postage	\$10.00	
Literature Purchases (3/3/15)		-778.47
Literature Purchases (3/24/15)		-639.93
Bridge Tolls \$4 each way		-8.00
Expenses – postage, supplies, etc.		-29.17
Ending balance (3/31/15)	\$399.25	

*LIS
Barb H.*

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Group Records Report

Group changes made since last meeting, February 28, 2015:

- District 1
 - 502037/Serenity on the Hill/North Smithfield
 - New GR Jane A
 - New CMA Jane A
 - 12463/Friday Night Serenity/Providence
 - New CMA Marcia D
- District 2
 - 46984/South County Step/Wakefield
 - New CMA Heather M
 - 30626885/Serenity At Sunrise/Warwick
 - New CMA Mary O
 - 64936/Westerly AFG/Westerly
 - New GR Heather B
- District 3
 - 12434/Sunday Night Step Meeting/Bristol
 - Group closed/inactive status as of 3/23/15

Respectfully submitted,
Denise Carlucci
Group Records Coordinator

E-mail Coordinator's Report

Barring a lapse in attending to my duties as e-mail coordinator for a few months from late fall to late winter of this year, I have checked into the e-mail account regularly, almost daily, and answered the e-mails that come to our address. There are anywhere from 5 to 25 e-mails per month with perhaps a third of those being junk mail that I delete. Most of them are requests for meetings. I refer the writer to our website. Occasionally, there is a cry for help, someone with an alcoholic situation that doesn't have any idea what to do. I share my ESH most times and gently encourage the writer to check out the website for meeting information and to learn more about the disease. There are also e-mails asking about Alateen that I refer to the Alateen Coordinator. I have had requests for a phone call from someone in need. I call promptly and share my ESH and encourage meeting attendance and try to instill hope.

Beyond what I have written, I can answer any questions the committee may have on Saturday and meet the members I don't know. I am looking forward to seeing all of you.

In service,
Steve C.
E-mail coordinator