

RHODE ISLAND AL-ANON AREA 49
MEETING MINUTES
SUMMARY
January 7, 2010

Meeting called to order at 7:01 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

Read the Preface of the Service Manual, page 9 and pages 29-30 (History: Al-Anon and Alateen)

Introductions:

Area Chair; Area Secretary; Alateen Coordinator; District 5 Rep/Group Records Coordinator; acting Office Manager; Past Area Delegate/Policy Committee Chair; Cranston Warwick Day GR/Alt. District 4 Rep; Area Treasurer/Alateen Process Person; Area AA Liaison/North Providence Step GR; Webmaster, Step Up to Serenity GR, Friday Night Butler GR; District 4 Rep arrived at 8:20 pm.

Secretary's Report:

A motion was made to accept the minutes from December 3, 2009. Motion was passed with 6 in favor and 2 abstentions.

Area minutes summaries will start again in January for the Area website.

Treasurer's Report:

December donations totaled \$531. There were no Alateen donations. There were no monies received from literature. The Area spent \$574.14 in December, with year to date expenditures totaling \$9,597.87. Year to date donations (from Alateen, groups, workshop and literature) totaled \$13,055.04. The Public Outreach portion is \$543.45 and Alateen is \$3,545.64. There was discussion about the interest on the account and who is obligated to claim it on their taxes. The Area has a Federal ID# and holds a not for profit status. Treasurer will check to see to whom the interest gets credited.

The Treasurer composed an Area donation appeal letter and will send it via email for the AWSC to consider.

Chairman's Report:

The open Area positions are: Office Manager, Lifelines Coordinator, Archives Coordinator and Alternate Delegate. There were no volunteers.

The Chair contacted the WSO about the Area's open Delegate position and summarized the information as follows. It appears that the GRs chose not to elect a Delegate at Assembly, therefore the WSC cannot seat a delegate for RI at this time. Options are given on page 140 of the Service Manual however Area 49 does not fall into that category because the alt delegate didn't resign. Other options are as follows:

1. The Area can have another special assembly;
2. The Area Chair can appoint someone as an Alternate Delegate to go to conference, as shown on page 140, bullet number 7;
3. The Area can leave the position of Delegate open until the next Assembly and try to elect again, therefore the Area will not have a Delegate attend the WSC in April.
4. The AWSC can have a special discussion and suggest someone to appoint.
5. The AWSC can come up with eligibility requirements and voting procedure guidelines for the Area, devoting an AWSC meeting to putting together those guidelines. After the guidelines are developed, they can be presented to Assembly for approval.

After discussion, the Chair indicated that she will ask the eligible members who are DRs and Area officers if they are willing to stand for Alternate Delegate. There were no objections. There was discussion regarding eligible members. The AWSC read from Service Manual and will talk about developing eligibility guidelines at another AWSC meeting.

2010 AWSC Meeting Schedule:

The AWSC discussed the 2010 meeting schedule. The proposal for AWSC meeting months was January, March, April, May, July, September, October and December. The preferred day of the week from the poll was Thursday. Meetings do not include February (Area inventory), June and November (Area Assemblies).

Motion was made by that the 2010 AWSC meeting dates be the 2nd Thursday of the months discussed. Motion was passed with 6 in favor, 2 opposed.

AWSC Inventory:

The Area Inventory Meeting location and date was decided in December 09. The time of the meeting was discussed. A motion was made to hold the Area Inventory meeting on Saturday the 13th at 11:00 am to 2:00 pm and include brunch. The motion was passed unanimously.

Inventory forms were collected and given to the acting Office Manager to put into a sealed envelope. Members that had not filled out forms will send them directly to the moderator.

A moderator had not been selected. There was discussion about who to have as a moderator that can be impartial. A motion was made that the Area Chair reaches out to Massachusetts and/or Connecticut to find a facilitator/moderator that has no connection with anyone on this committee. Motion was carried with 6 in favor, 1 opposed and 1 abstention.

Announcements:

The Area AA Liaison reported that she attended the AA Convention Committee meeting. Margot will be the Al-Anon speaker. A committee is needed to organize the event. Announcements regarding the convention will be forwarded to the Webmaster. The annual AA Newport Convention is now sold out.

The Thursday Al-Anon meeting at Cranston Congregational Church on Broad Street at 7:00 pm was investigated and needs help.

The Webmaster was asked if any DRs had submitted District meeting dates and times to be posted on the website as suggested in the December Area minutes. The Webmaster indicated that none were submitted.

Date of Next Meeting:

AWSC Inventory Meeting, Saturday, February 13, 2010 from 11:00 am – 2:00 pm

A motion was made to adjourn. Motion was carried unanimously.

Meeting was adjourned at 9:20 pm and closed with the Serenity Prayer and Al-Anon Declaration.

Respectfully submitted,

Liz P., Area 49 Secretary