

Rhode Island Al-Anon Family Groups (RI AFG)

Minutes

FALL ASSEMBLY ~ December 7, 2013

LOCATION: Butler Hospital, Ray Conference Center, 345 Blackstone Boulevard, Providence, Rhode Island 02906

Barbara M., the Area Chair, opened the Assembly with a moment of silence followed by the serenity prayer. Joy C. read the Preamble to the Twelve Steps and the Twelve Steps. Terrie L. read the Twelve Traditions and Melissa P. read the Twelve Concepts and the General Warranties.

Denise C., the Group Records Coordinator did the roll call. There were 15 GRs present:

Maryanne N. – Change What You Can AFG
Martha B. – Hope Step AFG
Ashley B. – How You Get Serenity (Anna S. was alternate at meeting)
Denise C. – Keep It Simple AFG
Ann-Marie C. – Let Go and Let God AFG
Sandra C. – group name ???
Denise A. Step Up To Serenity Tuesday Night AFG
Terrie L. – Forever Hope AFG
Debra E. – Cranston Warwick Daytime AFG
Helen S. – Step Up To Serenity AFG
Melissa P. – Step Up To The Summit AFG
Sheila B. – AFG 12 Steps Traditions And Concepts Study Group
Sandra M. – Hope For Today AFG
Joy C. – How AFG Works
Meg D. – Live And Let Live AFG

After briefly going over housekeeping/facilities information, the June 2013 Assembly minutes were reviewed and a motion was made by Melissa P. and seconded by Anne Marie C. to accept the minutes as amended. The motion was approved (13 yes, 0 no, 0 abstentions).

Another GR (name/group???) arrived giving a total of 14.

After brief discussion, a motion was made by Terrie L. and seconded by Melissa P. to have the next Assembly on Saturday, May 31, 2014. The motion was approved (12 yes, 0 no, 1 abstention, and 1 person out of the room).

Barbara M. announced that Linda S. had resigned as Lifeline Editor due to health issues and passed a card around for people to sign. She announced the vacant positions: Area Secretary, Office Coordinator, Archives Coordinator, Lifelines Editor, Public Outreach Coordinator, and 2014 Fall Workshop Committee Chair.

Barbara M. discussed AWSC accomplishments in 2013 and presented the Delegate's report on his behalf since he couldn't attend. Brief reports were given by the Literature Coordinator (Deb E.), AA Liaison (Barbara H.), Forum Coordinator (Denise A.), and the Website Coordinator (Dean H.).

There were two breakout sessions which everyone had an opportunity to attend:

- Area Structure Changes – staggering the terms of the Area Officers and Coordinators (Phyllis H.)
- Detailed review of the Area budget (Nancy B.)

After the breakout sessions, there was a lunch break, during which the District Representatives convened District meetings.

Nancy B. and Phyllis H. gave brief recaps of the breakout session discussions.

Brief reports were given by the Treasurer (Nancy B.) and the Alateen Coordinator (Rose B.).

Karen M. presented the proposed Financial Policy. There was a motion by Sandy and a second by Denny to approve the Financial Policy. The motion was approved (13 yes, 0 no, 0 abstentions).

A motion was made by Deb E. and seconded by Meg D. to approve the Financial Budget as presented by the Areas Treasurer, Nancy B. The motion was passed (12 yes, 0 no, 1 abstention).

A motion was made by Sandy and seconded by Denise to stagger the terms of the AWSC officers. Coordinators and DRs. Approximately 1/3 will change each year. The AWSC will be empowered to develop and implement the plan. The motion was approved (11 yes, 1 not, 1 abstention).

Barbara M. asked if anyone was interested in filling one of the vacant positions. Maryanne N. volunteered to be the Office Manager. The vote to approve Maryanne was 10 yes, 0 no, and 1 abstention.

A motion was made by Denise and seconded by ?? to permanently approve the redistricting. The motion was passed (12 yes, 1 no, 0 abstentions).

Barbara M. and Nancy B. presented an annual appeal letter template for the GRs to review and asked for suggestions about how to distribute it to the groups. Nancy B. volunteered to prepare a cover letter with instructions to go with the appeal letter.

The floor was then opened up for GR questions and comments.

District 3 will host the next Area Assembly. The meeting location will be announced at a later time.

A motion was made by Barbara H. and seconded by Meg D. to adjourn.

Barbara M. led the group in the closing prayer and the Al-Anon Declaration.