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AWSC Meeting

January 25, 2020

In Attendance: Phyllis H. Area Chair, Barbara H. Area Delegate, Tami K. Area Treasurer, Cindy B. Area Secretary, Ann H. Forum Coordinator, Jane A. Office Coordinator, Ann-Marie C. Literature Coordinator, Jackie G. AA Liaison, Charles W. District 2 Representative, Terry Past District 3 Representative, Lisa G. Group Records Coordinator, June Member.

Two addendums were made to the minutes for November 6, 2019 Meeting.

1. To fix the spelling on Tami's name
2. To add –Suggestion was made to raise registration fee for Assemblies

Motion was made to accept the minutes, motion was seconded and passed.

Treasurer's Report:

Tami presented an expense report that Area Members should be using for expense reimbursements.

2019 Total income \$10528.06. Our Prudent reserve was \$5344. We are on track and did not need to dip into that reserve. Our income was \$35 greater than 2018 and our expenses were \$125 less than 2018. Our new prudent reserve is \$5318. Our bank balance is \$5648.00.

Tami asked that everybody remind the groups to add group name to donations when they are sent in.

Old Business:

1. Assembly Guidelines Revision: Barbara went over revisions that she made since last meeting. Discussion around revisions. Phyllis would like to add staggered term chart to Assembly Guidelines, it was voted on and passed and will be added as an appendix to the guidelines. How often are revisions done—as needed, but have not been done since 2015.
2. PayPal: If we do this our income may will be reported to the IRS. This may raise issues of becoming incorporated, and/or becoming a registered non-profit. Do we want to do this? Phyllis will ask WSO for more information. This topic will be on hold until more information can be gathered. Ann-Marie suggested using the Cube. Discussion around this idea. Security of the Website was also discussed.
3. AWSC Schedule: Meeting Schedule finalized.
4. Alateen Website: Kim and Ashley not present, this will be a continued discussion.

New Business:

1. Assembly Draft Minutes: Minutes were discussed, Cindy will fix error of Spring Assembly to Fall Assembly and the minutes will be brought to Spring Assembly to be voted on.

2. Spring Assembly update: Terri will have the flyer soon and will share with the area. Terri said that planning is in place and the Assembly location is secured. Phyllis suggested a contest between districts to bring more members to the Assembly, and a prize given to the winning district-to be included on the flyer. Discussion around increasing registration fee to \$10. Consensus taken, fee will be raised.
3. AA Convention Update: Jackie updated the flyer. She is looking for members to lead meetings. Registration is going well. Jackie went over program, Al-Anon is included in the program this year. There is no Alateen participation this year.
4. Office Volunteers: Phyllis said volunteers are desperately needed for the office. We currently only have two. Discussion around attaining volunteers. Suggestions taken from all members.
5. 2020 AWSC Goals: AFA is stocked at the office for groups to buy and take for their groups to distribute. Phyllis made a flyer about AFA for groups. Tri-Town Community Action is looking for volunteers from our program to speak with students (Speak a couple times to a classroom per year) Ann-Marie suggested we send AFA to them. Jane Suggested making Alateen a top priority. Ann recommended mailing literature to people who call in looking for meeting information. Ann also recommended setting up booth at events, like Wellness days. Barbara reminded everybody that Alateens can also go to regular AlAnon meetings. Phyllis asked "How do we get membership involved in Public Outreach?" Phyllis also stated that support was needed for the Saturday Noon Time Meeting Keep It Simple Saturday at Ray Hall, Butler. Phyllis asked for volunteers to attend a couple of meeting, a couple of members volunteered to go and bring back their feedback.

Reports:

1. Lorie's Email Coordinator report, she answered 20 plus messages of people looking for information.
2. Elaine, Lifelines Editor, 142 are subscribed. Asked that we all let members know that she needs sharing's to print in the newsletter.
3. Joel, Archives Coordinator asked "What do we want in our Archives?" "Do we want RI and WSO information?" He asked for people to think about this for the next meeting. He took a box home to start organizing items.
4. Ann-Marie, Literature Coordinator, how do people feel about using the square for literature purchases? There is a fee, it would come out of literature budget.
5. Barbara, Delegate, Barbara reminded everyone about Love Gifts. She will share the information about where at the convention to send them.
6. Ann, Forum Coordinator, Ann suggested giving expired Forums to inmates in prison.

Next AWSC Meeting Wednesday March 4, 2020 7PM-9PM

Motion to adjourn, made, seconded and passed

Reports and other attachments are available at the office .