

Rhode Island Al-Anon Family Groups (RI AFG)
Area Meeting – November 12, 2016

Area Officer/Coordinator Attendees

Barbara H, Literature Coordinator; David G, Area Chair; Phyllis H., Delegate; Megan B., Alateen Coordinator; Jane A., Office Coordinator; Terry L., DR 3; Mike A., Website Coordinator (January 1, 2017); Dean H., Website Coordinator; Shawn J., DR 1; Heather M., Public Outreach Coordinator

Opening

Moment of silence followed by the Serenity Prayer; reading of the Traditions, Concepts, and Warranties; introductions.

Minutes

August 20, 2016 were presented.

Upon motion duly made and seconded, the August 20, 2016 minutes were approved.

AWSC Discussions

David thanked Dean, the outgoing Webmaster, for his service to the Area. Dean thanked the Area members for the opportunity to serve. David introduced Terry, Mike, and Jane as the newly elected Area Officers/Coordinators and welcomed them to the AWSC. He noted that we are all there for support and please feel free to reach out. David thanked Heather the outgoing Outreach Coordinator for her service. Heather gave a final report of the status of Public Outreach. Each new Officer/Coordinator received their Service Manual.

Phyllis reviewed with the Committee information from the October 1 Assembly. As Pawtucket Memorial charged no rental fee, the Committee reviewed past Assembly practice, and

Upon motion duly made and seconded, it was approved to send a \$50 check and thank you card for use of the facility.

David reviewed with the Committee the purpose of our bi-annual Assemblies. Also reviewed were the staggered dates for service for our Officers/Coordinators.

Shawn reviewed with the Committee the Workshop Report. The total collected was \$1522.40 and expenses were underbudget but the final numbers were not available yet. There will be a debrief meeting on Tuesday, November 15. The Committee thanks the members of the Workshop Committee. Several general items about the Workshop were discussed, and this information will be forwarded for the debrief meeting.

Shawn reviewed with the Committee a draft of AWSC meeting dates for 2017 Area meetings, also containing dates of major Area activities. Discussion thereon. These proposed dates will be circulated and voted on at the next Area meeting.

David updated the Committee on the Finance Committee members as Denise C. will no longer be part of the Committee when her term as Group Records Coordinator ends on 12/31/16. Barbara H. has agreed to replace Denise on the committee. Therefore the 2017 Finance Committee will be composed of Phyllis, Tami, and Barbara H. The function of the Finance Committee was also reviewed.

David reviewed the vacant AWSC positions and the Committee discussed next steps. A copy of the Area Transition Guideline was also circulated for review.

The Committee discussed future possible Thought and Task Forces and discussed possible issues for consideration. Megan asked that there be a Task Force to review the BCI requirements for AMIASes. A member suggested the website meeting list could be reviewed as to content and wording. Dean suggested that the Website Coordinator position could be reviewed as to duties of that position, including recommendations that one person or group be the intermediary between group members and the Website Coordinator to eliminate confusion on changes and possibly create a Communication Thought Force.

After discussion and motion duly made and seconded, a Communication Collaboration Structure Thought Force was created. The scope of the thought force and questions to be looked at need to be determined. Shawn volunteered to chair the Thought Force.

Reports

David reviewed that the meeting list has been clarified concerning closed meetings and the definition thereof. David also presented the Treasurer's report submitted by Tami, and he will forward the report to the members.

Phyllis reviewed what she presented to the workshop for distribution. She also reviewed the October Chairperson of the Board letter. Contributions to WSO as of September 2016 were \$320,000 higher than last year.

Shawn reviewed the status of District 1. Terry had no update for District 3.

Megan reviewed the status of Alateen. She has been working on Alateen outreach and gave the Committee an update.

Jane reviewed the status of the Al-Anon office.

Barbara reviewed the status of the literature distribution center, and provided a written report in advance of the meeting.

Heather reviewed the status of public outreach.

Dean reviewed the status of the Website, and transition activities.

It was decided that **the next meeting would be January 14, 2017.**

CLOSING

Motion to adjourn, so carried.

The meeting closed with the Al-Anon Declaration.

Respectfully submitted,
Barb H.