

Rhode Island Al-Anon Family Groups (RIAFG)
AWSC Meeting Minute
March 3, 2018
106 Rolfe St., Cranston, RI 02910

Present:

Phyllis H., Area Chair; Barbara H., Area Delegate; Jackie G., AA Liaison; Charles W. District 2 Representative; Holly R. Workshop Chair; Shawn J., District 1 Representative; Elaine H., Lifelines Editor; Chris L., Group Records Coordinator; Terry L., District 3 Representative; Megan B.; Rosemarie

Call to Order 10 AM

Opening:

- Moment of silence followed by the Serenity Prayer
- Read: Traditions/ Concepts/ Warranties
- Introductions: Name, AWSC position, and home group
- Motion/Second/Voted to accept the minutes of the January 20, 2018 meeting

OLD BUSINESS:

- **Website Update** (Phyllis)
 - New website has been launched.
 - Charles noted that the Events Calendar wasn't framing properly on his mobile device.
 - Task Force has completed its work. Task Force dissolved.
- **Workshop Update** (Holly)
 - Date has been set as September 29 2018.
 - Ray Hall, Butler Hospital has been reserved.
 - Holly is looking for volunteers for the Workshop Committee.
 - Notification will go out in March *Lifelines*, was sent to DRs to share with GRs/CMAs, and will be sent to WSO for their Events Calendar.
 - Ideas for the Workshop: the 3 Priorities identified at last AWSC meeting: Stepping up to Service, Sponsorship, Keeping Newcomers.
- **Spring Assembly** (Shawn)
 - Waiting for confirmation from Park Place Church on our preferred date of June 9, 2018.

NEW BUSINESS:

- Announcements
 - Fellowship Event sponsored by District 1: Atomic Bowling. Flyer has gone out to DRs to share with their GRs/CMAs. The District will decide if they want to pass a basket for donations at the event and, if so, how the donations will be used.
 - Phyllis is talking with a potential Website Coordinator. There is a time conflict with the Saturday AWSC meetings. Some members present were in favor of working with the candidate on that while others don't think it is a good idea. Any change to the position responsibilities will require Assembly approval. Committee was asked to think about it.
 - AWSC members will receive free copies of the 2018-2021 Service Manual.
 - Google Voice was mentioned as a possible way to provide contact information on flyers, etc. that won't violate our principle of anonymity.

- Slack Demonstration and Training (Megan)
 - Brief introduction to Slack. It is a platform for talking with each other, either individually or groups.
 - Worked with everyone in attendance to get them set up on Slack and showed them how to use the various features.
 - Will be available to answer questions and to help Committee members not present to get set up on Slack.
 - Will ask Ashley to be the Alternate Administrator for our Slack site.
 - Phyllis will send Committee Megan's contact information and ask those not in attendance to contact Megan for training.

REPORTS:

Delegate

Barbara preparing to go to NERD. Has registered for Conference. Encourage people to go to the International Convention in Baltimore in July.

District 2 Representative:

Charles is asking groups to provide alternate group representatives.

District 3 Representative:

Terry provided a written report. They had a district meeting on March 1st. Seeing an increase in the number of groups with GRs. They have a couple of meetings that need support. Beginning planning for Fall Assembly which they will host. Looking at a date between October 13 and November 3, 2018.

AA Liaison

Jackie provided a written report. She also provided a copy of the AA Convention program. This year, the Al-Anon meetings are included in the program. She still needs people to sign up to lead some of the meetings.

Group Records Coordinator

Chris is up-to-date on entering group information in the WSO Online Group Records website. She registered 2 new groups.

Lifelines Editor

Elaine has been promoting participation from members. Phyllis suggested that Elaine allow more lead-time between the deadline for submission of articles for *Lifelines* and when she distributes the new editions.

Workshop Committee Chair

Holly provided a written report. She has confirmed the date and location for the Fall Workshop and is looking for committee members.

Motion to adjourn

Respectfully Submitted,
Rosemary (Al-Anon member) and Phyllis H.

Reports and other attachments are available at the office.