

AWSC MINUTES AUGUST 23, 2014: 11am-2p

Attendance: Barbara M., Area Chair; Barbara H., AA Liaison; Deb E., Literature Coordinator; Denise C., Group Records; Maryanne N., Office Coordinator; Nancy S., Treasurer; David G., Delegate; Denise A., Forum Coordinator; Deb W., member.

Opening: Barbara M. opened the meeting with the Serenity Prayer, 12 Steps, 12 Traditions, Concepts, and then Committee member introductions.

Minutes: Minutes of 5/17/14 approved.

AWSC Related Discussions:

--Assembly Feedback Summary Form dated 5/31/14 distributed, reviewed, and discussion thereon.

--Visiting Groups Project. David and Denise reported on the groups they had visited, and new written material from Dean reviewed. Current participants in project are David, Dean, Denise C., Denise A., and Barbara H. Group met after meeting to discuss each team hoping to visit two groups before next meeting.

-- Workshop is Nov. 1, 2014 @ Ray Hall on Butler Campus. Denise C, and Barbara H., agreed to co-chair the event.

-- Denise C. presented the Guideline she had been requested to prepare addressing Area procedures for opening, changing, or closing a group. Copies were distributed to all, and after review and discussion thereon, the Guideline dated 8/23/14, and entitled *Rhode Island/Area 49 Procedures for Starting, Changing, and Closing a Group* was approved. The Webmaster is requested to have this placed on website.

Reports:

--DR for District 2 information that a Cranston group has questions about CMA. Discussion that more information needed, and DR can pass on group ID to Dean and David who can try to visit as part of Area Outreach Project.

-- Area Chair led discussion on Dec. 6 Assembly. Still need a location. David G. was requested to contact WSO and ask for Trustee to attend and hopefully present on finance/budget issues. The Area has a tradition of asking a Trustee to appear every 3rd year at the election/budget Assembly. Discussion ensued that there would be two breakout sessions, to wit: (1) budget matters; (2) brainstorming session to develop new ideas for how to get members to submit sharings for the new daily reader.

--Treasurer's Report. Current budget information and Expense Report through July 2014 distributed to all. Discussion thereon. Roughly a \$100 shortfall per month from what we would like to see. Separate Reserve item now shown on the face of budget sheet.

--Literature Coordinator Report. Written report of 8/20 reviewed. In addition, Deb agrees to send out to Area Service positions the form she uses to track her job duties which she will pass onto her successor. Discussion that officers/coordinators will act as mentors for up to six months for their successor.

--Office Coordinators Report. Written report of 8/21 reviewed and discussed. Agreement at this time that non Al-Anon groups are not permitted to meet in our AIS office. Little Compton meeting not on Meeting List. Denise C. agrees to follow-up with the meeting, and will notify Webmaster as appropriate. Issue of safety of office and money security discussed, and it was agreed office coordinator/treasurer/literature coordinator could make decisions in consultation with each other as to how to handle including purchase of lock box if that was deemed appropriate. Office Coordinator would like petty cash up to \$50 available for supplies, and matter referred to Finance Committee who will provide recommendations thereon at next Area meeting. The Area was contacted by Rally4Recovery to participate this year, and David volunteered to handle this on behalf of Area.

Other AWSC Related Matters:

The proposed additional sentences for the Area Chair and Delegate Service Positions were reviewed and discussed. After discussion, a Motion to accept the sentences was made and approved, and thus the RI (Area 49) Service Positions approved Nov. 16, 2013 now stands as amended August 23, 2014. The Webmaster will be asked to have the Area Service Positions posted on web site.

Next Meeting:

September 27, 2014 @ 10am at Rolfe Street Office.

Respectfully Submitted by,

David G. Delegate

Minutes Approved: September 27, 2014