

## **Minutes of the RIAFG Area World Service Committee Held on February 23, 2023 via Zoom**

### **I. Opening:**

- A. The meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM by our Area Delegate. Members in attendance were Cindy, Barbara, Terry, Beth, Christine, Wendy, Beatrice and Elaine. The meeting started with The Serenity Prayer followed by introductions.
- B. The minutes of the January 19, 2023 meeting were accepted as submitted with a couple of spelling corrections.

### **II. Old Business:**

- A. Internet discussion: The committee decided to go ahead with the internet installation at our Cranston office. Currently, we pay \$69 for our phone service. Adding internet to this will change the total to \$163 per month. This calculates to \$1956.00 per year. The area will receive a one time \$300.00 Visa Card as an incentive to make this change. The office coordinator will be available for this installation.
- B. Laptop discussion: The laptop is now ready to try in the office. The main concern is whether this will be useful for the AWSC to hold meetings simultaneously in person and via Zoom.
- C. Electronic groups: There are now two electronic groups that have requested to be a part of RIAFG. These groups went into the Districts that they were a part of pre-COVID.
- D. Open Service Positions: Our Area Delegate composed a letter regarding the serious need for members to step up to fill the open area positions. This letter is available through our website as well as it will be mailed out to all CMA's and GR's in the area. Our Delegate also reached out to WSO regarding the procedure for an Area to disband and for the groups to request to join another state. Apparently, the WSO needed to create a process for this. When they answered the inquiry, the process is both complex and time consuming. There remains the question of what happens to RIAFG meetings if no one is left to manage this. Discussion regarding the Spring Assembly evolved to inviting all members to the Assembly and that there be emphasis on the critical need for the open Area service positions to be filled. The next Area meeting will be devoted to our service crisis and the assembly.

### **II. New Business:**

- A. Treasurer's update: The treasurer reviewed this year's budget. Right now, there is a shortfall of about \$1000.00. A financial appeal letter will be composed mirroring a previous letter that went out pre-COVID.
- B. WSC Love Gifts: The WSC conference begins on April 19, 2023. In the past Love gifts from AI-Anon members were shipped ahead of time to the conference. For this conference, delegates will bring them. Because they will be packed in the delegates' luggage, these gifts will need to be small. It would be nice to have about 100 of these as that is the number of delegates at the conference.

**III. Closing:** The meeting was adjourned at 8:30 PM followed by the AI-Anon Declaration.

**IV.** Next Scheduled AWSC meeting: March 30 at 7:00 PM