

## **Minutes RIAFG AWSC September 15, 2025**

\*Meeting started at 6:30 pm. This was a hybrid meeting

\* A Moment of Silence was observed followed by the Serenity Prayer

\*Concept 9 was read aloud

\*Attendees: Chris E Chair; Barb W DR1; Nieta; Anna Secretary; Beth P DR 3; Elaine H;

Linda Marie Website Coordinator; Jackie W Literature Coordinator; Kim C Forum

Coordinator; Judy R Workshop Co- Coordinator; Holly R Email coordinator; Ellie C &

Carol F Observers; Phyllis H Interim Treasurer; Maggie W Record Keeper; Lucianna F-C

Alateen Coordinator; Terry L Observer; Dean H AA Liaison

\*Minutes: Acceptance of July 5<sup>th</sup> meeting was accepted with amendments

### **OLD BUSINESS:**

#### **1. FALL ASSEMBLY UPDATE**

District 1 is hosting. Venue is Anchor Recovery at 310 Reservoir Ave. Providence RI. It is handicapped accessible and parking is available. Flyer will be posted online. Packets will be sent to GRs.

Bring your own lunch. A kitchen is available. There will be potluck snacks, bagels etc. Water will be supplied by District 1. The rent is \$75. Maggie will be at the registration table. As before the fee for registration is \$5 per group. Jackie will have a table for literature and order forms. GRs are encouraged to advise their groups to order ahead of time to expedite pickup.

#### **2. WORKSHOP UPDATE**

St. Luke's has been confirmed. The program has been posted online. Most of the keynote Al-Anon and AA speakers are confirmed. Since Alateen has not had a meeting it was suggested that a former Alateen member now in AA or Al-Anon might step forward. The flyer with the program and other details is posted online and GRs are urged to share with their groups. Judy reported a good sign up response.

### **NEW BUSINESS:**

#### **1 (a) FINANCIAL**

Phyllis reported that expenses are up. The prudent reserve for 2025 is \$3,746 and we currently \$852.88 below that amount. Although there is only \$50 for District 1's Assembly this year as per the 2025 budget, authorize \$75 to pay the rent. Suggestions for decreasing expenses included using the area office account which is already included in the rent. Thank you letters to CMAs and GRs could be done by email not snail mail. The telephone in the area office is \$71 monthly. The Financial Task Force (an amalgamation of 2 committees) will be meeting September 17 to work on decreasing expenditures and increasing income. Phyllis will use their recommendations to prepare the 2026 budget. A motion to run an annual appeal letter later in year was carried unanimously.

(b) We now have our own ZOOM account. There is only one host key. The host has the power to do the security part. The cost is \$150 annually. Other groups have approached us to use our ZOOM. We have used it ourselves for the Workshop and Alateen training in addition to our AWSC meetings but there is unused space. For every session one must allocate 15 minutes before and 15 minutes after. Discussion centered around both security and rental fees. Nieta says MA does this and suggests checking with them about their experience. The general consensus was that the IT position should be filled first before making the decisions about sharing or renting space. This agenda item will be further discussed at the Assembly meeting in November.

(c) We have an operating checking account at Citizens Bank for which Chris and Phyllis are co-signers. There is an ability to take in money directly to the account. Donations may be done by email or as a free service through Zelle, A letter of explanation will be composed and distributed by Chris.

(d) In Addition to making donations by mail, groups and individual members can make donations directly from their bank to ours as a free service through Zelle. A letter of explanation will be composed and distributed by Chris.

2. **MEETING LISTS** – RIAFG.org has an improved meeting list. There are symbols on top of the page to provide information as to type of meeting. When clicking over website on list the directions to the meeting are made available.

3. **LIFELINE POSITION** – Carol F has volunteered to be the Lifeline Coordinator. This position has 2 years remaining so Carol does not need to be voted on. Can continue until December 2008. Interim vote carried. Chris suggested Carol sign up for WSO Connect.

4. **ALATEEN** – Lucianna reported that a virtual Zoom for training was held today at 5:00 pm and had 4 people in attendance. After a significant time gap a first RI Alateen meeting will be held at YANA in early October.
5. **CLOSED CAPTION** icon was noted on the screen. This information is neither transcribed nor recorded.

The meeting closed at 8:09 pm following the AI-Anon Declaration.

Respectfully submitted

In Service - Anna P - Secretary