

Rhode Island Al-Anon Family Groups (RI AFG)
Spring Assembly – April 30, 2016
Wakefield Baptist Church
Hosted by District 2

Voting Members (Groups Representatives and Proxies)

Denise, C; Darlene Y; Kathi B; Leila G; Dean H; Kate M; Tami K; Barbara H; Susan H; Lorie G; Jane A; Linda D; Linda W; Charles W; Heather M; Joe M; Tracey B; Joy C; Sandra M; Alicia M; Terry L; Dan F.

Area Officer/Coordinator Attendees

Barbara H, Literature Coordinator; David G, Area Chair; Dean H, Website Coordinator; Denise A, Forum Coordinator; Denise C, Group Records Coordinator; Dennis S, Email Coordinator; Heather M, Public Outreach Coordinator; Joy C, AAPP; Phyllis H, Area Delegate; Shawn J, Office Coordinator; Tami K, Area Treasurer; Tracey B., District 3 Representative; Kate M, District 2 Representative

Opening

Moment of silence followed by the Serenity Prayer; reading of the Traditions, Concepts, and Warranties; roll call/introductions. Heather reviewed the housekeeping issues and thanked those who were able to assist her.

Minutes

Upon motion duly made and seconded, the minutes of the December 5, 2015 Assembly were approved.

Open Service Positions

David reviewed the open service positions that will be voted on in the afternoon session.

Service is Fun (Service Manual Quiz)

Phyllis H began the “Service Manual Quiz” game. There were 18 questions and the answers could be found in the Service Manual. Table 4 from District 1 with assistance from District 2 won the game. Love gifts from the World Service Conference were given as prizes to the members finding the correct answers.

Delegates Report

David G. introduced Phyllis and asked her to give her report. Phyllis then presented her report, via a PowerPoint presentation. See the attached full text of her report.

The GRs in attendance voted to submit a request form to host the 2017 Meet the Board event.

David urged the GRs and proxies to take the information back to their groups. He explained that her reports and updates are available on the website “Delegates Corner”. He then reviewed the questions received in the “Ask it Basket.

Services is Fun (Al-Anon Skit)

Area Officers presented their skit emphasizing the importance of groups supporting the Area both financially and by participating in service.

Public Outreach

Heather M., Public Outreach Coordinator, talked about public outreach and presented her public outreach kits. She provided containers, stickers, and public outreach materials for the Group Representatives to take back to the groups for public outreach opportunities.

Area Structure

David reviewed with the Assembly members the service structure. He reviewed what Al-Anon and Dunkin Donuts have in common. You can get coffee, flavor, refreshing and what do you need to put that all together – a container. In Al-Anon you have a lot of good stuff, what you need is a container for it all. Organizationally you begin with Groups, in the Groups you have Officers, i.e. Group Representatives; then you have the Districts which are headed by the District Representatives; next you have the Area and the AWSC officers and coordinators; finally you have the World Services Office and World Service Conference.

District Representatives - Brief Reports

Shawn, District 1 Alternate DR. She reviewed the highlights from the District meeting. Challenge in District 1 is that they have 2 Spanish groups but the DR and Alternate DR do not speak Spanish. The first meeting went well and they are going to be hosting the next Assembly.

Kate, District 2 DR. She shared that she is grateful to the Assembly Planning Committee, please notice the center pieces. There is a flag for Concept 4. She reviewed with the members Concept 4 and how everyone here today has been doing their part.

Tracy, District 3 DR. She wanted to thank everyone, she admitted that this has been a challenge for her. She has been to some meetings in her district. Being here today has given her the opportunity to meet with some of the GRs from District 3 and hear from them.

The Districts had a challenge to see which District could get the most members to attend the Assembly. David asked each District to count off. District 1 had 12 participants, District 2 had 12 participants, District 3 had 6. David and Phyllis will donate a pizza for each district at their next District meeting.

Denise C. and Denise A. conducted the raffle for two *Forums*, one *How Al-Anon Works*, and a basket donated by the There is Hope group from Tiverton.

Assembly Action Items

- 2016 Annual Appeal was presented; Q&A and discussion followed
- *Nominations and Elections for Open Service Positions:*
 - Lifelines Coordinator – Sam W.
 - Archives Coordinate – Kathi B.
- *The following positions remain vacant:*
 - Workshop Coordinator
 - Alternate Delegate
- Dean will continue as Website Coordinator until someone else steps up to take the position.

The next Assembly will be on October 1, 2016 and hosted by District 1; location to be determined.

CLOSING

Motion to adjourn, so carried.

The meeting closed with the Serenity Prayer and Al-Anon Declaration.

Respectfully submitted,

Barb H.