

Rhode Island AI-Anon Family Groups (RIAFG)
Fall Assembly – May 18, 2019
St. Luke's Episcopal Church, East Greenwich, RI
Hosted by District 2

Voting Members (GRs and Proxies):

District 1: Nel P., Robert S., Amy N., Katherine B., Esme H.

District 2: Jackie G., Cindy B., Sally K., Charles W., Rosemary H., Rita

District 3: Sandy, Joy C., Anna P., Terry L.

Non-voting Members:

Julia G., Nancy R., Mary P., Ann H., Joel B.

Area Officer/Coordinator Attendees:

Barbara H., Delegate; Phyllis H., Area Chair; Tami K., Treasurer; Charles W., DR2; Terry L., DR3; Jackie G., AA Liaison; Ashley B., Alateen Co-Coordinator; Elaine H., Lifelines Editor; Jane A., Office Coordinator; Esme H., Website Coordinator

Opening/Welcome

Moment of silence followed by the Serenity Prayer; reading of the Steps, Traditions, Concepts, and Warranties; roll call/introductions; Assembly etiquette; housekeeping/facilities information.

Area Business

Upon motion duly made and seconded, the minutes of October 20, 2018 were approved.

Fall, 2019 Assembly Update: This will be hosted by District 1, and tentative dates of October 19 or October 26 were selected as the preferred choices.

Tami K. gave the Treasurer's report. Tami and Phyllis H. (Area Chair) raised two issues for discussion.

1. The Area Annual Appeal will be held in June. A draft copy of the appeal letter was shared with the Assembly. The importance of the appeal was stressed. This sparked a discussion about the possibility of the Area accepting donations electronically. Esme H., our Website Coordinator, volunteered to research using PayPal to receive electronic donations via the Area website. A motion was made, seconded and approved "To have the Website Coordinator research and report back to the AWSC on receiving electronic donations via PayPal on our Area website."
2. The Annual Fall Workshop is an important fund raising event in addition to being a day of fellowship and personal recovery. Currently we do not have a Workshop Coordinator. If we do not get a coordinator, then we will not have a workshop this year which will result in a financial shortage for the Area.

Voting on Open Area Positions

The open Area Service positions were described and elections were held.

- The positions of Alternate Delegate, Secretary, and Public Outreach Coordinator remain unfilled.
- The position of Forum Coordinator was filled by Ann H.

- The position of Workshop Coordinator was filled by Cindy B., Julia G., and Mary P. (serving as co-coordinators)

Attracting Members to Service Task Force

The Task Force charter and history was reviewed by Phyllis and Cindy B. Due to minimal member participation over the past year, the Assembly was asked if they wanted to continue the Task Force and get new members involved or to dissolve the Task Force. A motion was made, seconded and approved "To dissolve the Attracting Members to Service Task Force."

Delegate's Report

Barbara H. reported on the 2019 World Service Conference. See attached for details.

Meeting Safety Guidelines Task Force

Terry L. presented the task force report. After a discussion, a motion was made, seconded, and approved "To accept the Meeting Safety Suggestions as presented as a resource for our groups and our website." The Task Force has completed it's work and is dissolved.

Do Not Refer Policy/Re-Refer Policy Task Force

Jackie G. presented the task force report. After discussion, a motion was made, seconded, and approved "To table for further exploration until WSO approves a policy we can reference."

Discussions/Motions from the Assembly Floor

The suggestion to create a Task Force to establish Guidelines for Thought and Task Forces was raised. After discussion, Charles W., District 2 DR, volunteered District 2 to discuss guidelines for Thought/Task Forces and to present the results to the Fall Assembly.

Closing.

Motion to adjourn was made, seconded, and approved. The meeting then closed with the Serenity Prayer and the Al-Anon Declaration.

Respectfully submitted,

Rosemary H./Phyllis H.