

MINUTES
RIAFG AWSC
Meeting
January 12,
2019

In attendance: Phyllis H., Area Chair; Barbara H., Area Delegate; Dennis S.; Jackie G., AA Liaison; Elaine H., Lifelines Editor; Tami K., Treasurer; Charles W., District 2 Representative; Terry L. District 3 Representative

Motion to accept minutes of last meeting made, seconded, and passed.

**Treasurer's
Report**

1. Income/Expense Report through December 2018.
2. Discussion about Workshop expenses, its purpose as fellowship and recovery, and its function as a source of funds for the WSO Equalizer Fund to send the Delegate to the World Service Conference.
3. Questions were raised about each group's annual appeal and possible missing data
 - o Missing data may have resulted because group identification numbers were not included on contribution checks.

**Old
Business**

1. Updated Area meeting schedule was agreed upon and accepted. Phyllis will ask the Website Coordinator to post the Area meeting schedule on the website Events calendar.
2. AWSC Inventory – June 22 is the date of the AWSC Inventory. Dennis S. provided information on the targeted location, Church of the Transformation on Broad St. in Cranston, RI.
 - a. Barbara H. will ask several past delegates from surrounding areas to function as

Area inventory facilitator. b. Phyllis H. reported on her service as facilitator at the January 2019 New York South
AWSC
Inventory.

3. Suggestions to Relocate Area Office

a. Cons associated with Cranston office – limited parking and not handicap accessible. b. The Committee felt that they did their due diligence by listing the suggestion in the

December 2018 and the January 2019 Lifelines and asking for volunteers to research other locations. The Area did not receive any responses and will remain in the Cranston location.

4. AA Convention Badges

a. Jackie G. reported on three different button/pin making machines.

i. Economy button starter kit for \$187.95 ii. 2-1/4 Inch NEIL

Button Machine for \$280.00 iii.

Badge-A-Minit 2 1/4" for \$64.95

b. Buttons/pins will be made available at the AA Convention for AI-Anon members to

identify the person's affiliation with AI-Anon. Buttons can also serve as public relations tool. Area Delegate is considering making buttons to take to the WSC as RI Area love gifts. Members present agreed to purchase the median priced button machine.

5. AWSC Email Accounts

a. Committee members were reminded about updating the Recovery Email and Phone

Number assigned to their position-specific Gmail accounts. Instructions were provided.

6. Slack a. Members in attendance agreed that Slack has not been significantly useful. Phyllis will look into Google Docs as a possible alternative and check out Groups.io which NERD is using.

Task Force Updates

1. Service Task Force – Four people attended the December meeting. No report.
2. Do Not Refer/Re-refer Task Force
 - a. Toby reported that the task force has met face-to-face and by phone and email. At this point they have reviewed all the material available from WSO and other Areas. A draft policy for RI is being written and will be ready for presentation at the Spring Assembly.
3. Group Safety Issues – Terry reported that the task force will have their first meeting at the Rolfe Square location in February.

New Business

1. Workshop 2019 – need a chairperson. Spread word at groups. Elaine will prepare something to go in the February Lifelines seeking a Workshop Committee Chair and committee members.
2. ICYPPA – International Convention of Young People in AA:
 - a. The ICYPPA AI-Anon/Alateen Liaison contacted us seeking participants for the 61st Annual Conference in Boston, August 22-25. We agreed to post the flyer on the RIAFG website Events calendar.

Reports

1. Phyllis is working with a core group from District 1 to continue to share information until a District 1 Representative is in place.
2. Barbara H., Area Delegate, reported that she will be submitting suggestions for agenda items for WSC and that she is preparing highlights from the past RI Area year to share with the other delegates.
3. Charles W, District 2 Representative, reported that they are continuing to hold their district meetings in conjunction with group meetings to garner interest and engage community among groups. Their next meeting is on January 17. District 2 will host the Spring Assembly on Sat., May 18 at St. Luke's in East Greenwich.
4. Terry L., District 3 Representative, reported they met in November and will meet again on January 17. Meetings are positive and going

well.

5. Elaine H., Lifelines Editor, reported 113 subscriptions and that there were three member's share

articles in the January 2019
issue.

The next meeting will be Wednesday, Feb. 20 from 7 pm – 9 pm at the Rolfe Square office in Cranston.

Motion for Adjournment made, seconded, and passed.

**Reports and other attachments are available at
the office.**