

**Rhode Island Al-Anon Family Groups (RIAFG)**  
**AWSC Meeting Minute**  
**April 28, 2018**  
**106 Rolfe St., Cranston, RI 02910**

**Members Present:** Chair Phyllis, Delegate Barbara, Office Coordinator Jane, District 1 Rep Shawn, District 2 Rep Charles, District 3 Rep Terry, Lifelines Editor Elaine, Email Coordinator Dennis, AA Liaison Jackie

**March 3<sup>rd</sup> Meeting Minutes** – motion and second for acceptance was voted on and accepted

**Old Business**

**1) Slack Implementation**

Some Area members were still not on Slack, so we cannot use it as the main RIAFG communication tool yet. Phyllis disseminates information on both Slack on email in the interim until all Area members have access to Slack and are trained.

**2) Workshop Report**

- a) Holly is not available on weekends to give report in person but will submit reports for the Area meetings ahead of time.
- b) Topic is “Sharing the Gift – Sponsorship & Service”
- c) The Workshop Committee was seeking a graphic artist to produce signage. Instead, the Area suggested that they consider retaining Marcia as the traditional graphic artist for the workshop due to her experience, her ties to Al-Anon as a service opportunity.
- d) Area would like to know when the “save the date” flyer will be available. Jane created and distributed her own to the Area members.

**3) Spring Assembly**

Spring Assembly flyer to come. Assembly will be at Four Corners Church in Cumberland on corner of Diamond Hill & Angel Roads. Parking is limited so district has arranged for multiple parking solutions. Phyllis had questions on the facility regarding screen, a/v equipment, and microphone (if needed). Budget \$150.

**4) Website Coordinator**

Phyllis reported that a potential candidate under consideration could not take the position. Some concerns were expressed about having a members-only site for intra-RIAFG communications; most Areas do not do this as there are risks and complications.

**New Business**

**1) Office Computer**

A computer with Windows 10 was donated to the office. Need to upgrade Microsoft Office software.

**2) Treasurer’s Report**

Tami was not present so report was delivered by Phyllis. Area received \$1,837 donations through the end of March. YTD expenses were \$2,889, leaving a balance of \$5,968.

### **3) Spring Assembly Agenda**

- a. The Area members reviewed Phyllis' agenda draft. Area discussion centered around the following topics:
  - i. Roll call by district to promote district unity
  - ii. Delegate report to be split into two sessions: morning WSO Conference review and afternoon game
  - iii. Problem of how to promote filling the open Area service positions. Could open with a question for breakout group discussion: how to attract participation at all service levels? Consider forming Thought Forces? Any discussions need guidance and structure ahead. Potential theme: Sponsorship, Service, Newcomers.
- b. More Ask-It basket requested throughout the Assembly rather than at the end.
- c. Movement requested within the meeting.

### **Reports**

#### **1) Delegate Report**

Full report to be revealed at Spring Assembly. The Connecticut Area suggested submitting a joint bid for "Road Trip" for 2019.

#### **2) District 1 Report**

Self-supporting district attempts via 7<sup>th</sup> tradition donations. Simple district-wide fellowship events are growing organically.

#### **3) District 2 Report**

Looking for a District Rep Alternate for the Spring Assembly as Charles will be unavailable.

#### **4) District 3 Report**

There has been increased email communication and the District held its regular meeting Wednesday April 18th. There were two main topics of discussion:

- 1) Plan the Fall RIAFG Assembly -We have already connected with Emmanuel Episcopal Church in Newport and expect to host the assembly there on October 13th or October 20th. Next steps are to submit the application and select the date. The Area agreed that October 20<sup>th</sup> would be the preferred date.
- 2) Increase attendance at District meetings – each meeting has had low attendance and we want to find out why. Next step is to ask the District 3 CMA/GR email group what would help encourage more participation and adjust accordingly.

#### **5) AA Liaison Report**

The March RI AA (with Al-Anon participation) Convention was successful! Strong positive feedback afterwards; 1,046 attendees registered. Next conference is March 22-24, 2019 in Newport at Gurney's Hotel. It will start to be held in Warwick at the Crowne Plaza in 2021.

#### **6) Email Coordinator Report**

Has received less emails most likely due to the re-vamped website.

**Meeting adjourned at 12:09p.m.**

**Prepared and submitted by:**

**Terry L.**

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