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AWSC Meeting

June 23, 2018

In attendance: Phyllis H., Area Chair; Barbara H., Area Delegate; Nel P., GR; Dennis S., Email Coordinator; Jane A. Office Coordinator; Charles W., District 2 Rep; Holly R., Workshop Coordinator; Jackie G., AA Liaison; Shawn J., District 1 Rep; Ashely B., Alateen Co-Coordinator

I. Opening/welcome

- Read Traditions, Concepts, and General Warranties
- Introductions

II. Old Business

- **MOTION:** to accept April 28 meeting minutes (second, passed)
- Spring assembly recap:
 - i. Phyllis urged everyone present to disseminate word to assembly attendees to fill out the survey monkey online evaluation
 - ii. Jane asked for group discussion regarding Elaine's comment in her Lifelines report regarding "clique" perceptions.
 - iii. Phyllis emphasized the importance of nametags at assemblies.
 - iv. Discussion on issues with the projector: need to be able to project onto a large enough surface for everyone to see (projector and screen used at assembly was for home use).
 - v. Jackie commented positively on the timing and participation of the assembly and the breakout session – Ashley reinforced. Discussion about the formation of Task Force that resulted from those sessions.
 - vi. Shawn brought forward District 1 GRs' concerns that their request to hold assemblies in October and April were ignored. Phyllis clarified that the incoming delegate's needs were accommodated. Barbara H. commented that she will not be able to present her delegate's report in April because April is the month of the conference.
 1. Ashley proposed that the topic of moving the assembly date be brought up at the next assembly so that the area and group representatives will be involved in the decision. Group discussed this possibility.
 2. Shawn inquired if the delegate's report must be presented at an assembly? Or do area guidelines allow for the report to be a separate event?
 3. Phyllis read excerpts from minutes from fall 2015 assembly, fall 2017 assembly, and area guidelines to clarify that if GRs desire to change the assembly months a vote at assembly to change the guidelines will be required.
- Slack update: Phyllis stated that we are still getting people signed up and trained and that until everyone is trained on Slack we will continue to use email for committee communications.
- Workshop update: Holly shared a sample flyer for fall workshop; graphics are being done by a grateful member of Al-Anon using this opportunity to serve the area.
 - i. Nel asked if the suggested donation is per person or per group – answer is per person. It is noted on the flyer that while the suggested donation is \$10, members ought not be discouraged from attending due to financial difficulty.

- ii. Jane stated that the word “fundraiser” should be avoided due to the connotations. Although the proceeds will be used to help defray the cost for the Area Delegate’s travel to World Service Conference, the term “fundraiser” tends to “turn people off”.
- iii. Barbara emphasized that nothing is to be posted on / attached to the facility walls, to include banners, etc.

III. New Business

- Website and Lifelines anonymity issues: Shawn raised the issue of flyers for fellowship events and other documents submitted by groups and individuals are not being published online or in Lifelines for the reason that anonymity was foregone by the individual (identifying information included) because of the public nature of these formats. Shawn reported that she has heard requests that these documents be password protected so members can still access them online.
 - i. Phyllis cited Tradition 11 as informing the decision not to publish phone numbers and/or other identifying information on the internet. Charles stated the fact that nothing on the internet is truly private, even when password protected.
 - ii. Any website area requiring password protection would require someone to fill the website coordinator position.
 - iii. Committee discussed the challenges of this issue with the focus of “keeping it simple” while at the same time protecting the safety of members.
 - iv. Phyllis read from the website guidelines “Be sure you have permission from a member before posting a contact phone number, first name, or personal sharings” and said that with the committee’s approval she would post documents with first name, last initial, and phone number contact information.
 - v. **MOTION:** Ashley motioned that anyone offering their phone number, first name and last initial to be published online be allowed to do so (Second, Passed) – Phyllis will inform Elaine of this vote.

IV. Reports:

- Treasurer’s report: Phyllis shared that the treasurer’s report that was distributed is the same as what was distributed at Spring Assembly.

V. Tabled until September AWSC Meeting:

- Area level group conscience (Shawn)
- Area inventory (Shawn)
- Area retreat/ Non-business gatherings (Jane)

VI. Closing

- Date of next AWSC meeting: Saturday, September 15, 2018
- Motion to adjourn
- Al-Anon declaration

Reports and other attachments are available at the office.