

RI Al-Anon Family Groups (RI AFG)
World Service Committee (AWSC) Meeting

Location: Area Office, 106 Rolfe St., Cranston, RI

Date: August 29, 2015

Time: 10am–12pm

ATTENDEES

Barbara H, Literature Coordinator; Barbara M. Workshop Co-chair; David G, Area Chair; Deb E, Area Secretary; Denise A, Forum Coordinator; Mark C, District 1 Representative; Megan B, Alateen Coordinator; Nancy H, Workshop Chairperson; Steve C, Email Coordinator; Tami K, Area Treasurer

OPENING

- Moment of silence, Serenity Prayer, read Traditions and Concepts
- Motion to accept the April 11, 2015 minutes—seconded and passed

AWSC-related discussions

- Upcoming Events
 - September 19—Area Workshop: finalizing schedule, workshops/leaders, tables, and volunteers
 - September 19—Rally4Recovery: Heather B will have a public outreach table; volunteers are needed from 2–7 pm
 - September 20—Men’s Fellowship/Writing Workshop: to be held at Area Office
 - October 3—Connecticut TEAM Event: all are welcome to attend
 - December 5[?]-Assembly: Barbara M will look into a location in District 3
- Old Business
 - New e-mail addresses for officers/coordinators: not ready to post e-mail addresses yet; still working out the kinks
 - Report from Area Assembly June 6: low turnout, but good participation; Denise A submitted the list we created at the Assembly of what makes a healthy group to the *Forum* for possible publication

REPORTS

- **Chairperson** report (David G)—be aware of diversity in our groups and encourage those who come into the groups; encourage each other in service and ask each other for help; we’re all here for each other; 50% of Al-Anon members were referred by counselors or therapists, stressing the importance of outreach to professionals; make sure your group has a copy of *Groups at Work*; September 10 event at the VA—David and Barbara H will attend
- **Treasurer’s** report (Tami K)—received \$143 for annual appeal in July, \$582 so far in August (11 groups, 1 personal donation); expended \$1137.99 in July (included annual insurance premium), and brought in \$561.50; Tami asks that Area service members submit expense reports on a monthly basis, she has a template if you need it; spread the word and ask groups to include their group name/numbers (available on meeting list) on any checks sent in
- **District 1** Report (Mark C)—see report attached
- **Alateen** Coordinator (Megan B)—school groups are starting up; hope to have 3 new groups this year; new sponsors are signing up; working on an Alateen website
- **Literature** Coordinator (Barbara H)—see report attached; could use volunteers at the literature table on the day of the workshop

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OTHER AWSC-RELATED ITEMS AND NEW BUSINESS

- Resignation/Appointments of Officers or Coordinators:
 - Both District 3 Representative (DR3) and Alternate DR3 have stepped down; David G and Denise A will serve as communication in District 3 until a new DR3 can be found
 - Shawn J has stepped up to serve as Office Coordinator as of September 1; to be approved at next Assembly
- Motion that recent approved Assembly Minutes be posted on website (making sure all names are kept confidential)—so carried
- Discussion of attraction vs promotion; distinction in terms of health fairs, rallies, newspaper listings, etc.

AGENDA ADDITIONS FOR NEXT MEETING

Submit any additional agenda item suggestions to David G.

- December Assembly

CLOSING

- Date of next AWSC meeting—TBD
- Motion to adjourn
- Closed with Al-Anon Declaration

*Respectfully submitted,
Deb E. Area Secretary*

See following pages for Area Officers'/Coordinators' written reports.

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District 1 Report

- Visited many of the groups in my district.
- New group started in May, 2015: Parents for Hope Love and Recovery, 7:00pm, on Monday Night in Cumberland.
- Positive feedback on Spring Assembly's breakout of "What is a healthy group." Shared with my district and my own group.

Respectfully submitted,
Mark C

Literature Report

Literature Activity for April to August 25, 2015:

Description	Income	Expense
Opening Balance (3/31/15)	399.25	
April Deposits - Literature sales (Office)	395.00	
May Deposits – Literature sales (Office)	872.40	
May Purchases (Literature)		-1424.05
June Deposits – Literature sales (Office)	1099.25	
June Contribution to the Area		-500.00
July Deposits – Literature sales (Office)	366.46	
July Purchases (Literature)		-881.84
August Deposits – Literature sales (Office)	844.21	
August Purchases (Literature)		-558.66
Expenses – postage, supplies, etc.		-45.72
Ending balance (8/25/15)	\$599.36	