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AWSC Meeting
September 15, 2018

In attendance: Phyllis H., Area Chair; Barbara H., Area Delegate; Dennis S., Email Coordinator; Jane A. Office Coordinator; Joel B., Alternate District 2 Rep; Jackie G., AA Liaison; Shawn J., District 1 Rep; Ashely B. , Alateen Co-Coordinator; Ann-Marie C., Literature Coordinator, Elaine H., Lifelines Editor; Tami K., Treasurer

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

All officers now have a Service Manual.

Treasurer's Report

- Income/Expense Report through August presented.
- Annual Appeal Letter was sent out. Concern has been expressed by District 1 about a dollar amount suggestion being in the Appeal letter; it was suggested to reword in the future.
- Alateen: can funds be earmarked specifically to them on Group donations as done in the past? Alateen and Al-Anon are one entity and Alateen has a line item in the budget for expenses related to Alateen.

Workshop

- Still needs volunteers – please share at meetings
- Room 3 not available for use this year. Alateen usually uses this room. They may move to Main Hall or have Alateen move to one of the rooms and an Al-Anon breakout can move to the Main Hall.
- AA has Workshop information on their website and with treatment coordinator.
- There is still a need for meeting chairs, unsure how many.

Fall Assembly Agenda

Open Service Positions

- Concerns related to how to promote open service positions were discussed. There was a suggestion for a clothesline set-up with descriptions for each open position hung for people to read. Another suggestion was for 1:1 solicitation for anyone we feel may be good in a certain position. We can discuss how service deepens our level of recovery. Offer the value/necessity of the position, that it takes a team effort to keep our Program healthy.
- Ann-Marie will provide posts for the presentation and Barbara will bring clothespins. Will need someone to make “flags” with job descriptions on colorful papers.
- Secretary and Lifelines Editor have served only partial terms and are eligible to stand again.
- Elaine said she is open to standing again as Lifelines Editor.
- Dennis and Jane will share their experience in their positions.
- Area Alateen Process Person position is open and must be filled to have Alateen in our Area.

Do Not Refer/Re-Refer Policy

- Barbara explained what this policy involves from discussion at World Service Conference.
- WSO will honor only if the Area has policies of its own.
- Discussion on practice and Traditions supported Group Autonomy as long as it does not affect Al-Anon or AA as a whole.

- Add "See attachment" to Agenda to reference WSO policy statement to generate discussion.
- Open for Assembly to decide if they want to form a Thought Force, Task Force, or no action at this time.
- Ohio's policy available to review.
- Discussion felt it falls under our stated goals for the year.

Internet and Meeting Safety Issues

- Concerns have been expressed about the use of first and last names, phone numbers and other personal identifying information on-line.
- There is thought/concern about the safety and liability to Area and WSO.
- An option is social media secret groups.
- There is also some concern related to personal safety as well as potential liability.
- This discussion is important in the continued protection of AI-Anon as a resource and serving the spiritual principles/ traditions/ concepts of the Program.
- Discussion of safety issues in some meetings.

Service Task Force Report/Discussion

- There is a task force meeting coming up.
- Time allotted at the Assembly will be left as is.

Interactive Game

- Interest was expressed in having a "speed dating" type of game to encourage interactive exchange amongst the participants. Phyllis will put something together.

Assembly Action Items were accepted as listed.

Area Level Group Inventory

- When was the last Group Conscience held at the Area level? It was agreed it was probably 10-12 years ago, moderated by someone outside the Area.
- It was agreed that this AWSC should consider having one. Shawn will send the group a sample inventory from another Area.
- Discussion to continue at the next meeting.

The next meeting will be Saturday, November 17, 2018.

Motion for adjournment made, seconded, and passed.

Reports and other attachments are available at the office.