Rhode Island Al-Anon Family Group               Area World Service Committee

Meeting minutes
Location: 106 Rolfe Street, Cranston
Date: 9-27-14
Time: 10:00 am – 12:00 noon

In Attendance:
Barbara M       Area Chair
Barbara H       AA Liaison
David           Delegate
Phyllis H       District 2 Rep
Denise C        Group Records Coordinator
Maryanne        Office Coordinator
Rose            Alateen Coordinator
Deb             Literature Coordinator

Opening
  • Moment of silence followed by the serenity prayer
  • Welcome:
    o The Preamble to the Twelve Steps (service manual)
    o Our 3 Legacies: Read Steps/Tradition 9 and Concept 9
  • Introductions
  • August 23, 2014 amended minutes approved

AWSC Discussion
  • Fall workshop
    o November 1, 2014 Butler Hospital-Providence RI
    o Theme “Reaching for Personal Freedom”
    o Area Officers will contact professional groups they have connections with
to promote workshop
    o David will send flyer to MA delegate
    o MC – Heather F
    o Registration – Denise A
    o Barbara & Denise will select the session topics from Reaching for Personal
      Freedom
    o Barbara will update agenda with session topics after they are selected
    o Denise will send reminder announcement to DRs and announcements list
      asking for help with:
      ▪ Food coordination
      ▪ Making baskets
      ▪ Help selling raffle tickets at the workshop
      ▪ Help for Deb with the scavenger hunt
      ▪ Facilitators for workshop sessions
• Assembly Planning
  o Discussion –
    ▪ should people be present to stand for an area position
    ▪ should incoming or outgoing GRs attend assembly to vote for new officers
  o Phyllis will clarify list of eligible positions to be voted on at next assembly and make that list available for the workshop
  o Outgoing delegate should give a speech on his experience as delegate and point out the area officers
  o Discussion on location of December assembly
    ▪ Decision made to use Thundermist Health Center in West Warwick
  o Discussion on Assembly agenda
    ▪ Caucus for new DR
    ▪ District meetings during lunch
    ▪ Breakout sessions will be done as one large group
      • Budget review
      • Changing GR terms
    ▪ Officers’ reports should summarize their experience/accomplishments over the last 3 years

Reports
• AA Liaison/ Barbara H
  o Has speaker for 2015 convention
  o Theme – Sailing Into Sobriety
  o March 20-22, 2015
  o Will send an announcement to register early (by February) to get special hotel rate
• Literature/ Coordinator Deb
  o Has game ready for Workshop
  o Needs 5-6 helpers to give out questions/tasks and stamp passports
  o People must email their literature orders by Thursday before the workshop in order to have them for the day of the workshop
• Group Records Coordinator/ Denise C
  o Has been processing group record changes received from meeting visits and forwarding them to Dean for the website where appropriate
• Delegate /David
  o Vote on accepting Petty Cash Authorization Guideline - Guideline approved
  o Meeting Visits – 12 groups visited; none in district 3
  o Discussion - How to more efficiently get checks to Nancy for deposit
  o Which area officers are standing for other positions for next panel
• Office Coordinator/Maryanne
  o New computer
  o More office hours
  o Discussion – who will handle office responsibilities while Maryanne is away

• Alateen/Rose
Down a few meetings
Send announcement to announcements list asking for sponsors
New meeting in Narragansett
Rose will provide a list of current Alateen meetings at high schools for the office volunteers to have for incoming calls looking for meetings
  • DR2/Phyllis
    o Looking for replacement for DR2

Other AWSC Related items
  • Next area meeting will be October 25 at the Cranston Office

Closing
  • Motion to adjourn/Closing prayer and Al-Anon Declaration

Respectfully submitted,
Denise Carlucci,
Group Records Coordinator