

Rhode Island Al-Anon Family Groups (RIAFG)
Spring Assembly – November 2, 2019
Butler Hospital, Providence RI
Hosted by District 1

Voting Members (GRs and Proxies):

District 1: Gail M., Ann H., Cathy S., Karl O.

District 2: Jackie G., Cindy B., Dan F., Charles W., Tom H., Elizabeth G., June D.

District 3: Dan A., Toby F., Ann-Marie C., Terry L.

Non-voting Members:

Heather M.

Area Officer/Coordinator Attendees:

Barbara H., Delegate; Phyllis H., Area Chair; Tami K., Treasurer; Cindy B., Interim Secretary; Charles W., DR2; Terry L., DR3; Jackie G., AA Liaison; Ashly B., Alateen Co-Coordinator; Ann H., Forum Coordinator; Elaine H., Lifelines Editor; Ann Marie C., Literature Coordinator; Jane A., Office Coordinator; Cindy B., Workshop Co-Chair 2019; Julia G., workshop Co-Chair 2019.

Opening/Welcome

Moment of silence, followed by the Serenity Prayer, reading of the Steps, Traditions, Concepts, and Warranties; roll call/introductions; Assembly etiquette; housekeeping/ facilities information.

Area Business

Upon motion duly made and seconded, the minutes of the May 18, 2019 were approved.

Spring 2020 Assembly Update: Will be hosted by District 3. Will be held on May 30, 2020 at Emmanuel Church in Newport. The Delegate will give her presentation at this assembly.

Affirmation of Interim Officers and Coordinators:

- *Cindy B. voted in as Area Secretary
- * Lisa G. voted in as Group Records Coordinator
- * Kim C. voted in as Website Coordinator

The remaining open positions were announced and described. These positions will be voted on later in the day.

Treasurers Report:

Tami presented a slide on all donations made in 2019. The Annual Appeal was discussed. Ann H. questioned what the annual appeal is used for. Tami explained that is it used to keep the Area going (office, expenses, etc.)

Charles W. questioned line items going over budget. (workshop, Delegate). Phyllis explained that the Delegate expenses are usually unknown. Cindy/ Julia offered some insight on Workshop expenses. Barbara recommended increasing the registration fee.

Budget Presentation:

Ann proposed moving money from Assembly and Alateen Budget to the Workshop budget. Charles asked if anybody could sit on the Finance committee. Jane asked when Finance Committee meets. Phyllis said they do not have a set meeting schedule. Ann Marie C. asked if an email can be sent when Finance Committee will meet. Phyllis Suggested not changing the budget amounts this year.

*Budget for 2020 was voted on and approved.

Writing Workshop:

Elaine H and Ann H held a writing workshop. They were looking for reflective writings from members for Lifelines and the Forum.

Alateen: Carrying the Message to the next Generation:

Ashley did a Alateen presentation on 12th step work in Alateen Service. They are in need of Alateen sponsors. The only active Alateen meeting in the state is in Providence, kids are coming from all over to attend. We are in need of sponsors in many locations including, but not limited to: Tiverton, Portsmouth, Woonsocket, East Greenwich, Warren and Middletown. Ashley explained that sponsors need time to commit. Meetings need to be consistent, so sponsors have to be there. Sponsors can be members of both programs and they must have a background check. They must also attend 2 of the 3 sponsor meetings yearly and attend a safety meeting.

Public Outreach Presentation:

Terry L. gave a presentation on public outreach to encourage members to step up to the Public outreach coordinator position. She did a brain storming activity to gather ideas for public outreach.

Voting on Remaining Area Positions:

*Alternate Delegate position was not filled.

*Archives Coordinator position was not filled.

*Public Outreach Coordinator was not filled.

*Workshop Coordinator 2020 was not filled.

* Ann H was voted in as the Forum Coordinator.

Phyllis encouraged members to bring back the information on these open positions to their groups.

Phyllis also asked members to spread the word that the Area is looking for volunteers for the Area office.

There are only three volunteers right now and the office is only open 6 hours a week.

Do not Refer Re-Refer Task Force:

At the spring Assembly the duties of this task force were tabled until WSO came up with guidelines that they could refer to.

Suggestion was made by the Task Force to dissolve the Task Force and reform after guidelines are received from WSO.

Motion made to dissolve, seconded and passed.

Online Donations:

This is not set up yet, more information will be gathered. The hope is to have this set up by the next assembly.

Discussions/Motions from the Assembly Floor:

Ashley stated that there was a new possible Alateen Sponsor from the Alateen safety presentation held during lunchtime at this assembly.

Barbara asked for members to ask their groups to make Love Gifts for the delegate to have at the World Service Conference.

Two subscriptions of the forum were given away.

Closing

Motion made to adjourn, seconded and approved. The assembly then closed with the Serenity Prayer and the Al-Anon Declaration.

Respectfully Submitted,

Cindy B.

Area Secretary