

Area 13 AWSC Committee Summer 2017 Meeting Minutes July 29, 2017

The Area 13 World Service Committee met July 29, 2017 in Boise, ID. The meeting was opened by Area Chair Janet D. with the Serenity Prayer which was followed by introductions. The 12 Traditions and 12 Concepts of Service were read.

Attendance

1. Janet D. – Area Chair
2. Cheryl G. – Area Secretary
3. Berta R. - Area Treasurer
4. Robbin Bevry – Group Records
5. Laura F. – Forum/Literature
6. Ruth B. – Alateen Coordinator
7. Ladora B. – Archives Co-Coordinator
8. Kathy B. – Website Coordinator
9. Jane F. – Newsletter Coordinator
10. Brianna M. – District 1
11. Roz H.– District 2
12. Bret R. – District 3
13. Laurie B. – District 4
14. Doug C. – District 5
15. Jan K. – District 7

Absent

1. Danielle E – Area Delegate
2. Paula N. – Interim Alt Delegate

REPORTS

Secretary's Report – Minutes for Spring 2017 AWSC Meeting and the 2017 Spring Assembly Follow- up meeting were reviewed. Motion was made to approve by Doug C., seconded by Jane F. Approved unanimously.

Treasurer's Report – Berta R., Treasurer

Berta reviewed the current expenses and income. Discussion was held regarding upcoming expenses and how to increase donations to meet those expenses. Suggestions included Electronic payments, making each group aware of their share of the Area budget on a monthly basis. (Total groups divided into total budget, divided by 12.) Also discussed was creating a prudent reserve at the Area level.

The 2017 budget was reviewed by line item to help draft a proposed budget for 2018. Some line items were deleted or combined with other line items. Berta R. will send out a draft copy to Committee members for review. The 2018 budget will be voted on at the upcoming Fall Assembly.

Berta also reviewed the Area expenses that are outlined in the Area Guidelines. Under discussion were the tipping expenses for meals and lodging. The total amount allotted for an Assembly or AWSC Meeting is \$50.00 for meal expense. It was decided upon to include tipping in that \$50 total. Any meal or tipping expenses beyond that will be the responsibility of the Committee member.

OLD BUSINESS

RECAP FROM SPRING ASSEMBLY

Rotating vs. Centralizing the Assemblies - Janet D. asked the Committee to come up with a couple of options to vote on at the Fall Assembly. It was suggested that one assembly each year be centralized in the Boise area, and the second assembly continue to be rotated throughout the remaining Districts. Bret R. volunteered to compile the pros and cons submitted by the Committee regarding centralization. Janet D. will send out to committee for review.

Following discussion a motion was made by Ruth B., seconded by Jane F. The motion: To change the rotation of meetings to Fall Assembly in the Boise area, and rotate the Spring Assembly to other Districts for a three year trial period. A vote was taken – 11 in favor of, 4 opposed. Motion passed. This proposal will be taken to the 2017 Fall Assembly to the GRs.

ALTERNATE DELEGATE DUTIES

The Chair reviewed the current job description for the Alternate Delegate. Currently, the Alt Delegate is tasked with doing registration for the Assemblies. That requires duplicating a post office box and financial records. The Treasurer has been doing this task and it works well with one person in charge rather than two as it simplifies the process and keeps all financial and registration records at a central location. It was decided to continue having the Treasurer do this task. The Secretary will go into Policy and Procedures and remove the bulleted item concerning registration duties for the Alt Delegate.

WEBSITE

Kathy B., Website coordinator reviewed some of the issues she is working through with the new online program. She has requested that all documents be sent to her in a PDF format. Kathy has upgraded her internet service so she is now able to post documents as they are received.

FALL ASSEMBLY

The tentative schedule for the upcoming Fall Assembly was reviewed. Biggest change from previous assemblies is that instead of having a luncheon speaker, there will be three speakers throughout the day. This will allow attendees to network and visit during the luncheon. Speakers will be allowed 5-10 min. each.

- Sponsorship workshop title: “Healthy Sponsorship”
- Laurie B. will make gifts for First Timer awards
- Janet D. will update Agenda and send out copies to Committee
- The skit will be titled: “The Committee in Your Head”

- There will be a GR Exchange focused on the GRs needs and questions. DRs are welcome to sit and observe if they choose
- There will be DR Breakfast Exchange at 7:30 a.m. prior to the opening of the Assembly
- Paula will do the GR Exchange

DR/GR EXCHANGE –

The floor was opened for discussion on changes to our previous structured DR/GR Exchange. Suggestions were:

- should they be held together, not in separate rooms?
- Pass an ask-it-basket so both GRs and DRs can ask questions regarding their positions, responsibilities, etc.
- Many felt having joint exchanges might intimidate GRs
- Suggested that DRs listen and hear the issues, but not have any input.
- Have Exchanges before lunch so that attendees could share issues over lunch
- Move Delegate report to p.m., have Exchange before lunch

TEAM EVENT – Doug C. reported on the TEAM event held in Missoula, MT in June. Kathy B. also attended and they felt it was a very powerful experience. WSO personnel participated with all other attendees.

COMMUNICATION - How are we communicating as a committee? Please let Janet know if you have any issues or compliments on activities within the Committee. Consensus was that communication is great, that as a committee there are great conflict resolution examples. This committee is not just a committee, it is a team.

Good feedback on the Area Newsletter. District 5 now has a newsletter; it is great in informing all members of what's taking place within the District. Brianna passed out newsletter signup cards for receiving the District 1 newsletter.

Reminder: when you receive emails from Area Chair, please confirm you have received them.

UPCOMING DATES

September 15 & 16, 2017 – Fall Assembly, Red Lion Inn Downtowner, Boise, ID

March 17, 2018 – Spring 2018 AWSC Committee Meeting

July 28, 2018 – Summer 2018 AWSC Committee Meeting

Meeting adjourned at 1:00 p.m.

Yours in Service,
Cheryl G., Area Secretary