

Idaho AWSC Fall Assembly 2016

AI-Anon AWSC Meeting Minutes

The Idaho Area World Service Committee meeting was held in Lewiston at the Red Lion Hotel on Friday, September 16, 2016. The meeting was opened by Chair Danielle E with the Serenity Prayer followed by announcements, introductions and the reading of the 12 Traditions and 12 Concepts of Service.

Announcements

- Spring 2017 Area 13 Assembly will be held in Pocatello on May 20, 2017.

Attendance

1. Danielle E – Area Chair
2. Terry A. – Alternate Delegate
3. Cheryl G. – Acting Area Secretary
4. Kathy Ba – Area Treasurer
5. Paula N. – Group Records
6. Berta R. – Forum/Literature
7. Luann H. – AAISC Liaison
8. Kerry D. – Alateen
9. Ladora B. – Archives Co-Coordinator
10. Kris S – District 1
11. Roz H.- District 2
12. Linda A. – District 3
13. Laurie B. – District 4
14. Cass F. – District 5
15. Janet D. – District 7
16. Doug C. – Group Rep. District 5

Absent

1. Nancy Jo – Delegate
2. Kathy Bo. – Newsletter
3. Karen D. – Public Information
4. Jamie C. – Website Coordinator

REPORTS

Secretary's Report –

Minutes for Spring 2016 AWSC Meeting were looked over by attendees. Cass F. Made a motion to approve, seconded by Roz H. Motion passed unanimously.

Treasurer's Report –

Kathy Ba. presented the proposed 2017 budget for review. The budget will be voted on at the Assembly tomorrow. The following items pertaining to the proposed budget were discussed.

- The upcoming TEAM Event, June 17-18, 2017 in Missoula, Mt, will not be an expense for the Area.
- There is a new line item for Archive Storage Expense, \$2100 and discussion was held regarding the amount and how it was arrived upon.

Planning for Spring 2017 Assembly

The theme for the Spring 2017 Area 13 Assembly will be "Our Hope For The Future" and it will be held in Pocatello on May 19-20, 2017. The agenda for the Spring 2017 Assembly should remain primarily the same. Since this is an election year, there will be new AWSC Officers and Coordinators taking office in January 2017. An Area Inventory was suggestion for one of the future Assemblies. Consensus was that we should do an AWSC Committee group inventory first before doing an Assembly inventory. Suggestion was tabled until a new Area Chair is in place.

Archives

Discussion regarding storing the Area Archives. Ladora B. has graciously stored the Area Archives in her garage for many years and would like for them to be moved to a more central location. There are currently 48 numbered boxes in the Area Archives and approximately 15 additional boxes yet to be numbered. Location of storing the Archives was under review as it is not known who or where the Archivist will live. It was suggestion that we store these materials, in a climate controlled setting, in the Boise area. Ladora has a detailed inventory of what is included in the archives. The \$2100 in the proposed budget is the cost for a room located in the same building as the Literature Center in Boise. Recommendation was made that if the proposed budget is approved tomorrow by the Assembly that the current Archives Committee negotiates for the room under consideration. Once a price is agreed upon, the committee will need to request funds from Kathy Ba. for payment. Any rent for the remainder of 2016 would come out of this year's budget.

AWSC / ASSEMBLY JOINT MEETINGS?

Danielle E. stated that she feels having the meetings at the same time, as has been done for the past two years, resulted in too much time passing between these two dates. Currently it does not allow proper time to recommend and study suggested changes or updates. With the AWSC Committee meeting at the same time as the Assembly, any suggested changes or updates must wait several months before coming up to a vote. Prior to the past two years, the AWSC met 4 times a year (March, May, August and September) and reported to the Group Representative at the Assembly (May and September).

Cass F. moved that we go back to 4 meetings. Discussion: District 1 and District 7 stated that they would like to have it stay the same - at two meetings. Ladora B. seconded the motion for 4 meetings per year. Vote was taken: 13 in favor of, 2 opposed. Motion carried. We will go back to four meetings per year. Next meeting – March 18th, 2017 in Boise.

CENTRALIZING ASSEMBLIES

Discussion was held regarding centralizing the Area Assemblies versus rotating between Districts. Berta suggested taking it back to the groups to see what they decide because the groups are funding the GRs to attend. Danielle remarked that rotating the Assembly around the State has resulted in the AWSC having to put it on as some Districts do not choose to participate. Following discussion a vote was taken to either rotate or centralize. Centralize the Assembly: 13 voted yes, 0 voted no, and 2 abstentions. It will be brought up at Assembly tomorrow for the GRs to take back to their groups.

Future Dates with rotation: Spring 2017 Assembly – Pocatello
Fall 2017 Assembly – Boise
Spring 2018 Assembly – Coeur d’ Alene
Fall 2018 Assembly – Twin Falls
Spring 2019 Assembly – Ontario
Fall 2019 Assembly – Idaho Falls
Spring 2020 Assembly – Lewiston

ASSEMBLY ATTENDANCE

Concern was raised regarding the issue of Group Reps not attending Assembly and what might be the causes and what can be done about it. Following is a brief listing of suggestions made by Committee members:

- it’s hard to generate interest and excitement / communication
- busy, personalities, lack of knowledge regarding responsibilities
- it’s not fun, same thing, same format. Infuse membership with new ideas, lack of GRs overall, central location
- not fun, intimidated
- fun things and fellowship have been tried in the past and it doesn’t seem to work, 3 yr commitment,
- attraction not promotion, have outgoing GR or DR support and mentor the newcomer, simplify service work
- service sponsors available, topics at meetings to overcome fear
- sponsors do not encourage service work as part of the program
- go and see, experience it, take the message back
- “You can’t get it until you give it away through service”
- “Let it begin with me” seems to apply only at meetings, not through service. Concepts are still a secret for individual service work.
- balance fun and fellowship, they are both important
- when you have conflict, you have people. everyone is scared and fearful when they begin service. 20% of the people do 80% of the work.
- lacking in confidence
- realize your growth by your personal gain when you begin a service position

Meeting was adjourned at 9:25 with the AI-Anon Declaration.

Yours in service,
Cheryl Grim
Interim Area Secretary