

AWSC
Jorgenson's Inn, Helena, MT
Friday, April 11, 2014

Cindy C. opened the Spring AWSC meeting with the Serenity Prayer. The Al-Anon Steps, Traditions and Concepts were read.

Introductions were made and asked if there were any new DR's. There were 32 in attendance. In late July or early August we will have another conference call. Pam C. could not get minutes as no one recorded the call.

Old Business:

- ✓ Pam C. gave an update on electronic conferencing and how the conference call went.
- ✓ Review of September 2013 minutes from Pam C. A motion was made to approve as corrected by Bev O. and seconded by Pennie K.
- ✓ A treasurer's report could not be given. Sharon M. was not going to be able to attend the Assembly as she was ill. Sharon is sending the report and books with someone that is attending the Assembly. We will have the report for the Area Assembly on Saturday, April 12, 2014.
- ✓ Update on 501(c)(3) status from Connie W.: Area has not heard back from the IRS yet on the name change from Montana Allied AFG to Montana AFG. The next step is to get doing the rules to the by-laws. This has not been started as of yet.
- ✓ Update on Northwest Regional Trustee nomination, Donna E. was chosen to fill the position. The voting will take place at the Spring World Service Conference for the final approval.

Committee Updates:

- ✓ Guidelines – Elaine D. explained the committee spent time cleaning up and moving items around. Elaine D. said that a motion needed to be made to approve the update and to send it out electronically in the future due to the huge expense to print copies.

A motion was made to distribute the Montana AFG Guidelines electronically. Motion C-212: In consideration of Area expenses, I move that going forward, the Montana AFG Guidelines be distributed electronically unless specifically requested with the requestor to pay all printing and mailing costs. Motion submitted by Elaine D., Seconded by Pennie K.

There were some items such as the bid forms for location of Spring Assembly and Area position descriptions that needed to be updated.

- ✓ Fall Speaker Presentation: Joan S. the NE Regional Trustee from Massachusetts– Connie W. stated that the Fall Speaker, Joan S. has been asked to give a presentation on archives. Connie has been in contact with Joan and will meet with her at WSC.

Connie W. had many questions on archives for Joan S. to address in her presentation to the Assembly in the fall. The attendees were asked if there were any other questions to add to the list before Connie sent them to Joan.

New Business:

- ✓ Bids for 2015-2017 Spring Assembly –

District 7, given by Deb had 3 different hotels, Bighorn Resort, Holiday Inn and the Northern Hotel, with the price ranges of 89.00 to 129.00 a room. All 3 had catering services. All the conference rooms were free with a catered meal. All three have on site restaurants.

Miles City had a bid proposal handout. Included with and attached to the minutes. Cindy C. discussed the decision to move the Area Assembly around the state in the spring.

Kelly P. from Helena threw Jorgensen's Inn into the hat as we already know what is available there.

Discussion was had about the locations. It was decided to present all 3 bid proposals to the Area Assembly for a vote. It was also suggested to explain to the Assembly why the Area Assembly is being moved in the spring.

- ✓ Thought Force for getting DR's and GR's involved at the Area level – Sue T. who is on the thought force spoke and had several suggestions:

- Send out questionnaire in News & Views
- Electronic Conference Call
- Get some feedback
- Still thinking of other ways
- Present again in the fall

- ✓ Area Speaker Meeting – Pennie K. suggested having an Area Speaker Meeting, sort of an Al-Anon Roundup, with all Al-Anon and Alateen. It would include AA participation. Discussion was had with the AWSC and it was decided that a thought force would be suggested on Saturday during the Assembly.

- ✓ Archivist and Webmaster Positions – Jeanne the Archivist is resigning this fall. Cindy C. asked several questions, is it a position the Area needs? Where is Jeanne at with digitizing? Jeanne stated that she was about half way completed. Are both positions needed and what are their duties, what is the difference between the two positions? Could we hire an outside company to digitize?

Many questions were asked and answered. There was a lot of discussion on the position. It was decided that Jeanne will give a presentation tomorrow at the Assembly on the position.

Webmaster Position is opening up. Lorelle is leaving the country; she is moving to Canada. Do we replace her or keep her on as the Webmaster? Discussion was had on this and a motion was

made. Motion C-213: I move that we close the webmaster trial position which was created by Motion C-209. Motion was submitted by Bev O. and seconded by Carol S.

Other Discussion:

Cindy C. explained the voting procedures and vote count. There were 22 AWSC voting members.

A vote was taken on motion C-213: I move that we close the webmaster trial position which was created by Motion C-209. Motion submitted by Bev O., Seconded by Carol S.

Yes – 22 No – 0 Abstain – 0 Motion will be brought to the Assembly.

It was noted by Pennie K. that Shari from Malta is leaving and would not be able to assist Pennie K. with the Alateen Coordinator position. Pennie K. stated that she could handle both positions.

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The meeting was closed with the Al-Anon Declaration.

Respectfully Submitted,

Pam C.
MT AFG Secretary