

AWSC
Yogo Inn, Lewistown, MT
Saturday, September 20, 2014

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

Announcements:

- Carol S., the Literature Coordinator, talked about a brochure that wasn't available for the newcomer's packet and she had substituted another one in its place.
- Cindy C. informed the AWSC members that a basket would be passed around at the Area Assembly for a donation to WSO.
- Elaine D. will be meeting at 7:00 am for breakfast for all new DR's.
- Introductions were made and asked if there were any new DR's.

Old Business:

- Review of April 2014 minutes from Pam C. A vote was taken to approve as corrected by Cindy C. The vote was unanimous to approve the minutes as corrected.
- A treasurer's report was given by Sharon M. I am a grateful member of the fellowship Al-Aon and I am here to serve this position in the best way I can.

Income for the months of April to September 2014 was \$2,429.29. This is Group and District combined, a donation from area in the amount of \$158.00 was collected for love notes for WSO, registration for Spring Assembly was \$845.00 thus bringing to total to \$3,432.32.

Expenses for the months of April to September were as follows: Coordinators and delegates, alternate delegate, chairperson, and secretary were for Spring Assembly \$2,127.93, order for checks were \$29.10, delegate expenses for WSO were \$158.03, copies for area were from staples were \$48.00, Travel for Trustee to come to Area, Joan S., were \$614.50. Expenses for Jorgensen's in Helena were \$657.15. Website charges were \$60.00, receipt book for Spring Assembly \$9.75, Connie W. to go to NWRDM, \$175.88 for a total of \$3,880.34.

The checking account balance as of 9/12/2014 is \$5,657.11. The savings account balance as of 9/12/2014 is \$3,013.96

Yours in Service,
Sharon M. Treasurer Area 32

- Spring Assembly – We have a block of 30 rooms that need to be filled up so we get the meeting room for free. The rooms need to reserve by March 20, 2015 for the April 10th and 11th. Rooms cost \$99.00 plus tax for each additional person is \$10.00.

We need to rsvp for lunch the meal as we need to purchase the meals by the plate.

- Connie W. talked about Fun in Service.
- Connie W. gave an update on the 501(c)(3) as follows:
 - Steve D has reviewed our process and guidelines. We will need to add IRS requirements to our By-Laws. We need to attach our By-Laws with the IRS requirements to the MT Secretary of State to become an incorporated entity. There is a \$20 fee for this. As secretary per our guidelines, I am able to send in the form. Once the Secretary of State office responds, we will need to request a new EIN from the IRS because of the name change and having become incorporated. Once we receive the EIN, Steve will work with a local attorney in Missoula whose specialty is assisting with Non-Profits applying for the 501 (c) (3) status. There will be a charge for this service, the amount is unknown. There will be “boilerplate” language added to our By-Laws which is required by law. There will be guidelines to be written, however, they will be driven by the IRS rules, and Secretary of State requirements. Some examples will be that we need to track identifiable contributions, send acknowledgement letters, send in the yearly fee due to our Incorporation, file state and federal taxes yearly, and possibly other examples. As the paperwork is submitted, those requirements will become clearer.
 - Please see the IRS reregulation below added to our By-Laws.

Article XI IRS Regulations

1. Said organization is organized exclusively for charitable, religious, educational, and scientific purposes, including, for such purposes, the making of distributions to organizations that qualify as exempt organizations under section 501 (c) (3) of the Internal Revenue Code, or corresponding section of any future federal tax code.
2. No part of the net earnings of the organization shall inure to the benefit of, or be distributable to its members, trustees, officers, or other private persons, except that the organization shall be authorized and empowered to pay reasonable compensation for services rendered and to make payments and distributions in furtherance of the purposes set forth in the purpose clause hereof. No substantial part of the activities of the organization shall be the carrying on of propaganda, or otherwise attempting to influence legislation, and the organization shall not participate in, or intervene in (including the publishing or distribution of statements) any political campaign on behalf of any candidate for public office. Notwithstanding any other provision of this document, the organization shall not carry on any other activities not permitted to be carried on (a) by any organization exempt from federal income tax under section 501 (c) (3) of the Internal Revenue Code, corresponding section of any future federal tax code, or (b) by an organization, contributions to which are deductible under section 170 (c) (2) of the Internal Revenue Code, or corresponding section of any future federal tax code.
3. Upon the dissolution of the organization, assets shall be distributed for one or more exempt purposes within the meaning of section 501 (c) (3) of the Internal Revenue Code, or corresponding section of any future federal tax code, or shall be distributed to the federal government, or to a

state or local government, for the public purpose. Any such assets not disposed of shall be disposed of by the Court of Common Pleas of the county in which the principle office of the organization is then located, exclusively for the purposes or to such organization or organizations, as said court shall determine, which are organized and operated exclusively for such purposes.

- How can we help Area Coordinators/Officers be successful thought force – Do we really need to do this? – Discussion was had and it was decided at this time we do not need to do this at this time. We will continue to have an ongoing discussion.
- Meet the Board event update – Connie W. said that Helena and Kalispell put in submissions for the event. The middle of December is when they draw the name out of a hat to decide where it will be.
- Area Speaker Meeting – Pennie K. suggested pursuing an area speaker meeting. Discussion was had among the AWSC. It was decided to put together a thought force to formulate ideas to have a speaker meeting. The thought force includes Elaine D., Pennie K., Carole D., Irene S., Judy, and Lori K.
- Election of Archivist – Sue P. is considering taking the Archivist position.

Frances M., Archives Coordinator, separated the two positions, see page 14 & 15 of Area Guidelines, page 63 and C-179 for information regarding the differences. Frances read these to the AWSC.

- Storage of archived materials – Jeanne is a trusted servant, and she can make the decision to store the archives with AA in a climate controlled storage unit. Jeanne can let Sharon know when the fee needs to be paid as the Archives fund cannot pay the fee after the 1st of the year.

New Business:

- Dual Members in Service – Connie W. read Page 54 from the WSC book. Do we need the wording at the Area level for former AA members in service? Is it a non-issue and look at it if it comes up?

After discussion it was decided to leave it as is.

- Cindy C. will be posting a question at the Area Assembly about “Do you have a dream for our area?”
- Universal Recovery – Connie W. stated at the 2014 World Service Conference, members discussed the need of defining family recovery that could be universally understood outside the fellowship by professionals and during public outreach activities.

The proposed definition was: **“Family recovery is a process of healing and growth from the effects of living in a family affected by someone’s problem drinking. This process helps**

individuals to make healthier life choices, and to develop relationships that are more positive and supportive.”

During the Conference discussion, a revised definition was proposed that had substantial support: **“Family recover is a process of healing and growth for family members affected by someone’s drinking. This process helps these individuals make healthier life choices and develop relationships that are more positive and supportive.”**

Delegates are asked to discuss both versions of the definition of family recovery in their Area and be prepared to discuss them at the 2015 WSC.

Connie W. will be posting this and taking a vote at the Assembly to take our Area’s vote to WSC.

- Have conference call 2 months before Area Assembly.
- Have AWSC meeting at a different time without Area Assembly. It was decided to have continued conversation at the Spring Conference call.
- New TEAM Event – It was suggested that a thought force be put together for a new TEAM Event. Carole D., Frances M., Brett H., and Patty volunteered to be on the thought force.

The AI-Anon declaration was said and the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted,

Pam C.
MT AFG Secretary