

Montana AFG Fall AWSC Meeting

Yogo Inn, Lewistown, MT

Sept. 16, 2017

Connie W., Area Chairperson, opened the Fall AWSC meeting with the Serenity Prayer. The Steps, Traditions, Concepts and Warranties, and Montana Area Vision and Mission Statements were read.

Announcements and introductions were made.

Secretary/Minutes: Lori K.

July 2017 - AWSC Conference call Minutes were approved as read.

Spring 2017 AWSC minutes were approved as corrected.

Treasurer: Pam C.

Hello Everyone,

My name is Pam and I am your Area Treasurer. I brought paper copies on me due to the lateness of getting them done. I can email them to anyone who wants them also.

The checking account currently has \$9,966.84.

The savings account currently has \$3,016.88.

The Profit and Loss is looking good. We are right where we should be.

I am still getting multiple groups sending the donations to the old address. Please make sure you get the message out to the groups. I remember a couple from the Helena area. I am going to start sending out reminders to those that aren't sending it to the correct address.

I never received a letter from WSO in regards to the 2018 World Service Conference Equalized Expense. But Elaine said she had a copy. We will be paying the full expense for our area delegate.

Yours in Service,

Pam C.

Old Business:

Area Guidelines Committee Report: Carol S. and Pennie K.

Recommendations were made to review the motions: what to rescind or amend.

We decided to change the Guideline committee from 3-4 members to 2-3 members.

We made a few changes as follows:

1. C54 – Change wording “prudent reserve” to “reserve fund” pg 11 and change on pg 21
 - a. C159 A bottom line Budget
 - b. Rescind – under budget and expenses – take the following out?
 - i. The Treasurer may not make payments that exceed the approved budget. If area officers, coordinators or others with spending authority for a budget line item find that expenses for their work will exceed the budget, they must notify the Financial Review Committee to request additional budget authorization.

- ii. The committee may authorize an additional budget amount, which must be shifted from another expense line item.
- 2. C188 – take out by consensus or a vote : (C188) - That we accept the 2010-2012 budget as amended by Pennie.
- 3. We agreed to contact AWSC to update their job descriptions and to list their job expectations to educate and inform for upcoming elections...other than what is listed in the Service Manual.
- 4. Carol will ask Alateen Coordinator what are the new processing guidelines? Add under Group Services – pg 11
Pennie will talk to Pam to see if C144 has been accepted, add past coordinators
- 5. Changed page numbers on MT AFG History. Add last Spring new motions.
- 6. Pg 4 add: The following five questions could be used as a foundation to gather information to write the KBDM Worksheet.
 - 1. What do we know about our membership’s needs, wants and preferences that is relevant to this topic?
 - 2. What do we know about our resources (finances, membership participation, etc.) that is relevant to this topic?
 - 3. What do we know about the current realities (membership, culture, etc.) and our fellowship’s environment (technology, spiritual principles, our Steps, Traditions, and Concepts) that is relevant to this topic?
 - 4. What are the pros and cons?
 - 5. What do we wish we knew?

Evaluations:

Connie W. shared input from the evaluations from Spring 2017.

Road Trip - You and Your Board Connect - Elaine

Kalispell has submitted a bid. Encouraged all Montana cities with an airport to submit a bid next year. This year’s event will be in Aurora, Colorado on Saturday, October 21, 2017.

Roundups - Al_Anon Cooperation with AA.

Sylke shared their district’s experience and other district’s also shared their experience.

Task/Thought Force updates:

Area Speaker Meeting Thought Force (Pennie K, Carole D, Judy, Lori K, Dorine and Peggy)

This thought force has been changed to a work group as it is ongoing.
Going forward this work group will consist of: Carole D., Lori K. and Katy O. Pennie K will act as an advisor. Will see if anyone else wants to be a part of at Assembly.
Carole D shared how Miles City had organized the event. The hope is that this meeting will continue to grow in attendance and possibly in the future be a stand alone event.

Montana/Idaho Team Event Task Force June 2017 (Frances M, Carol S, Norma, Cindy C, Lori K, Shannon S, and team members from Idaho)

Lori K shared highlights’ from Frances’s report. Report to be given at Assembly.

Thought force on Alateen training at AWCS (Patty K., Deb L., Mike B., Peggy W.)

Patty gave us an update.

New Business:

Is there a need to put the Profit & Loss reports on the website? (Brett)

Discussed and will be brought to Assembly.

Purchase of a computer specific for the Treasurer business. (Pam)

I am currently using QuickBooks to do the budget and Profit and Loss. There are many other things we could do with this program if needed in the future. It would be so much easier if the area purchased a laptop to put the books on and pass on to the next treasurer rather than passing the program onto the next treasurer.

It does not need to be an expensive one, just a simple one probably less than \$500.00. I can get it set up and it will be much easier to pass to the next treasurer in 2018.

We have had problems in the past with treasurers not having programs to do their job. This would assure a very important part of our Area would be preserved and more able to pass on.

This was discussed and the following motion will be brought to Assembly:

Motion C221 - Acquiring a computer for Treasurer

I move to approve purchase or gift of a dedicated computer for the Treasurer of the Area. Also to purchase the software and equipment to prevent internet fraud, theft and worms, bugs, etc.

Submitted by: Michael B. Seconded by Chris K.

It was brought up there may be other officers that could benefit from having a computer and should consider a thought or task force on this. This will be brought up at Assembly and ask for volunteers to serve on this.

Districts interested in hosting fall meetings beginning 2018.

Three districts have expressed an interest. A presentation by each district will be made at Assembly.

Upcoming elections fall 2018.

This will be discussed more at Assembly. We would like everyone to be more informed and have a job description on each position and have them available at the Spring Assembly so members could make an informed decision.

Discussion regarding Assembly break out session for DR's and GR's. Need facilitators for GR sessions. (Sylke and Connie)

Connie W. explained more about breakout sessions that would be held at Assembly.

Adding member obituaries to the NewsViews? (Pennie)

This was discussed and will be brought to Assembly.

Other New Business:

Alateen Training - Patty

Discussion of possible Alateen training at the Area Level. Further discussion at Assembly.

The meeting was adjourned with the Al-Anon Declaration.

In Love & Service,

Lori K, MT Area Secretary

VISION: To ensure that all Al-Anon/Alateen groups in Montana have an opportunity to affect the direction of Al-Anon as a whole through shared information between the groups and the World Service Conference (WSC).

MISSION: To collect and distribute information and reports, initiate projects, and make recommendations that support Al-Anon/Alateen at all levels (groups, districts, and WSC).