
Idaho AWSC 2005 Fall

Al-Anon AWSC Meeting Minutes

The business meeting of the Idaho Area 2005 Fall Assembly was held at the Doubletree Riverside Hotel Inn in Boise, Idaho on October 1, 2005. Ruth B. opened the meeting at 1:30 p.m. with the Serenity Prayer. The steps, traditions, and concepts were read.

Agenda

See page for the business meeting agenda.

Reports

Secretary's Report

Michele presented minutes. Minutes were approved.

Treasurer's Report

There was a missing check for \$8.95, which Joan believes will never be recovered. One check for the website use has not been cashed and that may be why the web site is not up. Danielle and Joan will be checking into that. Joan read a letter from World Service regarding the Equalizer Fund, which was an appeal to pay the full \$1612.00 if our Area is able. The Equalizer Fund will be \$1100 and the cost is \$1612.00. Joan gave a brief description of what the Equalizer Fund is for. Joan asked if we want to keep the Equalizer Fund the same as budgeted or do we want to pay the full amount. There was discussion about being able to be fully self-supporting. Ruth asked for a show of hands how many people would like to see the Equalizer Fund amount budgeted stay the same. There were 14 in favor of keeping the budgeted amount the same. When asked for a show of hands for who would like to see it changed, there were 13 in favor of a change. Majority ruled so there was no change in the amount budgeted.

There was a motion to approve the treasurer's report--this motion was approved.

Coordinator Reports

Alateen Coordinator-Linda reported that Twin Falls Alateen had died and she will be working on getting the word out to the Professional community regarding Alateen. She hasn't gotten new info from WSO.

District 1-Lori reported that they have been working on Prescription Al-Anon and have created their own pad of these. Lori has already given one to her doctor. They are very positive about Prescription Al-Anon in their area. Their Fall fundraiser went well and they will be having one in the Spring with a Vegas theme. They have some new meetings. Currently they have 17 active meetings with 2 Alateen meetings. They have a roving District meeting.

District 2-Danielle reported that they are still recovering from Al-Anon Day so its been quiet. It was lots of fun. They are having a fundraiser in December that is a Dress-Up-Dinner. Their elections are coming up soon.

District 3-Laura reported that District 3 is going strong with some new meeting including 2 in Eagle and 1 in Meridian. They are working on Outreach with some volunteers from each group. Next year there is lots of activity in District 3 with the August Round-Up, Al-Anon Day and the Fall Assembly.

District 4-Linda reported that she will be taking over as DR. Their meetings are strong with a new meeting in Jerome. They are working on getting a Burley meeting going and then they want to try to have roving District meetings too. In January they are having a potluck fundraiser.

District 5-Wanda reported that their district has had a lot going on with their 2nd rummage sale and a Recovery Festival. They will be having a Holiday Festival at Christmas with a silent auction for a fundraiser where they are auctioning off housecleaning, music lessons, etc.

District 6-Kathy reported they have a speaker meeting every month. The Alateen Sponsors are working on outreach at the schools. They are preparing for the Spring Assembly May 5,6, and 7 at the Shilo in Idaho Falls and the topic will be Passing onto Others in a Changing World. They are also getting ready for a Holiday Social with AA participation, speakers and a potluck raffle.

District 7-Loni reported that they have a beginners meeting that is going very well with lots of new people. They need some new ideas. They have a lot of older people and need some ideas to interest them.

Old Business

Al-Anon Days

Danielle reported that there were 47 people in attendance for Al-Anon Days. There were 10 people who were local and the rest from out town. "It was lots of fun."

2006 Spring Assembly

Sandy reported that the Spring Assembly is in May. The committee is meeting monthly. Bob L. from California will be the luncheon speaker. They will be having an Alateen program and speaker.

Alateen Background Check Report-Mike D.

Mike's recommendation is to go with a Nexus Lexus web search for \$4.00 and pay an outside person to do the search for us, this same person would put the info in a safety box that the Area will have to purchase and maintain. The records would be there only in case a legal issue comes up. We would pay a Contract employee \$15.00 an hour to do a search. They would ask the question: Is this person meeting the criteria? They would also maintain or put this info into a safe deposit box. Peoplewise covers felonies and misdemeanors. When filling out the required forms the client does give consent to do these searches. Mike reminded us that these background checks do not guarantee that there would never be a problem, but it helps us to safeguard our Alateens as much as possible. Fingerprinting is \$50.00 to run and very time consuming. The FBI would be

the one to run this and the government background checks are just harder and more expensive and take 6-12 weeks. One of the members had to have a background check as an educator and the cost was \$75.00 and it did take 6-12 weeks.

There was a motion to approve Mikes proposal to go with a Nexus Lexus web search for \$4.00 and pay an outside person to do the search for us, this same person would put the info in a safety box that the Area will have to purchase and maintain. We would pay an outside Contract employee \$15.00 an hour to do the search. There was a second and the motion carried.

Alateen Guidelines

The Alateens are still working on these guidelines for participation at Assemblies and Al-Anon Day.

Northwest Regional Service Seminar

Cecilia will be submitting a bid for the Coeur D'Alene area within two weeks. This will be the only bid from the Idaho area with a very good chance that Idaho will get the bid.

New Business

Al-Anon Day 2006

Eileen reported the date for the 2006 Al-Anon Day will be June 10 in Boise at BSU Campus. Lunch will be catered and there is a registration fee of \$18.00. She requested the DRs and GRs to ask for donated items to raffle off. Parking will be available because it is on a weekend. They will have maps of the location to hand out later. There is the University Inn close by if you want to stay the night. They do need the budgeted seed money for Al-Anon Day. There is a Friday night meeting for those who may be coming the night before.

Alateens Update Process

Area Alateen Process Position is open and we need someone to fill this position. Need someone very organized.

Copy of draft was handed out Ruth read through the copy. There was discussion regarding the following topics.

- ✓ What happens if the two references were unacceptable for the DR and how is this to be handled?
- ✓ Traci recommended that an interested party contact the Alateen process person then the background check is put in motion.
- ✓ The outside agency contacts the process person with a pass/fail. The process person can then give the applicant the outside agency name.
- ✓ There was a recommendation for a fail to go only to the candidate and pass are given to the process person by the outside agency.
- ✓ There was concern that the process person knows when a person gets a fail.

The decision was made to have the Adhoc committee get together and go over this further. They can bring to next Assembly.

Amend Past Motion/Re: Sending Past and Alt Delegates to the NWRDM

There was a motion made to accept the proposal from Area to amend the motion to send the Alt Delegate and the past Delegate each once during the Delegates three year term the third year the Delegate would go on there own motion carried.

More Time for Business Meeting at Assemblies

Danielle shared that there is concern that minorities are not heard and that we are rushed in the business portion of the meetings at Assemblies. There was discussion about doing reports and changing our structure so that the whole day is part of the business meeting starting at 9:00 through the luncheon and then starting back up at 1:30 after the luncheon.

Question was posed--Do we want to have District reports and Coordinator reports in the minutes? Yes, because it is part of the business meeting. There were many members in approval of making the change at future Assemblies.

Prescription Al-Anon

Cecilia reported that we won \$500.00 of free Literature for the Idaho State Area for our ideas submitted for Prescription Al-Anon. We need to decide which Literature we want to utilize the \$500.00 towards. Recommendations were to purchase the literature and distribute at the next Assembly. Someone recommended posters that could be posted. Loni and some of the other Area Coordinators will put together a proposal.

Attachments

- A Agenda
- B Treasurer Report
- C Area Group Records Report
- D Fall Funding Request for Literature Center
- E Idaho Area Literature Report
- F Draft copy of Alateen Safety Guidelines/Update Process

Respectfully submitted,

Michele W., Area Secretary