
Idaho AWSC 2005 Spring

AI-Anon AWSC Meeting Minutes

The business meeting of the Idaho Area 2005 Spring Assembly was held at the Doubletree Riverside Hotel Inn in Boise, Idaho on April 30, 2005. Ruth B. opened the meeting at 1:30 p.m. with the Serenity Prayer. The steps, traditions, and concepts were read. Ruth relayed the message of why we are all here. Everyone introduced himself or herself.

Agenda

See page for the business meeting agenda.

Reports

Secretary's Report

Michele presented minutes. Minutes were approved with one change on page 2 under Area Newsletter.

Treasurer's Report

Please mail reimbursement expenses to Joan-Area Treasurer. The treasurer's report was handed out.

Budget—Area committee's proposed 2005 budget had 3 categories with \$0. Area committee expense for AWSC and Assembly were left that way because that item is on agenda. The Newsletter expense is 0 because the Coordinator has her own checkbook. There was discussion about needing to have the money set aside in the budget just in case the coordinator needed the funds.

The original amounts of \$1100 for Area meetings, \$2640 for Assembly Area Committee expenses and \$600 for the Newsletter would be added back in as the budget but still needing to be approved.

A motion was made for expenses for newsletter budget to be \$500 motion carried.

There was discussion about prudent reserve. There is \$2100.00 set aside for the RSS, which is every three years. World Service Office recommended having costs for 1 year as prudent reserve. It was decided the budget of \$8810.00 would be the proposed for 2005. *Motion made to approve budget and the motions carried.*

Delegate's Report

Cecelia got to go to Stepping Stones and shared some of her experience there.

The May issue of Forum has a survey and the first 100 to turn them in will get 10 past issues from WSO.

Coming Up

Prescription AI-Anon

Forget a piece of literature in March 2006

Northwest Regional Service Seminar is coming up in 2007. North Dakota is up to host next but do not feel like they are able to host at this point. Next is South Dakota but they are hosting another seminar so Idaho is next in line. The last one in Idaho was October 1984. Cecelia proposed we put a bid in for this and asked if it could be in Northern Idaho. The funds for the NRSS are supplied by WSO. We will just need to supply the volunteers.

The days are a Friday, Saturday and Sunday in September of 2007. We could put 2 bids in so we have better chance of meeting criteria. There were recommendations for Coeur d' Alene, Boise and Sun Valley.

Motion made by Mike to make a bid to host next RSS motion carried

Need a bilingual rep for Idaho if any one knows an available candidate.

Cecelia showed the new PSA on "Feelings"

New service manuals will be coming out in next couple months and will also be available on website.

OLD BUSINESS

2005 Al-Anon Days—Kamiah June 10-12 2005 Hosted by District 2:

Danielle E announced that every thing is ready although they do need more reservations.

They have asked each District to do a skit on alphabet soup. Pam will be our spiritual speaker. Flyers are available and on the web site.

Fall Assembly 2005 Sept. 30, Oct. 1 &2—Burley/ Hosted by District 4:

Joan B. announced that Ilsa out for a couple months so she is helping out. Flyers are not available yet.

The speaker will be Terry from Castleford for the Al-Anon luncheon. At this time there is no Alateen scheduled.

Idaho Alateen Guidelines-Discussion and Vote

A copy of the Alateen guidelines for Idaho that the WSO currently has on file was handed out and needs approval by the Assembly with a couple changes.

Linda made a motion to accept work in progress as presented to WSO Barbara seconded and the motion carried with some opposed but majority ruled.

The purpose of the guidelines and the voting in of the applicants for Alateen sponsors is to meet and agree to requirements and give each district the opportunity to approve and to sign saying to best of their knowledge it is correct information on each candidate. We as an area have to decide if we want to do the background checks, which will add extra costs. We would have to make that commitment. There was discussion that the background checks should be done before each district approves the candidates. Ruth recommended we create an Adhoc committee for the background check implementation.

We have 14 registered Alateen sponsors in Idaho.

There was discussion about having more members applying to be Alateen sponsors and looking at the different back ground checks with different costs. Can the districts handle the costs because it would be great if they could?

Lloyd made motion that we allocate \$750.00 from budget at Area level to do background checks Mike seconded and the motion carried.

Mike will chair Adhoc committee for background checks. Anyone interested in being on the committee see Mike.

Area Expenses Ad Hoc Committee—Cecilia S.

Currently the Area officers, coordinators and DRs get \$25 for AWSC meetings and \$60 for assemblies while some actually have to pay more and some pay very little. They wanted to look at the actual expense and would like it to be in same range for new budge. There was discussion about whether it was necessary for reimbursement for DRs by Area while each District could take care of sending their DR to Area meetings and Assemblies. Each District can make decisions and be autonomous regarding what their budget should be for that. This would free up some of the funds for our Area officers and coordinators. The committee came up with an expense report for actual expenses and would like us to try this for 6 months. We would discontinue reimbursing the DRs and start reimbursing Area officers and coordinators for actual expenses and they would turn these in on an expense report.

A motion made by Traci to try this new process for 1 year it was seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

New Business

Policy Manual update

Danielle has been working on creating this manual proposed with specific things for Idaho. Please let Danielle know if you would like to be on this committee. Please remember these guideline are suggestions only especially as Idaho is growing.

Al-Anon Days—Future rotation

The recommendation from Area World Service Committee is to have the rotation continue. There was discussion that most agree that is should rotate. Pam recommended that we look at the Al-Anon Days future as it was originally set to see if we could have our own business assemblies so we could be self supporting. Ruth asked if we could address the issue on the table first and address that at another time.

A motion was made to continue the rotation through the districts the motion carried.

Alateen program at AA Assemblies vs. Alateen at Al-Anon Days

Tasha spoke on behalf of Alateen--she feels we do need to have an Alateen program but those in attendance should have 6 months in program before attending. There would need to be commitment by sponsors to help with this. She didn't feel that there was interest because there is not enough adult participation. Phil says they have put a lot of time in the past into the agenda but he ended up babysitting and the Alateens got bored. There was a lot of discussion.

A Motion was made to allow Lateens presence and welcomed at Assemblies and Al-Anon days but have their own program and a behavioral cod. Each Districts has autonomy and if there is no program created by the Alateens then there is no program this was seconded and the motion carried

Newsletter: Email vs. Postal/ continue to send to all groups

Currently there are 6 new subscriptions with a total of \$34. Checking account has enough money left for one more issue. It is extremely easy for newsletter to be emailed and this

saves a lot of the cost. The newsletter editor could print a couple copies for people who don't have email and mail them.

A motion made to have newsletter emailed to all that have email and mail to those that need it mailed providing they have provided that information with the newsletter coordinator it was seconded and the motion carried

A recommendation was made to have this information available on the website for those interested in receiving this subscription via email or regular mail.

Area Literature Center

Renee reported that the Literature Center is in dire straights, which was found as John B helped roll over to the new QuickBooks. They need to have \$800-\$900 a month to keep it open. This will be a Literature Center board decision, but they would like our input and they passed a survey out for members to fill out. There was discussion. District needs to look at phone costs and make sure District 3 pays for their own phone. Is this an Area or District 3 responsibility? Discussion was closed and it will be up to the Literature Center board at this point.

Newsletter posted on the website

Danielle had a question about posting the newsletter on the website with or without personal information. There was discussion about the need since we are emailing this to most people most of the consensus was that we did not need to have this on the web.

Coordinator Reports to be sent to the newsletter, as we did not have enough time during the business meeting.

Attachments

- A Agenda
- B Treasurer Report
- C Area Group Records Report
- D Letter from Myrna Cain
- E Idaho Alateen Guidelines
- F Prescriptin Al-Anon

Respectfully submitted,

Michele W., Area Secretary