

8/21/10 AWSC

Chair: Connie D.

Approved

1. Call to Order: 11:15 AM by Connie D.
2. Moment of Silence and the Serenity Prayer by all.
3. Traditions: read by Sylvia D27
4. Concepts: read by Anne F. Northeast Regional Trustee
5. Welcome and Information items: Connie D.
 - New Drs or visitors: Janet D18, Carol D18 & Ann D25
 - Please turn off or put on silent mode phones and pagers
 - 2 minute rule, 1 time at mic
 - When commenting please come up front to mic, state your name, position and district.
6. Roll Call:
 - 1) Districts present: 3, 5, 6, 14, 18, 22, 23, 24, 26, 27, & 29
 - 2) AIS Reps: Rochester & Syracuse
 - 3) Coordinators: Alateen, Convention, Group Records, Homepage, Public Outreach, Literature, NYNAC
 - 4) Officers: Delegate, Alt. Delegate, Secretary, Treasurer & chairperson
7. Secretary's Report: minutes from the 5/21/10 AWSC read by Ruth S.M: accept with corrections Linda D5 2nd Elaine Delegate passed voice vote
8. Treasurer's Report: read by Louise F. copy online, also it appears in current HiLights. Current balance in checking account is \$9955.11. Financial comparisons will be used in the discussion of the 2011 budget. M: accept George Group Records 2nd Pat D29 passed by voice vote.
9. Delegate's Report: Elaine reported copy online. Elaine will be leading a workshop on conflict Resolution this afternoon.
10. Chairperson Report: Connie reported copy online.
11. Alt. Delegate: Gina reported copy online.
12. Alateen: Shirley reported copy online.
13. Convention: Summer reported copy online.

Q: It was discussed in the past when host groups would be able to begin fund raising. Confused on when. Policy committee working on, Pam states that the minutes suggest the discussion was just for that particular convention, not a policy. There are a number of these issues to be looked at.

C.: Diane is confused on what a policy is and what a guideline is. The Policy committee is working on and will present to all at upcoming assemblies and AWSC.
14. Group Records: George reported copy online. If a group does not have a CMA or GR they are a no mail status with WSO, after 2 years are listed as inactive.

C: Problems with email on district roster.

C: I have sent the GR1 form with changes but they are not reflected on current roster. I do not have a computer nor email to make changes with you.
15. Public Outreach: Sherry reported copy online.

Q: How do we get new bookmarks? They can be ordered through WSO, the number is M76.
16. Literature: Jean reported copy online.
17. Homepage: Kathi reported copy online.

Q: Is it Homepage Coordinator or is it? Does this have to be voted on? At first it was Web Coordinator, and then began to use Homepage. Kathi uses Web Coordinator. Policy committee will review; we can act on at the Fall AWSC.

18. Newsletter: Connie reported for Nancy copy online.
19. NYNAC: Diane reported copy online.
C: It's progress, not perfection. We are here to share the load.
20. Spanish Contact: Connie reported there is still no one who has stepped forward to fill void. There is a new Spanish speaking meeting in Buffalo. Can someone from that district contact the group and see if someone there is willing to work with Cira. Shirley states there is contact with 2 women from group. Some contact with Cira.
21. Syracuse AIS: Cathy reported, there are 2 new volunteers. We are open from Monday-Friday. We have completed our Public Outreach project with professionals.
Q: Any follow up on project? No
22. Rochester AIS: George, nothing to report.
23. 2011 Budget presentation: Louise F. copies of proposed new budget, comparisons of 2010 and 2009, 2010 financial statement and 2010 NYN financial accum. Totals all online. There are a few items on proposed budget not completed. Nothing entered for newsletter publishing. Since we haven't voted to go electronic will include \$4500 for next year.
Q: Account review increase by \$100, do you anticipate an increase next year? Yes, accountant talked about it.
- i. TEAM Event: Elaine addressed TEAM events. These are the replacement for RSS. They are new to us; they are now by area rather than by region. They vary in length, 1-2 days. There are a number being held around us this year. Previously this budget item was a scholarship to attend an RSS. If we were to hold a TEAM event this would be a separate budget item. It is already in policies to provide fee assistance for an RSS, we would just need to change wording. May need to develop guidelines for money distribution. This would not be scholarship but rather fee assistance. \$500 in budget for 2011 at \$50 @, if more than 10 people request fee assistance would be awarded by lottery. Information on any TEAM events will appear in HiLights.
- ii Delegate Equalization: The amount for this year is \$1250. The actual cost per delegate to attend conference is \$1966. This year's budget had allotted \$1350 for delegate equalization. There are 67 areas that send delegates to the Conference from the US and Canada. WSO covers the cost for delegates to attend, travel, accommodations, meals, etc. Some areas send more than the actual cost (2 last year). 2/3 send close to the actual amount. We are one of the areas that have not been doing this. Should we begin to look at increasing the amount we send to build to the actual cost? Maybe begin with increasing our amount to \$1450 for 2011. Note, not all areas can send much money, see page 131 of Service Manuel. In our budget for 2010 we have \$1350; only \$1250 is being requested. Recommended that we send what is budgeted, \$1350, we don't have to vote on this as it is already in budget. For the year 2011 will increase to \$1450. We find out in July what the actual cost and what the equalization are.

5 minute break 1:00-1:10 PM

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 - 4) Delegate, Alt. Delegate, Immed. Past Delegate, Secretary, Treasurer & Chairperson
 - 5) Note: The note books created by Elaine should be updated with guidelines for Alateen available on website. Reminder to bring to AWSC meetings and Assemblies.
25. M: I so move that this AWSC submit to full Assembly vote, the 2011 Budget as written. Gina D14 2nd Bob D7 passed by voice vote.
26. Email Etiquette: Elaine provided a handout from WSO Task Force on Technology. There were a few points she highlighted.
- Reply promptly:

- Maintain Antinomy
- Service Communication
- Use of Bcc and Cc
- Chain mail letters

It was also pointed out the importance of using subject line.

27. Separation of Alateen Coordinator/ AAPP position: The AAPP is the process person for AMIAS. This evolved about 6-8 years ago in some areas. Communication with WSO must be done on yearly bases. This adds a lot of work to the Alateen Coordinator's work load. In many areas there are 2 positions. Would like to begin looking at this idea of 2 positions. The AAPP does not have to be a coordinator but a support person to work with the Alateen Coordinator. This would allow the Alateen Coordinator to work more with the Alateens.

Q: Would this be an elected position? It could be but might be a volunteer similar to Spanish Contact.

Q: Would the position have some funding? Yes

Q: Are there other positions that could help? Possibly

C: Important that the 2 people who do this be able to work well together. Good communication.

C: If we're going to separate into 2 positions need to understand the importance of AAPP. The certification of AMIAS. Afraid that if a volunteer position might lose the importance of this position.

A committee would be set up to look at and draw up what the position would be. Also an Ad Hoc committee to review the Alateen Guidelines, questions on NYNAC, & sponsors Looking for people who are interested, will also ask for volunteers at Assembly. Volunteers today, Helen, Diane C., Summer and Shirley. Diane noted that the Rochester group hosting this year's NYNAC would also like to be involved. Talk to other groups to get move involvement.

28. Electronic Newsletter: Connie presented as Nancy P. not here. The Q&A is online. We can't do anything further until we have looked at all options. There are different ways to get hard copies to those who don't have a computer. There was a lot of discussion as to pros and cons. We are still in the discussion stage and will continue to gather information and feedback from membership.
29. Spanish Contact: This was discussed earlier today.
30. Hats off for Service: In preparation for 2011 Fall Election Assembly Connie has asked each officer and coordinator to create a hat that represents them and their position. They will have 3 minutes to present the highlights of their job. Will be presenting at this Fall Assembly or next Spring.
31. Policy committee has met. In reviewing policies it was noted we should be doing an area inventory in the spring of the second year. Will be handed out at this year's Fall Assembly to complete and return.
32. Vote on Closing of Business meetings with the Al-Anon Declaration: The recommendation has been made to close business meetings, AWSC and Assemblies with the Al-Anon Declaration. This is not to tell groups how they should close their individual meetings. This would be brought to the Fall Assembly for vote.
M: Close the AWSC and Assembly meetings with the Al-Anon Declaration only. Connie D. Chairperson 2nd Gina Alt. Delegate Passed by voice vote.
33. Website Committee: Will be meeting after the AWSC today.
34. Policy Ad Hoc: Pam reported the committee has reviewed minutes from 1999-2010. Working on categorizing. There may be some policies that were not put on agendas for votes even though minutes indicate a vote took place. May need to put on an AWSC agenda.
Q: what is the difference between a Policy and a Guideline? Policy is a direction in a general way. Guidelines are more specific, they change more frequently. Can find information on both in the Service Manuel pgs. 41 & 75.
35. Leadership Workshop on Conflict Resolution: Elaine lead workshop, copy online.

36. District Announcements and Sharing's

37. Closing:

- M: George Group Records
- 2nd Elaine Delegate
- Passed by voice vote
- Closed 4:00 PM

Respectfully submitted Ruth S., Secretary