

DISTRICT 6 AL-ANON- DISTRICT MEETING November 8, 2020

Present: Genevieve (Jenni) H, District representative
Scott R, Secretary, GR; Carol B, Treasurer; Judy D, Literature Co-or
George A, Website Co-or; Barry T, Breakfast Co, GR Diana M, EVI Speak Co-or

Randi B, GR	Tara M. GR	Linda B, GR	Maureen F, GR	
Phyllis H, GR	Emily C, GR		Shadra L.	

Opened with Serenity Prayer

Welcome/Introductions/Attendance

Committee Chairs:

☑ Secretary – October minutes – approved

☑ Breakfast Coordinator – Barry: I am not standing for this position, but I am willing to help others. Therefore, we need a Breakfast coordinator starting in January.

Jenni: December breakfast will be sponsored by District 6.

Current responsibilities outlined. Job description to be sent out by Jenni.

☑ Treasury Report – Carol: Reports submitted and should be attached here.

Accounts total \$12,120.

Proposed 2021 budget: to be repeated by GR's to their groups, Vote: 7 approved, 1 abstain.

Tara: how much would you estimate each Al-Anon member should contribute to keep us afloat? Suggested answer given during treasurer's report. Number of groups divided by district need = approx. \$19.00/month.

Diana M: How to make contributions easier? Answer in treasurer's report, part 3.

Diana M: Concern regarding differences among groups in the way group funds are distributed. Answered by Jenni; each is autonomous and each member may make their own decision where to contribute.

Phyllis: Is our literature insured? Carol: I will check.

☑ Literature Depot – George: internet to be repaired this month. Literature sales frequently accompanied by a donation to district. Air purifier installed. Church said they will make large room available for meetings WHEN the church opens.

☑ Literature Coordinator – Judy D: inventory, retail value \$5,950.34

☑ EVI Coordinator – Diana M: I am new to this. there are only two speakers scheduled. I will be calling people today.

☑ 24/7 Answering Services – Jenni reporting for Rhee: Introduced idea of discontinuing answering service until face-to-face meetings begin again. Idea rejected.

Old business

☑ Banner Report - Emily – It's done!!!! And done well. Near the Hospital on Mohawk Blvd. in Springfield, for 3 weeks.

The banner will be a reusable resource for our District.

New business

1. I received this request from the Oregon Area Group Records Coordinator. "Please ask your groups to send their changes through your DR instead of going to WSO". As usual we go from group, to district, to area, to WSO.

2. Photograph for New Oregon Area Web Site – see Item A below

3. Following the traditions at the assemblies – Information only – see Item B below

4. Assembly on Nov. 21 Virtual and the February AWSC & March Assembly have already been voted on to be virtual.

5. Mary Lynn J. Alternate Delegate: DR's I would like to ask you to poll your GR's about what topics they would like to have discussed during the GR breakout. The GR's really liked having the poll to decide what they wanted to discuss.

6. Mary Lynn Alternate Delegate is resigning at the end of the November assembly because she will be moving. She would like to vote for a new Alternate Delegate replacement at the November Assembly. So if you know any past District Representatives that would be interested in this position have them come to the November Assembly and stand for the position.

Discussion re. "What are groups doing for newcomers?"

Closed with the Al-Anon Declaration.

Item A

Bunny Grimes <bunnygr1983@gmail.com>

Tue, Nov 3, 9:25AM (2 days ago)

The task force for the New Website is looking for a photograph (Jpeg) to represent your district. This is for the front page that will be put on a loop so all of Oregon is represented.

Please send it to Deanna at DeannaLettingGo@gmail.com

Need Before November 15th

Item B

Our Primary Purpose – Dawn K., Chair: wanted to address the events that happened at the July Assembly. A video was shown during a break, and then some members shared that they felt the video was racist. I want to give some context to that whole scenario. If you are new to an AWSC or Assembly that could seem like it was coming out of nowhere. I want to explain that for several years, at least since I have been in service at the Area level, occasionally we would take a stretch break that included the song and actions from Head, Shoulders Knees and Toes, and generally lead by Judy J. This was to get us out of our seats because you can be sitting for a long time. At one of the last assemblies that we met in person I received more feedback that people wanted more opportunities to get up and not being in their chairs so long. So I was requested to include stretch breaks in the agenda. So when it came to doing our first

virtual assembly I was planning on doing a couple of breaks. When someone brought the two videos to my attention that were head, shoulders, knees and toes and another dance video. There was a realization that it was not conference approved. There were reservations in showing it because it was not conference approved but went ahead. The intention was not to incite controversy it was to offer everyone a time to get up and move in a fun way. That is not what happened, and as a result of that, I know I myself started looking at my assumptions are on things, and my opinions and thoughts on things compared to someone with more years or less years than me. In a way it was a good thing that happened. It opened our eyes, it showed the reason why our fellowship says to stick to Conference Approved Literature. What I want to remind us about is that our primary purpose it to provide help and hope to the families and friends of alcoholics. As such, that needs to remain to be our focus. These things that happen, racism or whatever are outside issues because our primary focus should be on helping people. I am not saying we should not address these issues, I am not saying that we shouldn't be looking at them. I do think they inform what we do in meetings and how we are in our recovery and so many other things, it is just part of who we are. I want us to remain steadfast in what our organization is here for. I think what that is going to look like is, future exercises/workshops to inform us more about things that we may not be aware of. I don't know what that is going to look like yet because I think we have to tread that lightly with maintaining our primary purpose and maintain our focus on our recovery from the effects of alcoholism and getting off tract. It will be a continuing work in progress.

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