

Final AWSC Minutes

June 19, 2010
Brownsville, OR
Host: District 16

The meeting was called to order by Area Chair Rita B at 9:10 a.m. with a moment of silence followed by the Serenity Prayer. The Traditions were read by John and the Concepts were read by Carolyn.

Roll Call: /Mary W.

- AWSC members excused: Barb B., Bonnie A., Elaine R., Lisa B, Helen M, Misty L.
- Past Delegates absent and missed – Bea J.

Secretary's report: Mary W.

- Reviewed and approved minutes with changes made for February 2010 AWSC

Housekeeping: Cheryl K., District 16

Treasurers Report: Bunny G.

- Expenses and income as of 5/31/2010
 - Balance as of 5/31/2010 \$10,391.20
 - Income: 1/1/2010 – 5/31/2010 \$ 20,858.85
 - Expenses: 1/1/2010 – 5/31/2010 \$ 10,467.65
 - Area Cash Balances as 5/31/2010 \$10,391.20
- There were questions about the report that were answered
- Motion to send back money from donor based on prior knowledge that it is not from an Al-Anon group was approved.

Delegates Report: Bette R.

- Bette reported on the 50th World Service Conference in Wyndham, Virginia Beach, April 12-15, 2010 (see report in Attachment)
- Next year is 60th Al-Anon birthday

TSPVP (Trusted Servant Profile and Voting Procedures)Thought Force Report: Roland

- Members of Thought Force – Barb B., Linda S., Jodie P., Helen M., Rita B. ex officio
- Purpose of Thought Force is to originate ideas for codifying procedures for voting at assemblies

Ongoing motions: Sue

7 ongoing motions need input from AWSC

- By voice vote approved to move to history and make inactive the Motion May-66 Eugene 5
 - *“To have another State Speaker Meeting and we screen the speaker or speakers so the image of Al-Anon will be best represented.”*

- Discussed Motion – F (finances) Sep-73 Roseburg 2.
 - *“It was moved and seconded to have the group’s names who contributed to the Speakers Meeting to be listed.”* (see Handbook in Financial Records and Reports Section 6 p16._
 - The motion was passed by voice vote to change the above motion to *“It was moved and seconded to have the group’s names who contributed to the State Speakers Meeting to be listed in the Communicator.”*
- Tabled for future discussion the remaining motions.

Sound system and in-focus for Assembly and AWSC: Carolyn H

- Presented the advantages of having a projector for giving presentations (see Attachment 1)
- Pat G. offered to donate her system for projection

Oregon Area Handbook: Cindy E.

Put together ad hoc committee for updating Handbook
Ted B, Judy J, and Sue B volunteered

Originating or Modifying Motions: Joanne C., Public Information Coordinator

- A motion was brought up and discussed (see Attachment 2)
- Rita will appoint a thought force to work on this topic

Alateen chat room: Loretta

- WSO has set up a Alateen chat room to reach kids that don’t have access to Alateen
- Will start June 22, 3 sponsors and 25 kids are signed up.

Workshop: Bette

Bette led a workshop on “Understanding Ourselves and Others.”

T.E.A.M. event update: Colleen

June 17-19, 2011 at Seabeck. Colleen gave a history of how event came together (see Attachment 3).

T.E.A.M. Host committee for Seabeck event: Rita

Rita appointed Judy, Colleen, Billie L., Barbara L., Joanne C., Bette R., and Rita B. to the T.E.A.M. Host committee

2010 SSM Final Report: Kim, District 6

Raised \$5,527.78.

2010 July Assembly: Trish, Districts 11 & 12, Gresham

Friday night sharing meeting 7:30 pm

2011 SSM Report: Sue, District 7, Medford, Red Lion Hotel

May 20, 21, 22, 2011

2012 SSM Report: Melissa, District 14
Klamath Falls has declined to do 2012 SSM

2010 Oct 23 AWSC Report: Jerri B., District 5
will be in Bend, Redmond Oct 23, 2010

Agenda for July 2010 Assembly

- Delegate's Report: Bette
- Vote on Nominations for Regional Trustee
- Alateen Sponsor Certification Workshop
- Coordinator Report
- T.E.A.M. Report
- Action Committees

The meeting closed with the AI-Anon Declaration at 4:39

Respectfully Submitted,

Mary W.
Oregon Area Secretary

Attachment 1

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TEAM REPORT – AWSC – Brownsville - 6/19/2010

I'm here to talk about our NOW scheduled event partnering with Washington and WSO for June 17, 18, and 19th, 2011. **TEAM...TOGETHER EMPOWERING AL-ANON MEMBERS.**

I would like to give you a brief history of how this came about.

First: Our delegate introduced the TEAM idea at the March 2010 Assembly, after receiving an invitation from the Washington Delegate. After a discussion, a decision was made by a show of hands, group conscience, to:

1. Join with Washington Area in presenting a TEAM EVENT in Washington **if...**
Seabeck Conference Center was available for our use June 17-19, 2011. Our Area determined this was the only weekend open for Oregon participation.
2. Working on reaching our \$5,000.00 deposit goal:
The weekend rate for Seabeck was approximately \$100 per person. To come up with the initial deposit due sometime in June, we needed 25 members from Oregon and 25 members from Washington willing to make a commitment at that time. In both Areas, by raise of hands, the member commitment exceeded that request. It was then determined to move forward. YEA!!!
3. This TEAM Event would be fully self-supported by member participation and there would be no financial obligation to either Area.
4. An ad-hoc committee was appointed by the Oregon Area Chair. Together with Washington Area we began working on the availability of Seabeck. Our request was favorably received.
5. After reviewing the WSO TEAM Request Form with Bette and Rita, I met with the Washington Delegate and their Area Chair and we compared ideas on what we hoped to accomplish by having this joint venture. A common goal was to prepare our members for leadership positions and to help instill a passion for Al-Anon service at all levels. A comment made by the Washington Chair was, “so that at the next Area election we will have 4 or 5 members making themselves available for each Trusted Servant position.”
6. Presentation was made to WSO. Our package was bright YELLOW, so it wouldn't get lost in a pile of papers! It was accepted!! We were ecstatic!!

We will have at least three people coming from WSO to participate with us in workshops, possibly sharing their personal stories and mingling so we have a greater opportunity to know them and understand the service they provide us. Our Regional Trustee, Penny R. has already sent in her registration and will come independently. We will be swimming in Experience, Strength, and Hope from members from all over the US and possibly Canada. How EXCITING is THAT!! Yes it is open to anyone who is interested in attending.

7. Our committee began to take shape. We have members from both Washington and Oregon meeting regularly, face-to-face and on line with a yahoo group to exchange ideas and make decisions on information as it comes in. It is very inclusive and all voices are welcomed and heard.
8. Where are we NOW!!
 - Seabeck's weekend package was quoted to us at \$110 for 4 meals, lodging, use of the meeting hall (that seats 250) and other breakout rooms. The committee added \$15.00 to cover any overhead expenses. A total of \$125 covers WONDERFUL, and PLENTIFUL meals served family style. (Their Cinnamon Rolls Are to Die for!) and our lodging, snacks, publicity, etc... The Friday evening meal will be potluck, provided by Washington members. Any monies left, above the expenses, will be sent as donation from Oregon and Washington to WSO.
 - We currently have 22 registered and 1 donated scholarship, at \$125 each for a total of \$2,875.00. That would be 13 from Oregon, 9 from Washington, plus 1 scholarship.
 - Judy J is our registration person and is accepting registration today if you have your money with you, stop by to see her! Barbara L, is our trusted treasurer for this event. Remember how wonderful this team work was at the SSM hosted by District 17 last year!
 - You have been receiving the printed word from Joanne C, our communications person via allAWSC on the website, and registration forms have been sent to those who indicated an interest (that we could remember) at the March Assembly) with the invitation to share with friends. We have copies available here today. Judy would love to take your money!! Thanks to Misy, there is a TEAM Event link at www.oregonal-anon.org to go to for current information regarding TEAM. Thank you Misty!! You may also research TEAM at www.al-anon.alateen.org, the WSO website.
 - The Registration Committee is currently working on packages, including meals, for those individuals who may only be able to attend for one day. Also for those who may have a relative living close enough to bunk with (secluded and private, means the closest communities are about 20 miles away), and this would apply for the more local members. Also, there are those who may want to turn this into the beginning of a week away from home in their RVs. Note: There are no RV facilities available at Seabeck. See www.seabeck.org for additional information!!
 - They are also setting up a program where members can make 2 installment payments. First to be \$75.00 and the second \$50.00. This could work well for many of us.
 - Bill J is investigating the possibility of having a bus (or busses) leaving from Portland and transporting to Seabeck. And Judy will lead the signing!!! Bea will write Raps and...All of Eugene will show up dressed as cowboys and cowgirls or ???...in the on-going tradition of the Oregon Area, where Fun and Fellowship are two very important components of the Al-Anon activities.
 - Flyers containing all of this information will be available soon. So until then mark your calendars and SAVE THE DATE for June 17th, 18th, and 19th, 2011.

- We will be meeting new and old friends; working with WSO staff or volunteers (trustees or executive committee members), all very wonderful Empowering Experiences. Plan to come to Energize You and Your Al-Anon Program.

DO YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS??

WHAT WILL YOU RECEIVE? A WEEKEND OF PEACE and SERENITY on the BEAUTIFUL Hood Canal at a secluded, private location, LIVING, LAUGHING, LOVING AND SPIRITUAL RENEWAL.

We will be reviewing the contract with Seabeck as early as June 21st. After signing, we will have 3 weeks to meet our deposit of \$5,000.00

Committee, are we worried this will not happen? NO!!!

I want to thank all of those members who are on the TEAM committee for their participation and support of this NEW Adventure in Al-Anon.

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