

**FALL ASSEMBLY
SEPTEMBER 21, 2019
JAMESTOWN CIVIC CENTER
JAMESTOWN, ND**

8:30 Registration
9:00 Assembly begins

The meeting was called to order by Sheri S. at 9:00 AM.

The Serenity Prayer was said by everyone.

Sheri S. read the Area 43 Al-Anon Assembly Mission Statement.

Connie B. read the Preamble.

Introductions: Everyone introduced themselves.

The seventeen voting members were: Diane D., Cathy S., Brenda G., Tanya V., Donna J., Steve B., Jan R., Brooke S., Lila B., Judy M., Delilah L., Lowann K., Tracy N., Sheila S., Erika S., Lana N., Sally D.

The seven non-voting members were: Connie B., Sheri S., Darcy A., Nancy H., Belinda S., Lynelle K., Sharon B.

Sheri S. welcomed two newcomers and Area Newcomer packets were distributed to them.

Sheri S. explained her facilitation of this meeting, due to the resignation of Carol T.

Everyone read the Steps, Traditions, Concepts, and Warranties.

Tradition 7 – “Passing the Basket” was read by Sheila S. and an anonymous container was passed.

Official count of voting members attending Assembly.

Budget Committee will meet over the noon hour. Lila B., Jan R., Brooke S. volunteered to serve as the at-large members on the committee.

Secretary Report

Motions were read by Lynelle K. Jan R. made a motion to accept the secretary’s report. Lana N. 2nd; motion carried unanimously.

Treasurer’s Report

The Treasurer’s report was distributed by Erika S. Lila B. made a motion to accept the treasurer’s report. The motion was 2nd by Delilah L.; motion carried unanimously. Lynelle K. will attach the report to the minutes.

Workshop: Diane D. made a motion to break Assembly meeting for the Workshop prepared by District 6/8. Shelia S. 2nd; motion carried unanimously.

District Reports

District 1: Tanya V. – nothing added

District 2: Donna J. – Trying to start meeting in New England

District 3: Brenda G. – nothing added

District 4: Steve B. – Report plus completed Reaching for Freedom Steps; this Jan-March will be going through Traditions.

District 5: No DR; no report

District 6&8: Cathy S. – nothing added

District 7: Diane D. – nothing added

Coordinator Reports

Alateen – Erika S. reported on behalf of Dee S. Dee had been working with District 4 to get Alateen going; currently three Alateen sponsors have been certified – Steve B., Walt G., and Joan M. Steve B. is looking for someone to be the lead the effort in the Bismarck Area. Correction to Alateen Report – Joan M. instead of Brenda.

Sheri S. shared about successful Alateen meetings happening in school systems in other states.

Archives – Donna J. – nothing new

Forum – Diane D. – If groups or districts are interested in a workshop on writing for the Forum, Diane D. is willing to travel and perform the workshop and submit stories to the Forum.

Group Records - Nancy H. – added a Dickinson meeting (in New England) – will be on new meeting list.

Literature – Molly W. has moved to Montana; will hold election

Public Outreach – Cathy S. – no report, no activity. Heart is not in this position, happy to step aside if Assembly so chooses.

Website – Lila B. – nothing to add

Literature Distribution Center – Steve B. – Everything is going great. End of July was supposed to be a price increase, but that didn't seem to happen. Literature tab on ND Al-Anon Website; working to improve pricing list with picture of material.

Newsletter/Alavine – Connie B. – please send reports in black and white. Lana N made a motion to print Mission Statement and Vision Statement on inside of Alavine. Brenda G. 2nd; unanimous.

Delegate's Report – Sheri S. – Both NW Delegates Meeting and April Conference were wonderful. Sheri brought back numerous love gifts from Conference to share and displayed a small table at Assembly; explained how Delegates exchange them; and wanted to inspire groups and districts to think about sending something in the future.

WSO Shared Strategic Plan

There are five areas of focus:

Core Purpose: Helping families and friends of alcoholics find hope and encouragement to live joyful, serene lives.

Mission Statement: Al-Anon Family Group Headquarters, Inc. is a spiritually based organization that helps the families and friends of alcoholics connect and support each other through meetings, information and shared experiences.

Core Values: Spiritually Based; Honest; Transparent; Self-supporting

Envisioned Future (2024-2029): Global organization with technology-based operations supporting on-demand access to the program, information & sponsors; research-validated effectiveness of program is recognized by professionals, schools and religious leaders which helps increase membership and expand

its outreach; society benefits from reduced health care costs, lower levels of incarceration and increased graduation rates; greater connectedness benefits families and friends of alcoholics.
Goals (2022-2024): Members – universal access to tools for recovery; Public – alcoholism recognized as a family disease and Al-Anon as a universally available, effective and sustainable resource; Organization – AFG has one global structure increasing access to knowledge, resources and the program.

WSO revenues expected to decrease in 2019.

Road Trip – board goes somewhere they are invited to hold a board meeting. It's a great way for members to meet them and become familiar with the business of the Board. Have to put in a bid to have the Board Meeting in your area (North Dakota does not have enough airlines, but ND and SD Delegates have asked Board to reconsider that standard). Next one is in Seattle.

WSO is budgeting a loss for next year.

Discussion on the traditional dollar donation at meetings.

Electronic voting for the first time at Conference.

WSC 2020 – April 20-24 in Virginia Beach, VA

2020 Alcoholics Anonymous World Convention with Al-anon participation July 2-5, 2010, in Detroit, MI.

Team Events ending in 2019.

New PSAs. Available on WSO website.

Discussion of cashless society – using Venmo, PayPal, etc.

Lunch Break: 11:00 M

Reconvene: 12:30 PM

Old Business

1. Discussion on moving Spring Assembly to April:
 - a. We've always followed the AA meetings and have had some bad weather and we are unable to attend some AA events.
 - b. We have snowbirds and thus lack of them participating in service.
 - c. Lots of couples go so it makes sense to do it at the same time as their events. There were 5 attendees at today's meeting.
 - d. Suggestion for April vs March = the group census was split between the two months.
 - e. We've committed to Minot hotels and with AA the meeting room is free

New Business

1. AWSC Committee: Purpose is to plan the Assembly meeting to make it more effective.
Comments include:
 - a. Not in favor of same format
 - b. Do further in advance, prior to Alavine
 - c. Conference call using Skype, Zoom, etc. for free or check WSO for other tools.Next steps: There is interest and we'll try in January. Brenda volunteered to investigate the technology setup.

Northcentral Delegates meeting March 6-8, 2020 in Fargo, ND; Lila will add to ND website.

2. Elections
 - a. Area Chair – Sheila made a motion to elect Brenda as chair and Lana as Alternate Chair; Steve seconded; motion approved unanimously.
 - b. Literature Coordinator – Lana made a motion to elect Darcy; Erica seconded; motion approved unanimously.
3. 2020 Budget: Erica covered; Total \$6736
 - a. Jan made a motion to approve and Sally made a second; motion approved unanimously.
4. Donations to Area – Checks must be made to ND Area 43 or ND State AI-Anon:
 - a. Announced when you make it out to include the officer name, they can cash the check themselves.
 - b. Send checks to Erica instead of Connie with change in Treasurer.
5. Reimbursement for members attending Assembly who get no funding from their groups/districts:
6. Reimbursement for conference/regional meeting attended by Delegate: At the current meeting there were 6 attendees that would be eligible for the \$50 token; 1 had no reimbursement.
 - a. Suggestion for application/scholarship; or just contact Treasurer for approval.
 - b. Suggestion to just pay them, same as group or district to pay expenses if not otherwise covered by Area
 - c. Suggestion to gather data and see the impact.
 - d. Only pay coordinators and officers.

Motion made by Kathy starting in 2020 to reimburse coordinators and officers (and eliminating Tokens) for Assembly and amend budget accordingly. Continue delegate Token. No double dipping in that groups should pay for those sent. Only when reimbursements are requested; Jan second; motion approved unanimously.

7. Electronic Means of Registration for Assembly Meetings vs registering and paying the day of the event:
 - a. Erica will investigate the options and bring back data to the January AWSC meeting.
8. Handling of Assembly meetings during inclement weather:
 - a. Suggest that we setup Google group to more effectively communicate to the group.
 - b. Alternatively, we could meet online or reschedule.
9. Location of Assembly meetings:
 - a. Bismarck and Minot only so they don't have to travel
 - b. Travel around so those in their areas can attend AA
 - c. Steve brought Tradition 6 - "we should cooperate with AA"
 - d. Put location and spring assembly date on agenda for next Assembly.
10. Steve made a motion to adjourn; Delilah second; motion approved unanimously.
11. The closing was not read
12. A motion to close was made by Steve and 2nd by Delilah; motion carried unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 2:30 PM.

Suggestions for 2020 Spring Assembly
Area 43 Policy Manual Review
Area 43 Job Descriptions Review
Area 43 Inventory

Humbly in AI-Anon Service,
Lynelle K., Area 43 Secretary and Brooke S., Acting Secretary

ASSEMBLY TREASURER'S REPORT
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BALANCE AS OF JANUARY 1, 2019	\$4,777.19
INCOME:	
PREVIOUS DEPOSITS PRIOR TO ACCT. ACCESS	\$1,155.00
GROUP DONATIONS MARCH 2019 TO PRESENT	\$1,555.00
DISRICT DONATIONS:	\$640.00
WEBSITE/ALAVIVE DONATIONS:	\$115.00
ANONYMOUS DONATIONS:	\$200.00
INTEREST 1/31/2019 TO 8/31/2019	\$1.95
SPRING ASSEMBLY (CANCELED)	\$0.00
TOTAL INCOME:	\$3,581.95
EXPENSES:	
EQUALIZED EXPENSE (NWRDM)	\$800.00
WEBSITE HOSTING & DOMAIN	\$275.44
SPRING ASSEMBLY (CANCELED)	\$0.00
TOTAL EXPENSES (YTD):	\$1,075.44
BALANCE AS OF SEPTEMBER 21, 2019	\$7,368.70

Respectfully Submitted:
Erika S. Treasurer

