

**FALL ASSEMBLY
SEPTEMBER 15, 2018
RAMADA INN
3333 13TH AVENUE SOUTH, FARGO, ND**

8:30 Registration
9:00 Assembly began

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

The Serenity Prayer was said by everyone.

Tonya V. read the Preamble and the Steps. Lila B. read the Traditions. Steve B. read the Concepts and the Warranties.

Sheila S. asked the group to thank the host District for all the goodies in the meeting room.

Sheila S. asked all new GRs to stand and introduce themselves. They were: Delilah L., Amber S., Jan R., Belinda S., Elizabeth V., Sally D., Dale R., Lowann K.

Sheila introduced Chere F., the WSO Trustee, and a special guest at our Assembly. Chere F. shared her story with the group,

Tradition 7 – Sheila S. passed the basket (in the form of a bank bag) for Tradition 7.

Introductions: Everyone introduced themselves.

The seventeen voting members were: Dee S., Erika S., Diane D., Molly W., Connie S. B., Belinda S., Lana N., Lynelle K.; Rose Mary M., Cathy S., Brenda G., Lila B., Vonnie A., Sally D., Tanya V., Donna J., Steve B.,

The eighteen non-voting members were: Connie B., Carol T., Sheri S., Sheila S., Carla K., Gayle D., Chere F., Marlys R., Judy J., Darcy A., Amber S., Delilah L., Wanda C., Lowann K., Elizabeth V., Nancy H., Dale R., Jan R.

Secretary Report

Motions were read by Sheri S. Belinda G. made a motion to accept the secretary's report. Lila B. 2nd; motion carried unanimously.

Treasurer's Report

The Treasurer's report and appeal letter were distributed by Connie B. (attached at the end of these minutes).

Cathy S. made a motion to accept the treasurer's report. The motion was 2nd by Connie B.; motion carried unanimously. Sheri S. will attach the report and the appeal letter to the minutes.

District Reports

District 1: Tanya V. - No updates.

District 2: Dale R. – No Updates.

District 3: Brenda G. reported they have their Holiday Kickoff is December 1 in Minot at the Presbyterian Church. There will be a potluck, speaker and a raffle for many prizes. She has reserved a block of rooms for the 2020 Spring Assembly at the Northern Plains in Minot. If we have enough rooms we won't have to pay for a meeting room

District 4: – No updates.

District 5: No one attending.

District 6&8: Sheri S. – No updates.

District 7: Gayle D. – No updates.

Coordinator Reports

Alateen – Dee S. – She has had conversations with Bismarck, District 4, but nothing has been done yet. The deadline was missed. The Trustee, Chere, spoke to the necessity of the dates, and background checks to protect both members/attendees and Al-Anon. New groups can get certified at any time. Existing groups must get recertified on July 1st every year.

Alavine - Darcy A. had nothing further to report.

Archives – Darcy. A. referred members to the display in the room.

Forum – No report

Group Records - Nancy H. reported WSO is doing a lot of with group records to make it easier for groups to put in their own information. They are working through some bugs working all this out. She asked all new GRs to see her during this meeting to update their group information.

Literature – Open position; no report.

Public Outreach – Brenda G. – Nothing new to report.

Website – Erika S. – Nothing new. Lila B. requested a change to the Bismarck Thursday night meeting time be changed to a start time of 7:30. Erika did the update immediately on the ND Al-Anon website

Literature Distribution Center – Lana N. announced that at the end of this year she will no longer do the LDC. Any literature not sold will go to the new coordinator. Belinda asked about how the finances are done. Lana explained that this is a non-profit "organization" that is basically a book store. This would need to be transferred to a new coordinator. She did have to put an endorsement on her home insurance to make sure this inventory is covered. The benefit to the Area is that groups can get their orders in a day or two.

Break: 10:15 AM

Chere F. – Trustee Presentation

Chere F. shared a presentation created at WSO to share information about what the Board of Trustees does. It explained who trustees are and what they do. There are 19 trustees; 9 regional, 9 at large, 1 sustaining. They meet quarterly and work on projects between them. There are a number of committees that may meet electronically and/or during Board Week. They meet

quarterly also. Board Week involves committee meetings for the first few days and the board meeting the last two days. They serve on task and/or thought forces on topics that come from Conference. They establish and maintain the policies in the Service Manual. They make recommendations that come back to the Delegates for voting on in Conference.

Trustees are elected via a resume process. There is a lot of information about this in the Conference manual. There are a number of at large committees. She share the qualifications required for a trustee, referring to the service manual. She also shared the application form and a few questions on the form to help us get an idea of what the questions were like. To get the process started, we would contact our delegate.

Regional Trustee: The member completes the resume and returns it to the Delegate by August 15th. The Area World Service Committee (District Reps, Officers and Coordinators) usually help with selecting candidates for the Regional Trustee.

Trustee at Large: Elected via the same process as above but the resume goes to WSO and doesn't go through the Area.

Executive Committee for Real Property Management: Looking for candidates with applicable experience. This group meets in June and November and they deal specifically with the property owned by WSO.

They are looking for At Large Members (i.e. Public Outreach, Forum). To qualify, you must be an Al-Anon member for 5 years and complete a resume.

Lynelle asked for a correction to the Spring Assembly minutes. The state AA Round 2019 was listed as being held Williston. This should be listed as 2020. The correct locations and dates are: 2019 Spring Assembly will be held in Bismarck. The 2019 AA State Round Up and Fall Assembly will be held in Jamestown in 2019. The 2020 Spring Assembly will be in Minot and the 2020 AA State Round Up and Fall Assembly will be in Williston.

Lunch Break: 12:00 – 1:30 PM

New Business

1. Fall Elections
 - a. Delegate – Lila B. made a motion to elect Sheri S.; Cathy S. seconded; motion approved unanimously.
 - b. Alternate Delegate – Lila B. made a motion to elect Brenda G.; Cathy S. seconded; motion approved unanimously.
 - c. Chairperson – Sheri S. made a motion to elect Carol T.; Nancy H. seconded; vote by DR's present; motion approved unanimously.
 - d. Alternate Chairperson – Lila B. made a motion to elect Lynelle K.; Tonya V. seconded; vote by DR's present; motion approved unanimously.
 - e. Secretary – Cathy S. made a motion to elect Lynelle K.; Molly W. seconded; motion approved unanimously.
 - f. Treasurer – Rosemary M. made a motion to elect Erika S.; Judy J. seconded; motion approved unanimously.
 - g. Alateen Coordinator – Cathy S. made a motion to elect Dee S.; Belinda S. seconded; motion approved unanimously.

- h. Alavine Coordinator – Donna J. made a motion to elect Connie B.; Connie S. B. seconded; motion approved unanimously. Karla K. is willing to help.
- i. Archive Coordinator – Belinda S. made a motion to elect Donna J. and Dale R. as alternate; Connie B. seconded; motion approved unanimously.
- j. Forum Coordinator – Connie B. made a motion to elect Diane D.; Brenda G. seconded; motion approved unanimously.
- k. Group Reps Coordinator – Sheri S. made a motion to elect Nancy H.; Cathy S. seconded; motion approved unanimously.
- l. Literature – Nancy H. made a motion to elect Molly W.; Lila B. seconded; motion approved unanimously.
- m. Public Outreach Coordinator – Dee S. made a motion to elect Cathy S.; Erika S. seconded; motion approved unanimously.
- n. Website Coordinator – Lynelle K. made a motion to elect Lila B.; Molly W. seconded; motion approved unanimously.

Delegate Report – Carol T.

Carol shared some photos of Stepping Stones, home of Bill and Lois Wilson. There is a website for this site; steppingstones.org. She also shared finances provided at Conference. Contributions are \$53,000 above projected budgets. ND contributions for 2017 were \$5,045.80. From the first six months for 2018 our contributions so far are \$3,272.25, over half of the 2017 total. Congratulations to us! Carol also shared information about the motions voted on at Conference to give everyone an idea of the work done there. The 2019 conference is from April 12-18 in Virginia.

New Business

1. Moving the Spring Assembly Meeting to April: District 6&8 requested adding this item to the agenda. Reasoning behind the suggestion is that there are many members who go South for the winter and are gone until April. This may discourage them from holding office as they'd miss one of the two Assembly meetings each year. Avoiding driving in bad winter weather may also be a benefit. After some discussion, it was decided to table this topic until the Spring Assembly Meeting.
2. Steve B. asked attendees if they felt that continuing the LDC (Literature Distribution Center) is truly a benefit to our groups. The overwhelming consensus was yes. He is willing to take on this role provided they can find space and his wife is in agreement. He will check and let us know.
3. Sheila S. read the closing.
4. A motion to close was made by Connie B. and 2nd by Lila B.; motion carried unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 4:10 PM.

Humbly in Al-Anon Service,
Area 43 Secretary
Sheri Schweitzer

ASSEMBLY TREASURER'S REPORT
SEPTEMBER 15, 2018
RAMADA INN
FARGO ND

BALANCE AS OF MARCH 17, 2018 **\$ 4,359.53**

INCOME: Spring 2018 Assembly

Group Donations	\$ 1915.00	
Alavine/Web	\$ 125.00	
Spring Registration	\$ 180.00	
Interest 2/1/18 to8/31/18	\$ 1.33	
Anonymous Donations	\$ 150.00	
Tradition 7-Spring Assembly	\$ 197.00	\$ 2,568.33
TOTAL INCOME		<u>\$ 6,927.86</u>

EXPENSES

WEB	\$ 217.64	
SPRING ASSEMBLY EXPENSES		
COORDINATOR	\$ 300.00	
DELEGATE	\$ 117.89	
ROOM 35.92 MEALS 11.28 MILEAGE 70.69		
CORNERSTONE CHURCH. SPRING MTG	\$ 150.00	
PRINTING FOR TREASURER	\$ 20.21	
PRINTING ASSEMBLY NEWCOMERS PACKETS	\$ 262.04	
TOTAL EXPENSES		<u>\$ 1,067.78</u>

BALANCE AS OF September 15 , 2018 **\$ 5,860.08**

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED

**CONNIE B.
AREA TREASURER**

SEPTEMBER 2018 APPEAL LETTER

Today we have our conference approved literature, face to face meetings, online meetings and the great fellowship of the Al-Anon program. **Where would WE be without this?**

Will you and/or your Al-Anon group be the “one” that financially helps Area 43 Al-Anon (North Dakota) function and survive? Some actual and/or estimated expenses coming up for Area 43 are as follows:

Fall Assembly Expenses:

--Delegate/Chairman \$1,490

--Coordinators/Other Officers \$520

--World Service Conference Equalized Expense \$2500.00

Total Expenses \$4,510.00

Spring 2019 Assembly Expenses

--Delegate/Chairman \$1,490

--Coordinators/Other Officers \$ 520

Please send all group and individual donations to me (address below). Your Alavine subscriptions and website donations can also be sent to me at the following address:

Connie B.

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