

**SPRING ASSEMBLY**  
**September 9, 2017**  
**GRAND HOTEL**  
**MINOT, ND**

8:00 Registration  
8:30 Assembly begins

The meeting was called to order by Walt G. at 8:36 AM.

Walt referred members to the handouts on the Task Forces work that was done in the past few years. There have been questions about what has been done with this work and if there are still things outstanding that we might need to address. He asked everyone to review them for discussion later in the day.

Walt welcomed new comers and Connie distributed Area New Comer packets to them.

The Serenity Prayer was said by everyone.

Walt asked the host group to raise their hands and thanked them on behalf of the group.

Walt read the Preamble. The Steps, Traditions, Concepts, and Warranties were read by everyone.

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

Introductions: Everyone introduced themselves. The eleven voting members were: Steve B., Judy S., Lynelle K., Lila B., Tanya V., Sharon E., Sheila S., Molly W., Lana N., Cathy S.; Vonnie A. Non-voting members were: Connie B, Walt G., Liv F., Jan R., Donna J., Darcy A., Judy K., Nancy H., Sheri S., Brooke S., Phil R.

Secretary Report

Motions were read by Sheri. Donna made a motion to accept the secretary's report. Sheila 2<sup>nd</sup>; motion carried unanimously.

Treasurer's Report

The Treasurer's report and appeal letter was distributed by Connie.

Steve asked what the \$265 cost for the Web expense for 2018. This is a cost for the host business on which we have our website.

Steve asked if donations have increased after putting the comment on the Alavine about the expense for the Alavine/Web. Connie stated that it has. Cathy asked if it is still recommended that each group donate \$15; the answer is yes. Individual donations are also greatly appreciated. The web site has replaced the need for printing a lot of materials so those expenses have been reduced and the information is readily available for everyone.

Cathy made a motion to accept the treasurer's report. The motion was 2<sup>nd</sup> by Lila; motion carried unanimously. Sheri will attach the report and the appeal letter to the minutes.

## District Reports

District 1: Tanya no additions but introduced Sharon E. as a new GR in Watford City.

District 2: No one attending.

District 3: Donna reported in place of Brenda who was not in attendance. She had flyers for their 7<sup>th</sup> Annual 12 Step Holiday Kick-Off Party event that she handed out and asked members to take back to their groups.

District 4: Liv reported there were no additions/changes to the report in the Alavine. Steve stated this was his 2nd meeting. West River AFT started with 3-4 members and now is up to 8-10. They did a group inventory and got a lot of ideas and have now scheduled a business meeting for the first time. They have had a lot of new comers attend and continue attending.

District 5: No one attending.

District 6&8: Sheri reported there were no additions/corrections to the report in the Alavine.

District 7: Open office. Vonnie A. is the new GR for the Primary Purpose AFG in Grand Forks. She reported they have usually about 20 members and are doing well.

## Coordinator Reports

Alateen - No one attending.

Alavine - Darcy reported she had no additions/corrections to her report. Sheila shared that she does not have a computer but someone in District 4 has been kind enough to provide her a copy. She does contribute \$15 each year and would like a hard copy. She feels that GR's should be providing a hard copy for their groups and it should be available for all to read. Darcy shared that in Alavine Officer's communications at the WSO level, it is suggested that those without computers get an E-Buddy and they could pay that person rather than donating for the Alavine. Others suggested that copies could be provided at each group meeting.

Archives - No one attending. Materials are in a storage unit.

Forum - Liv reported that there is a new format in the Forum and to look for that.

Group Records - Nancy made a revision to her report; she does not have hard copies of group information. However, she does have her iPad should anyone want to check group information.

Darcy stated that there is conflicting information on our ND website. Nancy does a full list and then in another page on the website, it's broken out by city. These two pages are not always the same. Connie volunteered to contact Erika about the conflict of listings.

Literature Distribution Center - Lana N. brought new price sheets and requested groups use that for ordering. She will send this to Erika to update on the website. She mentioned some of the Alateen literature that is very good and may be good topics for meetings. She also mentioned she has a New Comer Booklet which has everything in it that is in the New Comer Packets for \$1.40 (K-10). Lana would like to have pre-orders from groups before the meetings and will then bring only those orders to the meetings rather than dragging all the books with her. It's a lot of

work to haul all that literature and books. Please have your orders to her one week prior to Assembly meetings.

Literature - Judy J. has resigned.

Public Outreach – Brenda was not at the meeting.

Website – No one was in attendance.

Break: 10:00 AM

Delegate Report – Carol's report was in the Alavine and the following was sent via two emails.

*Hello Everyone,*

*Attached to this email are the Spirituality in group money discussions for Area, District, and Group. [Also, ] here is my PowerPoint presentation for fall assembly. I have made the picture files smaller so I can share them with you. That is why some of them may be a bit less clear. The notes section of each slide has a great deal of information on connecting the information with the Conference summary, including page numbers. I have information on how to find the Conference summary in the slideshow as well.*

*The document titled "WSO electronic updates" is an informational notes page that goes with the slideshow as well. We have a new survey coming up, and that information is found on this page as well. As always, share, share, share this information!! The wider we spread the word, the more we can effectively use Knowledge Based Decision Making, the stronger we become!! Let's create a worldwide fellowship that survives and thrives!!*

*Have a wonderful Assembly, I will miss you all!*

*Carol Tepley  
Delegate, Panel 56  
North Dakota*

Documents will be attached to the minutes and copied onto the jump drive.

### **Old Business**

1. Letters to Libraries – Brenda was going to draft a letter that could be used by each District to work with the schools in their District. In Bismarck they have discussed working with school counselors. This is not always a priority in the schools. District 4 is starting with two members who are in the school system.
2. Task Force Reports – Walt referred members to the document he'd distributed. He asked that everyone take a few minutes to review prior to discussion. The following topics were on the list for review/discussion:
  - a. Assembly Attendance & Election of Officers Task Force
    - 1) Cathy liked the suggestion of workshops and/or 10 minute of positive recovery. Put "AM Impromptu Speaker" and "PM Impromptu Speaker."
    - 2) Steve suggested we do a workshop on Alateen to get that going in the Area.

- 3) The group discussed officers/positions and that next fall we'll have elections. Sheila suggested we all take this back to our groups so they are aware of the opportunities for service. Nancy suggested we consider have an alternate for each position. If we do co-chairs we could split stipends between the two coordinators. Walt will add this topic to the March agenda.
- b. Knowledge for All Task Force – Nothing
- c. Alavine Task Force
  - 1) How long do we keep Alavines on the website? It was decided that the 4 most recent issues be kept. Darcy asked if these copies are being archived. Sheri said she could add this to the jump drive that is kept by the secretary and copied to the jump drive for the archivist.
  - 2) The “Donate Now” button is on the main page of the website. The group members feel it should be on the member’s page.
  - 3) There were questions about what is available in the Area archives. Walt will reach out to Cheryl on the status of achieves.
- d. Funding Assemblies/Area Task Force – This topic was discussed at the last meeting.
- e. The question of members leaving the assembly to attend AA Roundup activities. Members are allowed to attend and any voting while absent would be counted as abstaining.

Lunch Break: 11:30 – 1:30 PM

### New Business

1. Open position – Literature Coordinator. Walt stated this is an open position and if someone would be willing to fill this position, it would be for one year until elections are held in the fall. We'll leave this as an open position. The job description is on page 14 of the Job Descriptions.
2. Connie distributed copies of the budget and reviewed with members. Cathy asked about the line under the Past Delegate, “when attending assembly (\$0.00 effective 1/2014).” Connie stated this was a typo and it should be \$50. Sheri asked about internet/WiFi service at the Presbyterian Church next March. Lana stated we will have access to WiFi. Cathy moved we approve the budget as proposed. Lila 2<sup>nd</sup>; motion carried.
3. Connie did bring the document with the motions with the index by position. She will share with anyone interested; simply email her to request the document.
4. Walt asked if the GR's had any questions needed any additional information to take back to their groups. Steve stated that when you go onto the website and click on meetings, it lists the main towns, but not all of them. Example, Williston is listed but Watford City is not. She recommended this drop-down be removed. It was recommended that only the document our Group Records Coordinator does be on the website as that's the list that is maintained. Connie will share these suggestions with Erika and Heather and to implement right away if possible.
5. There will be an AI-Anon speaker this evening at 7:00 PM.

6. Sheila asked about the value of the World Service Committee meeting on the Friday evening before the State Round-Up. Connie suggested this could be done via email and it was also pointed out that the agenda is already in the Alavine to allow communication by the GR's to their groups and obtain feedback or questions to bring to assembly. It was decided that we eliminate the Friday night meeting on a trial basis for 2018.
7. Walt also asked about the idea discussed previously on making an AI-Anon flyer for the State Round-Up rather than using the AA flyer. Brenda was going to do this but has been unable due to family events. Everyone still feels this is a good idea.
8. As suggested in earlier discussion related to Assembly Meetings, Cathy volunteered to be our first 10 minutes speaker.
9. A motion to close was made by Connie and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Vonnie; motion carried unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 2:38 PM.

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

**ASSEMBLY  
TREASURER'S REPORT  
FOR SEPTEMBER 9, 2017**

**BALANCE FORWARD: MARCH 17, 2017** **\$ 2,324.73**

**INCOME:**

GROUP	1,660.00	
ALAVINE – WEB	105.00	
REGISTRATION	200.00	
TRADITION 7	121.00	
SILENT AUCTION	15.00	
INDIVIDUAL	120.00	
INTEREST	.26	
SERVICE CHG REIM.	<u>10.00</u>	<u>\$2,231.26</u>

**TOTAL INCOME:** **\$4,555.99**

**EXPENSES:**

**DELEGATE:**

REGISTRATION	\$10.00	
MEALS	\$27.82	
MILEAGE	\$36.67	
ROOM	\$91.98	
MISC.	<u>\$ 8.53</u>	<b>\$175.00</b>

**COORDINATORS / OFFICERS TOKENS** **\$360.00**

**WSO DONATION** **\$100.00**

**NWRD MEETING-DELEGATE TO ATTEND** **\$800.00**

**TOTAL EXPENSES:** **\$1435.00**

**BALANCE AS OF: SEPTEMBER 9, 2017** **\$3,120.99**

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED  
CONNIE B. AREA TREASURER

## SEPTEMBER 2017 ASSEMBLY APPEAL LETTER

As I sit here thinking about this fall appeal letter I am so grateful that I found this program so many years ago. Sometimes it feels like it was yesterday until I realize where I am today compared to yesterday.

With everything that has happened in the world over the last year I feel that we as Al-Anon members have to keep this program alive and well for ourselves and for those who will need it in the future.

The only way I know of is to support Al-Anon at the Group, District, Area and World Service Office.

Some of the Area's upcoming estimated expenses are:

Fall 2017/Spring 2018 Assembly Expenses:	
-- <i>Delegate/Chairman</i>	\$ 1,490
-- <i>Coordinators/Other Officers</i>	\$ 520
Equalized Expense for 2018 WSC	\$ 1,500
Web expense for 2018	\$ 265
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>\$ 3,775</b>

Please send your personal, group or web donations to:

Connie B.  
604 Douglas Ave  
Henning, MN 56551

Also keep in mind that we will be electing new officers September of 2018. **Please** consider standing for any of the positions as that is how we can also grow in Al-Anon and service is one aspect of the program.

Thanks