

**Ontario South Assembly
Area World Service Committee
Meeting May 22 & 23, 2020**

Friday, May 22

Zoom room was opened for testing technology and exploring controls prior to the start of the meeting.

Meeting opened at 7:30 pm

Welcome, Serenity Prayer

Traditions: [REDACTED] District 9,

Concepts: [REDACTED] District 1

Warranties: [REDACTED] District 10

Roll Call: # present 38

Coordinators /OSAAC Chair Reports, Forum Report
Theme: My journey in service

Written reports attached to minutes

Question and Answer Period

AAPP: do you have to be a SAM in order to hold this position? YES!

Alateen: Are there plans to unify Alateen across all areas? Because districts vary the reality is sometimes not all districts can hold meetings the same way. Now with electronic things may change. No fast rules yet. Safety comes first with Alateens.

Public Outreach: PSA are out in Cornwall. Cogeco television is willing to work with people

Website: Questions re numbers for visits. Are there 50,000-page views someone goes through and open the website 35,000 unique visitors come in and look around. Is there a way to track demographics? Not currently. Visits is 8500.

Are there Alateen specific numbers for the website? No way to track right now.

Public Outreach: PSA campaign online available now are the latest ones.

There will be no new PSAs. Perhaps they may be revisiting the Alateen PSA.

Service office will send current PSA upon request. There is no access to airtime in Canada. No way of tracking.

Send coordinators a message if you have any more questions.

Adjourned 8:45 pm with the Serenity Prayer

Saturday, May 23

Zoom room was opened for testing technology and exploring controls prior to the meeting.

Meeting opened at 8:35am

Welcome, Serenity Prayer

Traditions: [REDACTED] ADR 26

Concepts: [REDACTED] District 3

Warranties: [REDACTED] District 9

Roll Call # present 43

Explanation of Voting Procedures

Motion to accept the voting procedure as explained

Motion by [REDACTED] DR 8

Seconded by [REDACTED] DR 10

Motion carried

Approval of 2019 AWSC Meeting Minutes

Motion to adopt the 2019 minutes as amended

Motion [REDACTED] District 9

Seconded [REDACTED] District 22

Motion carried

World Service Conference Report given by Sue G

WSO requires \$304.39 USD from each group

There was a lot of discussion concerning the use of CAL in online meetings and on websites.

Literature Distribution Centre Report

The office has been closed. You received a written report with the package

Literature Office Committee Report

Office was closed after much discussion.

Face to face meetings are closed and the US exchange is not favourable.

After consideration:

Starting Wed May 27 office will be opened on Wednesdays from 10am-1pm

In reopening the price of literature will be adjusted so orders that had been placed will no be filled. New order sheet will be dated May 2020. This will reflect the increased prices. The items that had been decreased are the ones being increased.

There will be no summer closure at this time and the cut off dates for assembly will be discussed and communicated as information becomes available.

Please see the report sent out as to financials for the LDC.

Question: **Where did the \$30,000 surplus in the LDC come from?**

There is a reserve fund that may have to be used. LOC/LDC is working on a working budget.

LOC explained the financials to answer questions. The aim is break even and maintain the prudent reserve.

Members to reach out to Debbie if they have any further questions.

Opening after lunch: Moment of silence followed by the Serenity Prayer

Financial Update for 2020

XXXXXX reviewed the reports sent out earlier

Discussion Item #1

Proposed Budget

Question: is it plausible to meet virtually to save money

As it is now, is this not a valid budget due to covid? Will there be an updated budget prior to Assembly? This has not been discussed yet. This is based on what we knew at the time of production

The lines for AWSC must remain in the budget for now. We do not know the future. To redo may be creating work for naught.

Budget amendments can be made at OSA.

Group donations suggested \$133.55 this is an increase because the number of groups have dropped.

MOTION:

That the proposed budget for 2021 be forwarded to Assembly 2020 for approval

Motion by: XXXXXX DR 8

Seconded: XXXXXX DR 25

Discussion: ensued

Vote: motion carried

Discussion Item #2

Road Trip! You and your board connect

Information was sent out in the AWSC package

DECISION POINT:

Are we interested, as an Area, in submitting a bid to potentially host a “Road Trip! You and Your Board Connect” Event?

Do we wish to make a decision about submitting a bid and potentially hosting a “Road Trip! You and Your Board Connect” Event at 2020 AWSC for October 2021 or at Assembly 2020 for October 2022?

Discussion:

- Maybe hold over multiple weekends or do we work Assembly around this.
- Must be within 24 KM of an international airport
- Registration fee is not stated. Do we have a number?
- Would WSO consider holding back due to the current financial state?
- WSO has forwarded the bid forms but things may change.
- Member feels that they do not have resources or proximity to airport. Member feels that this needs to be dealt with at OSA. (this would be a GR decision as per previous discussions)
- WSO will have a deficit and then things may be cancelled due to the state of affairs now. Feel Ohio should get it as they were cancelled this year and they had all the footwork done already.
- Groups are very concerned about budgetary concerns and question the validity of having these events.
- These events are a result of the membership looking at what the trustees do.
- The board of trustees meet 4 times a year no matter what. Normally they meet in Virginia Beach. Occasionally meet virtually. The experience can be very uplifting. Aids in the understanding of links of service. Shows members that trustees are all just Al-Anon members like us.
- Wait till OSA and look at the state of emergency then
- We can submit bids for both events if we choose
- At this point that we do not know that the WSO will may cancel the event even into the future.
- There seems to be a consensus that OSA needs to be responsible for this decision.
- Does the committee pay for the expenses for the trustees. WSO pays for

everything. Members only pay for the registration to attend the event. Members pay for all their own expenses.

- Committee member numbers will vary. Members would contact hotels and then publicizing the event.

Motion:

That the Assembly 2020 consider and discuss submitting a request to host the “Road Trip! You and Your Board Connect” in October 2022

Made by: [REDACTED] DR 16

Seconded: [REDACTED] DR 30

Discussion

No discussion

Vote: motion carried

Executive sharing: My journey in service

Executive members shared on their service journey.

Resumes need to be submitted by August 1st 2020 for the next 3-year term.

District Reports (11, 12 no report, 13, 14, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20 21)
Written reports are attached.

AIS Reports: Toronto, Ottawa

Written reports are attached.

[REDACTED] will forward the flyer for GTAIS Speaker Meeting Series

Meeting adjourned at 5:02 pm with the Al-Anon Declaration