Winter AWSC 2023 in Poulsbo, WA. Kathy D. (Chair) opened the meeting on February 2th, 2023 at 9:02 am with the Serenity Prayer.

The Steps were read by Elizabeth G. (D26), the Traditions by Bobbi (D24) and The Concepts and Warranties by Nancy K. (D2)

Kathy D. thanked District 26 & 27 for hosting followed by reading an excerpt from “Reaching for Personal Freedom; Participation is the Key to Harmony”.

Introductions to Past Delegates and members of the World Service Conference were made.

Voting Guidelines were read by Corky W. (D28) and Procedures by Bev. Roll call was taken with 30 voting members and substantial unanimity was established at 20.

Mary P. (D26) moved that we adopt the WSO theme for 2023, “Love, Laugh and Grow Together”, with a 2nd by Cooki P. (D10) vote taken by voice, 0-no, approved.

**Officer Reports:**

Delegate- (full report in WA Wanderings) Katherine has attended the WA Area Speakers Convention, some GR circles, a virtual meeting as the speaker, met with Officers virtually, responded to calls and emails from WA Area and World Service Office (WSO) members, been involved as a WSO Literature Committee member where they are working on 3 projects. She announced that the Service Manuals are now available in print, and that the WSO is refining it’s search methods for the Global Electronic Area (GEA). We also learned the 18 languages are spoken throughout the GEA. The need for volunteers was emphasized as it has been an issue within our fellowship from the group to the world levels. Katherine will make available to all qualified members the application for Trustee by forwarding it to the WA Wanderings. In March Katherine and Kimberly H. (Alt Delegate) will be attending the Northwest Reginal Delegates Meeting in Pasco, WA. In April she will be representing our Area at the World Service Conference (WSC) in Virginia Beach, VA. Love gifts can be brought to Katherine at Pre Con for her to pack with her luggage as they will not be accepting packages at the WSC this year. She also reminded us of the upcoming International Convention in Albuquerque, NM and that there is a way to attend virtually for a fee of $145 per person.

Alternate Delegate- (full report in WA Wanderings) Kimberly is feeling more confident about her service position. She has been holding GR circle workshops, inviting panel members as speakers, and incorporating our literature into the format. The Budget Committee will need another DR to replace George S. as he is now our Communication Coordinator. The annual Budget meeting will likely be held in June, possibly June 11th.

Alternate Chair- (full report in WA Wanderings) Shelly talked about the challenges to the lodging and online registration for Summer Service Assembly (SSA) this year. We were encouraged to get registered asap if there is a desire to share a room. There is a $10 fee to register online due to costs for Pay Pal. Please direct all questions to Shelly, not Warm Beach Resort. She has enjoyed the challenges of chairing the Permanent Electronic Meeting (PEM) committee.

Secretary- Denise thanked Kathleen S. (D16) for her help cleaning up the updates to Section 7 of our Handbook. She found we have been copying two duplicate pages in that section and will be removing them per discussion at an Officer meeting. Those that have printed Handbooks will receive only the updated sections in print this year, which will be distributed at PreCon 2023. The minutes for Fall Assembly 2022 were read by Kriss P. (D27), Karen P. (D17), Karen L. (AIS), Patty R. (D24) and Nanci R. (D27). George S. (D8) moved that we approve the minutes as amended, Kimberly H. (Alt. Delegate) 2nd. Yes-30, Approved.

Treasurer- (full report in WA Wanderings) Melissa began by thanking volunteers. She just received 19 donations from our previous Treasurer and has deposited them. She has been completing the tasks to close out finances for 2022, reconciled our books and forwarded them to Penny R. who volunteered to audit them. She discussed the costs to use Zelle and Pay Pal, how our budget works and the different methods groups use for donating. Melissa shared her concerns regarding the Areas spending, and that our active groups have declined by roughly 50% with donations declining as well. She asked that we make the new WA Area address; WA Area AFG 12128 N. Division St. PMB 1531, Spokane, WA 99218 a permanent address. Discussion followed. Mary P. (D26) moved and Nena (Archivist) 2nd. Yes-28, No-2. Approved. Melissa asked questions and challenged the members to find the answers in our Service Manual using leftover fundraising items as prizes. She then reviewed the spreadsheets. Questions and discussion followed. Nancy K. (D2) moved to approve the Treasurer report, Yvette (Group Records) 2nd. Yes-24, No-1, Ab-1. Approved.

**Committee Reports:**

Archives/Custodial Archivist-The committee has prepared a job description for the Custodial Archivist and recommends that the archives be moved closer to a new Custodial Archivist. Nena discussed the considerations, costs and methods for that to happen. They will be meeting on March 11th to discuss digitizing. She believes that we will need a much smaller storage unit after they begin this digitizing. Kathy received a Trusted Servants Profile from Lynn T. for the position of Custodial Archivist. The Officers met and moved her name forward to be confirmed by the AWSC. Yes-22, No-0, Ab-3. Confirmed.

Break for lunch. Kathy opened the meeting with the Serenity Prayer. Bev read an excerpt from “Reaching for Personal Freedom; Concept 5”. The 7th Tradition was collected.

Accepting PEG’s (Permanent Electronic Groups)- (full KBDM materials provided to members prior to AWSC) Shelly and committee members Helen V. (D15), Jackie T. (D22), Pam (D23) and Yvette (Group Records) gave a PowerPoint presentation. Discussion and questions followed. The committee is recommending that we accept PEG’s into the Area. The details of how this will be done are still being worked on by the committee. The Task Force moves that WA Area accept Permanent Electronic Groups (PEG) into its service structure, 2nd Ruth F. (Literature) Yes-27, No-0, Ab-1. Approved.

**Discussions**:

Shall WA Area resume meeting face to face for Assemblies/AWSC’s? Melissa read excerpts from our Service Manual applicable to the topic. Shelly read excerpts from our Traditions, and shared her thoughts. Members shared their opinions and then voted to extend the discussion time. From the discussion several motions were proposed for consideration. The following were created from those proposed through a process of elimination; Shall the WA Area keep SSA in person only? Yes-25, No-4, Ab-1. Shall Pre Con 2023 be Hybrid-20 or In Person-6, Yes-1? Shall we handle AWSC and Assemblies Separately-26 or Together-5, Now-3? Will AWSC be Virtual, Hybrid or In Person? The top 2 choices were Hybrid or In Person. After many equally split votes Marina G. (D27) drew from the hat; AWSC’s will be In Person for this Panel. Shall Assemblies be Hybrid or In Person; GR’s will decide/vote for themselves at Pre Con 2023? Yes-? No-? No final numbers announced nor recorded.

Speaker’s Convention-Shall WA Area continue to have an annual Speakers Convention? Is/are there other suggestions? Discussion followed (began while working through the face to face discussion item). Michael S. (Alateen Safety) Moved that a committee be created to host a Speakers Convention once per panel, 2nd Nancy K. (D2) by voice vote, Yes-all with 1-No. Approved.

**Committee Reports cont:** Communication Committee**-** George S. shared that the committee has been meeting biweekly since October, focusing on the technical abilities to host hybrid meetings so that all who attend virtually feel can hear and feel equally connected to the proceedings. They are creating documentation for others to use in the future, and ran a successful a test run in January. He talked about some of the costs they are coming to learn will be associated with his position. George had a variety of receipts that he was requesting reimbursement on. Kimberly H. (Alt Delegate) reminded us that anything over $300 needs approval by the Assembly. Melissa suggested that we separate the receipts into their smaller increments so that we can approve the costs; By voice vote, Yes- all with 5 abstentions. Cooki P. (D10) moved that George be reimburse using the Unusual Expenses line item in our budget, 2nd Mary P. (Newsletter) by voice vote, Yes-unanimous.

Excess Funds-Met once and reviewed one proposal for funds to assist a District with public outreach. They asked that the proposal be reformatted to follow the guidelines for Area projects.

**Coordinator Reports:**

Alateen- No report.

Group Records-(gave her report during a break in the discussion time on resuming face to face Assemblies/AWSC’s) Yvette shared that she has been busy as a member of the PEG Taskforce. We learned there are 207 active groups with a GR/CMA, 79 inactive listed with the WSO which are likely closed and 17 that Yvette has closed since Christmas and finally 45 inactive with no GR/CMA. She reviewed the role of a CMA.

Newsletter- (see full report in WA Wanderings) Mary reminded us that all the reports will be in the WA Wanderings, which she will send out electronically on the March 13th.

Alateen Safety- (full report in WA Wanderings) Michael shared that the AMIAS certification window is open until June 15th. Training sessions will be posted on the WA Area website. Please see the website for current Alateen meeting information. We were reminded that all changes to Alateen group records should be submitted to Michael, not Yvette (Group Records Coordinator).

Literature- Ruth shared that in the February and March edition of the FORUM there will a submission from WA Area Al-Anon members.

Website- (see WA Wanderings for full report) Leslie will read the report at Pre Con.

Communications- (see WA Wanderings for full report)

Archives- (see WA Wanderings for full report)

**Announcements:**

1. DR’s will have 2 minutes to give reports at Pre Con March 31st & April 1st
2. ASTAR (Alateen Sponsor Training and Recovery)-April 14th-16th.
3. SSA-May 19th-21st at Warm Beach Conference Center Stanwood WA.
4. WAAC (WA Area Alateen Conference)-July 7th-9th in Ellensburg, WA.
5. AWSC 2023-August 5th hosted by District 15.
6. Fall Assembly 2023-October 6th-8th hosted by District 2.