

**PANEL 61 AREA WORLD SERVICE COMMITTEE MEETING
OF THE MINNESOTA SOUTH AREA ASSEMBLY
MINUTES OF SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 6, 2021
(VIRTUAL MEETING VIA ZOOM IN CONJUNCTION WITH FOLDEROL)**

Meeting called to order at 1:00 PM by Chair, Sherry GS

Opened with the Serenity Prayer

Traditions read by Mariah B, District 12

Concepts read by Ute Z, District 11

12 Steps read by Sasha W District 8

Sherry reminded everyone that our Minnesota South Area Policy and Procedure Manual, recently updated, will guide us as we work together. If you are new and wondering “What the AFG are they talking about” you will find the answers in the manual. Sherry shared that her personal favorite AI-Anon slogan is “THINK”.

Roll Call:

Officers (5): Chair, Delegate, Alternate Delegate, Treasurer, Secretary

Coordinators (10): Alateen, Area Alateen Process, Assembly Activities, Group Records, Assistant GRC, Forum, Literature, Newsletter, and Website

Action Committee Chairs (3): Fellowship Communication, Group Services, Membership Outreach

Liaisons (1): Mpls Information Services

Other Area Service Positions: GR Orientation

District and Alternate Representatives: 1, 2 Acting, 3, 4 Acting, 6, 10 Acting, 11, 11Alt, 12, 13, 13 Alt, 15, 15 Alt, 16 Co, 16 Co, 16 Alt,

Past Delegates and Alternates: Panels 28, 34, 37, 43 Alt, 49 Alt, 52, 52 Alt, 55, 55 Alt, 58, 58 Alt

All present were reminded that voting was limited to Officers, Coordinators, Action Committee Chairs, Liaisons, and District Representatives, or an Alternate District Representative if the DR wasn't available (one per district). Substantial unanimity was defined in AI-Anon terms.

Motion: Ute Z, District 11 moved to establish substantial unanimity at 75% of those voting in this meeting. The motion was seconded by Laurie K, District 11. The vote was taken by showing a virtual hand and passed unanimously.

Secretary's Report: Minutes of the previous AWSC meeting, August 1, 2020, were read.

Motion: Pat P, District 11 moved and Diane D, District 15 seconded that the minutes be accepted as read. 92% Yes, 0% No, and 8% abstained.

Treasurer's Report: Balance sheet reflects \$26,900 in Assets, including \$9,000 for Folderol and an ample reserve of \$7,000. The Profit/Loss statement for 2020 shows a decrease in contributions of \$3,800, however, expenses were \$7,500 less than expected. The Profit/Loss for the 2021 budget shows a deficit of \$6,600. The deficit budget was agreed upon due to the current cash balance being substantially above our prudent reserve. Jim, previous Treasurer, was recognized for his excellent work on our finances. Sherry screen shared visuals of the financial reports to assist with understanding of the Treasurer's verbal report and will take it under consideration for future meetings. Kit S. reminded everyone that the books were audited and found to be correct. Ute Z. suggested the newsletter could be used to share this information in the future.

Motion: Pat P, District 11 made a motion and Michelle W, District 11 seconded to accept the financial reports as budgeted, audited and submitted. 96% Yes 0 No, 4% abstained.

Skit: Vicky A Delegate, Panel 52 and Deb K, District 6, presented a wonderful skit outlining the usefulness of our Service Manual and the AI-Anon Concepts, Traditions, Warranties, and Steps to guide our work. Drawings were held for literature credits of \$50 for attending participants.

Committee Introductions:

Finance: This committee is made up of the 5 elected Officers for the MN Southern WSO Committee. Special permission must be requested for any expenses that exceed budget by 5%. All project requests requiring capital must be approved by the Committee in advance for inclusion in the budget.

Alateen Safety: Membership includes the current and prior year's Alateen and Area Alateen Process Coordinators Mariah B, Donna T, Scott T, and includes Pat P. Alt Delegate. Carol M and Lynn M requested to remain on the Committee until the Assembly held in April when the policy updates submitted by this Committee (after legal review) to the WSO for approval are affirmed. AAPP members serve on the Committee; they only need to be AMIAS certified if they interact with teens.

Policy Review: Members include Betty AAC, Pat P Alt Delegate Panel 61, Kit S IITF, Sherry GS Chair, and Mark P Treasurer. Request was made for others to volunteer to serve. Kadie, District 8 is willing but doesn't qualify as an outgoing DR. Eligible active DRs must be from different districts. Much committee work was done via e-mail in the past so time commitment to serve was roughly 1 hour per month.

Incorporation Implementation Task Force: Members are Jim L District 13, Theresa D District 15, , Kit S IITF, and Mark P Treasurer.

Motion: Ute Z District 11 moved and Betty A Delegate Panel 58 seconded that the Assembly meeting in April be moved to the second Saturday, April 10, due to religious holidays. 92% Yes, 4% No, 4% abstained

Motion: Kit S IITF moved and Pat P Alt Delegate Panel 61 seconded the motion that the April Assembly meeting be held virtually. There was discussion about continued pandemic safety concerns and the lack of time needed to secure a venue should pandemic concerns be resolved. 100% Yes

Sherry noted that this meeting was abbreviated and not representative of a typical AWSC meeting. Reports from the following were not included: Delegate, Alternate Delegate, District Representative, Standing Committees, Coordinators, and Action Committee Planning Sessions. Also missing was Food and HUGS!!

Sherry announced a **Thought Force on Technology Needs** and asked Scott T, District 12 to act as Chair. Do we need a Technology Coordinator position? What guidelines need to be established? There is a lot that needs to be considered as meetings are held virtually or as hybrids.

A show of hands was requested of who was willing to be Service Sponsors and the following volunteered: Sheila P, Vicky A Delegate, Panel 52, Betty A Delegate Panel 58, Eleni S District 8, Lynn M District 11, Melissa S, and Mariellyn K Delegate Panel 34.

Meeting adjourned at 3:10 PM after a moment of silence and the reciting the Al-Anon Alateen declaration.

Preceding and following the meeting Vicky A Delegate Panel 52 and Deb K, District 6 entertained us with skits on how it all works and drew names for \$50 literature certificates.