

Oregon Area AFG Assembly - Hosted by District 1
In-person with an electronic component (also known as hybrid)
Bob Chisholm Community Center, 1225 Ave. A, Seaside, OR March 18 & 19, 2023

Start: 8:30am March 18, 2023 Saturday

- ▲ Serenity Prayer, Dawn welcome, housekeeping Kris and Kathi rotating DRs for district 1
- ▲ 12 Traditions – Francine GR Eugene
- ▲ Participation guidelines – Dawn
- ▲ Roll Call and Review of November Assembly minutes – Bunny A motion to approve the minutes as written by Penny GR17 with Meladee DR/GR as second. They were also emailed and posted on the Oregon Area website. Still unable to get a correct count due to multiple members unable to use the voting app but the majority said yes. (14 people text yes) (verbal 2 yes) (22 yes polleverywhere) 38 voting GRs is our best guess .

OFFICERS

Delegate, Joanne C. (EC)
Alt. Delegate Stephan Y.
Chairperson Dawn B.,
Secretary Bunny G.
Treasurer Barb B.
AAPP Mary W.

AUDIT BUDGET

Audit Budget 1 Linda S
Audit Budget 2 Bonnie W.
Audit Budget 3 Sue M.

LIAISONS

AIS Portland Barb B

COORDINATORS

Alateen Kathy K.
Archives/ Communicator
Nancy N. (EC)
CPC/P.I. Maureen C.
Forum/Literature Annie M.
Group Records Meredith D. (EC)
Website/Technology Trish B.

DISTRICT REPS

District 1 Kathi R (rotating)
District 2 Alt. Wendy (EC)
District 3 OPEN
District 4 Dawn K.
District 5 Milton A. (EC)

District 6 Ree Not represented
District 7 Bunny (rotating)
District 8 Michelle Not Represented
District 9 Meladee
District 10 Gayle S.
District 11 Patrice M. (EC)
District 12 OPEN
District 13 Martha Not Represent
District 14 OPEN
District 15 OPEN
District 16 OPEN
District 17 Emma H.

Past Delegates

Bunny Panel 38,
Judy Panel 41

- ▲ Another poll to **determine substantial unanimity** for this assembly. Two-thirds or three-fourth of voting group representative (GR) (verbal 1 - 2/3) (polleverywhere 2/3 - 26 ¾ - 3) (Text 2/3 - 2/4 -)
- ▲ GRs share what they hope to gain from the assembly, GRs only, Several members shared – a few comments included being new and wanting to understand the mechanics of the meeting, wanting more ESH from others about hybrid meetings, to keep up to date gleaning information from our Area and WSO, looking forward to the conflict resolution and healthy meeting workshops, fellowship and unity and inspiration from all of you. To become better informed and be a better GR for my group. Boost of enthusiasm I get from assemblies.

▲ **Breakout Groups-**

🦋 GRs (Stephen), Started off with a short discussion about spirituality in service, reading from As We Understood pg 253-254, then from the same book on pg 231. Questions sent in to Stephen about hybrid meeting: (1) How are you making newcomers feel welcome and included when you are on hybrid? (2) How to receive donations from on-line members (3) Are groups experiencing financial hardship in paying for their electronic platform? 4) Are there other groups wanting to stop doing hybrid due to several reasons: No help from the on-line members, also not showing video or only phone numbers- some feel like others are eavesdropping: suggestion to have a business meeting to have a discussion. 5) Running a business meeting 6) copyright laws more knowledge requested 7) Has anyone returned to having meeting of AA, Al-Anon and Alateen in the same building. 8) group and district inventory **See PowerPoint in attachments**

🦋 DR (Meladee M.), **See Attachment**

🦋 Coordinators/Officers (Nancy N.), Maureen took notes **See Attachment** .

Noon - 2:00 – **Lunch time**

1:00 – 2:00 **AMIAS Training** Kathy Alateen Coordinator and Mary AAPP - It was attended by several members, in person and on-line. They are willing to come to every district and provide training. There is a great need for new Al-Anon Members Involved Alateen Service. **PowerPoint attachment**

▲ **Concepts of Service**, Mary W

▲ Reports

🦋 **Treasurer's Report**, Barb B. Group donation Income Jan 1 through March 5th \$4989.66 Expenses were \$6743.44. This included \$2180 for the November 2022 assembly rent not paid in 2022 yearly expenses. Thank you for the following **districts** who sent in donation to the challenge (1-2-4-9-11)

🦋 Literature Book Report, Annie M., What is your favorite book? Several members got up and named their favorite.

🦋 Forum presentation – GRs are the representative of the Forum. Have a book report on the Forum. Showed an example of a Forum Jar to collect change to support subscription signups.

🦋 Area World Service Committee (AWSC) Report, Dawn B., gave a list of the highlights see complete minutes on the **Oregon Area Website under Service: AWSC Minutes.**

▲ **Delegate's Report**, Joanne C., Tri-language organization at WSO and the WSC. **Northwest Regional Delegate Meeting** March 24-26 in Pasco Washington. **Oregon Town Hall** on accepting Electronic Meetings into the Oregon Area- April 4th to review where Oregon is in this process. Updated **new meeting search** page for GEA at the World Service Office – Meetings will display meeting time based on user browser time and translated into 18 different languages. Reminder about the **2023 International** in Albuquerque, New Mexico June 29-July 2,. Some events are offered virtually. **World Service Conference** in Virginia Beach, VA. April 20th thru 23rd. Send card and emails. Mail to Arrive after April 15th. **Diversity workshop** – diversity, equity and inclusivity (DEI) at WSC. Wants to know what we think. (see below on Sunday brainstorming) Showed the new banner to be brought to the assemblies. **PowerPoint attachment.**

▲ **Oregon Alateen Conference [OAC]/Alateen Report** –Alateens – Isaac and DJ talked about OAC and passed out the envelope for donations talked about the fund raiser. OAC Contributions can be sent to Oregon Alateen Conference P.O Box 20472, Keizer Or 97307 Also in the room to sell are wristbands and t-shirts Kris D1 is selling the table decorations with proceeds going to Alateen.

▲ **Conflict Resolution Workshop** – Maureen C. and Mary W., 60 min. **PowerPoint attachment** Broke into groups/tables to talk about a fictitious situation with feedback about how to handle it.

▲ **Native American Al-Anon Conference** – Meredith D., flyer on the Oregon Area Website Registration before April 20 is \$30, after that date and at the door is \$35. See the flyer on the **Oregon Area Website events.**

▲ **Accepting electronic groups into the Oregon Area Task Force**, Stephen Y., Joanne C., **See PowerPoint Attachment**

Ended at 5:00pm with Al-Anon Declaration

Start: Sunday 8:30am Welcome back, Serenity Prayer, Dawn B.

▲ **Reading the 4 primary ideas from Groups At Work in Service Manual pg21** Pat G DR2

▲ **Oregon Area Website** – Trish B., Walkthrough the updates to the Oregon Area Website Let her know if there are concerns and also check your meeting information.

▲ **Healthy Meeting Workshop** – Nancy N., Annie M., Kathy K., After the PowerPoint presentation we broke up into groups to discuss two questions: business meeting and how your group treats newcomers. The document from the 2015 WSC task force was also passed out which is where some of the material for the **PowerPoint was taken. Both in Attachments** Will add attachment from report back if we receive them.

▲ **Book Report, Annie M.**, Pamphlets asking for members to name some of their favorite piece. Annie named her 3: Al-Anon To the Parents (P16), Al-Anon is for Men (P1) and Hope & Understanding For Parents And Grandparents (P94) **Forum Report**, Annie M., Meeting in my Pocket - GRs are The Forum Representative to

encourage the use in meeting and subscriptions. Need sharing on the legacies Introduced the Forum Jar that groups can use.

▲ **Brainstorming:** What trainings would you like to receive at Assemblies? Taking electronic payment for donations, Archives – group history, service manual study- basic group meeting, three obstacles to success in Al-Anon - especially dominance, more breakout to work through issues, welcoming the newcomer, how to get newcomers to participate - especially on-line, The Concept - the minority opinion, more on Traditions and Concepts, Invite WSO staff to come share either story or workshop.

▲ **Hosting 2023 Service Events,**

▲ District 4 is planning to stand for the July assembly, Dawn K shared district 4 already signed a contract. Hotel rooms seem higher so make your reservation early. A group conscience on accepting the contract and going to Salem.

▲ Oct. AWSC. District 2 is talking about this will let us know.

▲ Kathy was asked if we could accept outside money from AA at the Alateen fundraiser happening at a club where AA members meet. She read in the service manual about outside contributions of money to OAC. See page 107 in the 2022-2025 Service Manual. Also quoted page 108 selling products at AA meetings. The Alateen are selling outside of the AA meeting not in the AA meeting.

☺ Dawn introduced the topic of sharing **what the experience of being in person, vs being on virtual meeting** at assembly. **See the feedback in the attachment files** March 19th 2023 comments from the following Two Brainstorming session

☺ **Diversity, Equity and Inclusivity discussion.** Joanne is going to have an agenda item at the World Service Conference and would like some input and perspective from the Oregon Area. Is this an outside issue? **See the feedback in the attachment files** March 19th 2023 **comments from the following Two Brainstorming session**

▲ **Assembly highlights: What will GR's take back to their groups?** Electronic meeting town hall coming up April 4th on virtual platform. Bring back the energy about healthy meeting brainstorming session. Learning about the business of Al-Anon and why it is needed. Loved the book report about pamphlets and making sure we have them in our group. Hybrid information from the task force and so glad I get to serve as my group's GR. Healthy meeting workshop and the importance of business meeting, without change you don't grow and without growth you become stale. The Native American conference that is coming up in April plus the information about Alateen needing our support, with AMIAS and OAC. Energized by all the workshops and presentation. Want to participate more. Was taking a lot of notes and will take back a lot of information. Taking a group inventory and lots of other things. Loved the AMIAS training session and the both workshops. I don't know what I didn't know (Saturday answer to what you expect to get out of this event) so always learn so much to help keep our program healthy. Unity and positive energy will take back to my group. Website information. Going to take back the section in the service manual on business meetings.

Finish at Noon with Al-Anon Declaration

Submitted by Bunny G.

2023 Service Events

April 28-30, Native American Al-Anon Conference, Portland, OR
June 17, AWSC – District 7, Southern Oregon
July 15 & 16 – Assembly, Salem

August 5-7 – Oregon Alateen Conference, Molalla, OR
October 14, AWSC – still open at this time
November 18 & 19 – Assembly, District 10, Tigard, OR

▲ Ask it basket We have many dual members who have started a new meeting Can dual members hold meetings with out an Al-Anon member present? Guideline G12

▲ Ask it Basket What the deadline for On-Line only meeting to register with World Service Office? Meredith answered There is no time line.

▲ Ask It Basket We went back to in-person meeting last September and discontinued zoom. Prior to zoom we had 12-16 members attending Now we have 6-9 typically. Just wondering if other meetings have had this experience? Several members shared the ESH that it like starting over.

Motion One Time: To accept the minutes as posted passed