

East Texas Al-Anon/Alateen Assembly (ETAAA)

Area World Service Committee (AWSC)

November 6, 2020

Virtual Meeting via Zoom (Hosted by District 7)

Chairperson: Lynn S. opened the meeting at 7:08 pm with the Serenity Prayer.

Welcome and Introductions: Lynn S. read the primary function of the AWSC on p. 155 of the *2018-2021 Al-Anon/Alateen Service Manual*. The purpose of this meeting was to approve the proposed agenda for the ETAAA Business Meeting on November 7, 2020, and to discuss any other new business items.

Reading of the Concepts of Service and General Warranties of the Conference: Patti W. read the Twelve Concepts of Service and General Warranties on p. 17 of the *2018-2021 Al-Anon/Alateen Service Manual*.

Secretary: Paula H. called the roll, and 25 out of 27 voting members were present. The following Al-Anon Information Services (AISs) had no representatives in attendance: Austin and Houston Hispanic.

The minutes of the September 12, 2020 AWSC meeting were approved as printed in *The Beacon* (Vol. 52, Issue 4).

Treasurer: Jennifer S. presented the 2020 Financial Statement and 2021 Proposed Budget; changes were made based on the discussion at the AWSC meeting on September 12, 2020. District 5 returned \$3069.30 of the seed money for the cancelled May 2020 ETAAA. The money for the AWSC transitional meeting was removed, but the line item remained in the 2021 Budget. Since there is not Al-Anon/Alateen International Convention until 2023, the Delegate's expense to attend the convention was removed. No changes were made for the Past Delegates and Past Chairs to attend the South Central Regional Delegates Meeting (SCRDM).

Delegate Report: Lynn S. thanked Kay C. for her service and for the enthusiasm she has brought to East Texas Al-Anon/Alateen (ETAA). Kay expressed her gratitude for serving as Delegate on Panel 58; she said that Texas East is phenomenal and encouraged members' ongoing involvement in service. Kay will give an updated report at the ETAAA on November 7, 2020.

Kay C. reported that from her conference call with the World Service Office (WSO) that a temporary electronic meeting does not need to be renewed with WSO. However, the temporary electronic meeting must be at the same time as the face to face meeting for the Group.

Alternate Delegate: Mattie T. reported that there is an Al-Anon mobile app and that literature sales are up. She discussed items she would present during the Group Representative (GR) interchange at the November 7, 2020 ETAAA.

Also, at this time, Lynn S. asked Dorie J. to explain the purpose and how to enter break out rooms at the November 7, 2020 ETAAA. The AWSC practiced entering and leaving break out rooms.

Reports:

1. Final Report Spring Assembly 2020 – Heather N. from District 5 reported that her complete report is on the East Texas Al-Anon/Alateen website. Lynn S. thanked Heather for her District's work on the Assembly.
2. Fall Assembly 2020 – Allyn D. from District 7 reported that her complete report is on the East Texas Al-Anon/Alateen website. There were 158 members registered for the November 2020 ETAAA. Lynn S. thanked District 7 for their work on the Assembly.
3. Spring Assembly 2021 – DebiSu Y. said that a complete report is on the East Texas Area website.
4. Knowledge Based Decision Making (KBDM) Spanish Translation – Lynn S. reported that a KBDM questionnaire regarding Spanish translation was sent to each District; only two Districts responded. A suggestion was made to move this agenda item to the next Panel for further discussion.
5. Assembly Host Committee Guidelines – District Representatives (DRs) whose Districts had hosted Assemblies were asked to review the guidelines. Only one DR responded. A suggestion was made to move this agenda item to the next Panel for further discussion.
6. Area Meeting List Publishing Policy – Lynn S. said that the Thought Force recommends that a Task Force be formed to provide answers to the many questions involving this issue. It was suggested that an online survey be conducted to gather more information on this topic. Diane B. said that more investigation is needed. A suggestion was made to move this agenda item to the next Panel for further discussion.

GR Roll Call: Paula H. discussed how roll call would be taken during the November 7, 2020 ETAAA Business Meeting and that DRs would be responsible for checking the participant's list on Zoom at 12:45 pm to see how many GRs were attending. The total number of GRs per District would be reported by the DRs.

Paula also mentioned that when making motions at the Assembly, full names would be needed on the motion. The motion will be on file with the minutes.

Paula H. will need full contact information for the incoming DRs for Panel 61 so that she can send the information to WSO by December 31, 2020. Lynn S. read p. 154 of the *2018-2021 Al-Anon/Alateen Service Manual* regarding post-election activities.

Area Coordinators Reports Posted on the Texas East Website:

Lynn B., Public Outreach Coordinator, reported that the process for making Public Service Announcements (PSAs) has changed, as WSO has asked members not to contact radio and television stations regarding airing PSAs.

Al M., Area Group Records Coordinator, reported that WSO is working on a printable meeting list.

Jayne G., Alateen Coordinator, will attend the GR interchange on November 7, 2020, to explain changes in the Area Alateen Behavioral Guidelines; there will need to be a motion to approve the changes.

DR Reports Posted on the Texas East Website:

There are no updates. However, it was reported that Districts 4, 8, 9, 10, and 12 have new DRs.

AIS Reports Posted on the East Texas Website:

If reports are not already posted, the reports need to be sent to Dorie J., Website Coordinator, so that she can post them on the website.

New Business:

1. ETAAA Proposed Budget for 2021 – This will be discussed and voted on at the November 7, 2020 ETAAA Business Meeting.
2. Approve November 7, 2020 Fall Assembly Business Meeting Agenda – A motion was made and seconded to approve the Business Meeting Agenda.

I, Jennifer S., move that we accept the proposed ETAAA agenda. Seconded by Jayne G. Yes – 23; No – 0, Abstain – 0. The motion passed.

Meeting adjourned at 9:25 pm with the Al-Anon/Alateen Declaration.

Paula H.

Area Secretary