

East Texas Al-Anon/Alateen Assembly (ETAAA)

Area World Service Committee (AWSC)

January 30, 2021

Virtual Meeting via Zoom

Chairperson: Paula H. opened the meeting at 9:08 am with the Serenity Prayer and a personal sharing.

Welcome and Introductions: Paula H. opened the meeting with a welcome to the new panel, Panel 61.

Reading of the Concepts of Service and General Warranties of the Conference: Nina W. read the Twelve Traditions. Everica read the Twelve Concepts of Service and General Warranties in Spanish. Paula H. then read the Primary Function on page 155 of the *2018-2021 Al-Anon/Alateen Service Manual, (Vol 2)*.

Secretary: Jennifer S. called the roll, and 25 out of 25 voting members were present.

The minutes of the November 6, 2020 AWSC meeting were approved as printed in *The Beacon* (Vol. 52, Issue 4).

Delegate Report: Mattie T. shared her edited report. She reported that a refund of the equalized expenses from the 2020 World Service Conference (WSC) would be returned to the Area for the amount of \$1517.21. She asked Paula to put an item on the Assembly Agenda asking Group Representatives (GRs) to decide what to do with the refunded money.

Alternate Delegate: Lynn S. reported that the electronic Newcomer Packet has no release date yet but is expected sometime this year. In the meantime groups can provide this URL to newcomers: alanon.com/welcome, and newcomers can type their email address. The new daily reader will be available at the 2023 Al-Anon/Alateen International Convention in Albuquerque, NM.

Treasurer: Myrthala C. reported our CD balance is 20,045.32 and our checking account balance is \$41,489.55 and there was \$616.81 in contributions. She shared that District 7 returned the seed money of \$3500 from the Fall Assembly 2020 plus an additional \$768.34. She reminded everyone to use the new Area Treasurer's P.O. Box address. The updated Expense Claim and Donation Forms are now on the Texas Al-Anon website. Myrthala would like expense claims submitted within 2 weeks of an event.

Reports:

1. Spring Assembly 2021 – DebiSu Y. said that District 9 met and would like to recommend holding a virtual assembly due to the pandemic. Paula H., Area Chair had asked District Representatives (DRs) to poll their GRs in advance of today's meeting as to their preference of the type of Assembly, virtual, in person, or hybrid. The GRs

overwhelmingly wanted a virtual assembly as well. The Spring Assembly 2021 will be virtual.

2. Fall Assembly 2021 (District 12/District 13 support)– District 12 is hoping for a date of November 10-12 but that is tentative. They are hoping for a face to face assembly.
3. Program of Sponsors Sharing Everything (P. O. S. S. E.) – P. O. S. S. E. will be held March 26-28, 2021 in Gonzales, TX. This is a great time for Al-Anon Members Involved in Alateen Service (AMIAS) to be certified and recertified and **is** the only time currently scheduled for AMIAS certification. It is \$125 for the weekend and is due 2 weeks prior. Kay **C.** is also doing online recertification training. The first session is February 27th, the next April 24th and one may be scheduled in May if needed.

Unfinished Business:

1. 2021-2025 AWSC/Assembly Rotation – The schedule was approved by consensus.
2. Area Coordinator Vacancies – No one has shown interest for the Alateen Coordinator position yet. Public Outreach – Pam J. from District 4 has submitted her resume. Paula H. has appointed her temporarily, and GRs will vote to approve her in May
3. Assembly Mentor – The 3 year trial period is almost over. Discussion determined that AWSC members would like to make this a permanent position. It was decided to ask the Assembly to vote for a permanent position.
4. Audit Committee – Paula H. appointed members of the Audit Committee, Lynn B., Joyce Y. and Margaret F.
5. Cloud Based Storage – It was decided to move this to a Task Force. DRs were asked to see if GRs were interested in participating along with Natanya A. and Kay C.
6. Knowledge Based Decision Making (KBDM) Spanish Translation – District 6 reported that their Spanish groups won't attend Assemblies without Spanish translation. Thoughts were to have *The Beacon* in Spanish and Treasurer Report in Spanish. It was decided to send out KBDM questions to Spanish groups especially and English groups for input.
7. Area Meeting List Publishing Policy – The Thought Force recommend moving this to a Task Force. Anna A., Ginny M. and Martha R. will be on the Task Force and get with Diane B., Thought Force **Chair**, for information.
8. Assembly Host Committee Guidelines Review – Allyn D., Martha R., Susan J. and the Assembly Mentor will be on this committee.

9. Policies and Procedures Handbook Thought Force – The AWSC voted to move this Thought Force to a Task Force. Discussion determined that we want to focus on keeping the *2018-2021 Al-Anon/Alateen Service Manual*, (Vol 2) for policies and motions for procedures. Jennifer S., Judy P. and Lynn S will be on this committee with Kay C. as a resource.

New Business:

1. Use of website for AWSC/Assembly – Natanya A. has been making changes to the website to be a storehouse for information. Some suggestions were given to her and she welcomes any other suggestions.
2. Use of Consent Agenda for Spring Assembly 2021 – We will continue moving forward towards a consent agenda. Paula will work with Judy P. to help us transition.
3. Unifying Large/Rural Geographic Districts – Kay C. shared she did one workshop last year and she is willing to do another workshop for our area. This is for groups you are not currently connected to, such as they don't have a GR, don't participate, etc.
4. AWSC/Area Inventory – The last AWSC/Area Inventory was done in 2006. Paula H. has reached out on AFG Connects and received ideas. Mattie T. suggested 2, one at AWSC and one at the Area with GRs. Interest was shown to pursue this.

Reports – Area Coordinators, DRs, Al-Anon Information Services (AISs) – Posted on Texas East Website

Announcements:

Area Alateen Process Person (AAPP) – Ilene F. announced that 62 AMIAS are pending recertification.

Deadline for submissions to *The Beacon* are due to Cyndie C. (beaconeditor9@gmail.com) by April 1st .

Meeting adjourned at 1:20 pm with the Al-Anon/Alateen Declaration.

Jennifer S.

Area Secretary