

AREA ASSEMBLY
Lewistown, MT
April 4 & 5, 2009

Jenny opened with the Serenity Prayer. Introductions were made.

Elections are at the next assembly. Please be ready with nominations.
There are flyers out for the Lower Yellowstone Soberfest.
May 2 in Helena is a workshop using Discovering Choices.

Jill read the 12 steps.
Miya read the 12 Traditions.
Jeanne read the 12 Concepts.

25 GR's voting.

Secretary's Report: Reports are up front. Corrections need to be made. However I need a clarification from Betty about the money amount. In one place it was \$5000 & in another it was \$3000. (clarification - said \$5000 but needs to be \$3000.)

Minutes are approved with corrections & a note that the tape player quit & therefore part of the AWSC meeting was lost.

24 approved 1 abstained

Betty gave the **Treasurer's Report**: I misread my job description. I thought we were supposed to do an audit at each assembly, but we are only supposed to audit the treasurer, News & Views, and Literature once a year at the spring assembly. This year it was really hard to come up with a budget as we needed to spend more than our income would probably be. That is why the projected budget shows income from the bank. Usually we do not spend all of the projected expenses, & I hope we will not have to spend any out of the current bank balance. In 2007, we made \$2891.04 over the budget which raised our bank balance by the same amount. In 2008, we had a loss in the budget of \$156.60. In 2007 we had some new Fund Raisers to sell & we made over \$2000 on them. In 2008, the assembly voted that we can not have a fund raiser unless they voted on it first. With only two assemblies, we did not have any new fund raisers. The ideas in 2007 came from AWSC members to the Financial Committee, which approved the ideas & that worked real well. I can't remember why we changed it. I only brought 7 checks with me. If I could mail your check, please let me know by writing on the bottom of the blue expense form. Thank you for your support & help.

Discussion about Prudent Reserve. Why isn't it in a savings account, money market, CD etc.? Has to do with being non-profit & submitting a report to the IRS. No action taken but Betty will check into before the next assembly.

Jeanne H: I would like to suggest breaking the **Archives** position into 2 positions. Only 1 paid. 1 person would store the archives & get it electronic (would not move every 3 years), non rotating & paid to assembly by invitation only. 1 person would assist the archivist in collecting archives & reporting at Assembly & rotate every 3 years, as we do now. Discussion followed. Jeanne was asked to put together a report on current cost & projected costs. For continuity, I'd like to be the person who stores the archives, if we decide to go this route.

Roundup Reports:

Spring Roundup 2009 (Dorothy K) Standing in the Sunlight of the Spirit

The Spring Roundup of AA Area 40 with the cooperation of Al-Anon will be held in the Doubletree Hotel in Missoula, April 24-26. There are still rooms available if you make your reservations by Sunday at the convention rate of \$110 a night. The deadline for early registration for the Roundup was March 28, so registration now is \$25. We are excited about the events planned for this weekend. We have three AA speakers; Chris S from Missoula, Marty J from Vancouver, B.C., & Brenda J from Tampa, FL. We have an Al-Anon speaker; Cherri N from South Dakota & an Alateen speaker, Samantha, also Mardi M. will be singing her story. Some of you will remember she won the best overall entry in the WSO media contest last fall. In addition, we have planned an ice cream social for Friday evening, a Native American drummer will open the ceremonies on Friday & close them on Sunday. Other 1 events include a golf tournament, yoga, a serenity walk, raffles, & marathon meetings. Al-Anon groups from

Missoula & Stevensville will have meetings Friday afternoon, Saturday morning & Saturday afternoon. We are raffling a quilt made by Barb Missoula and a Wii. Our Literature Depot is gearing up to provide plenty of literature for sale. There will be child care for most of the day on Saturday & during the speakers on Friday & Sunday. A hospitality room will provide a place to rest & refresh during the weekend. We are hoping a lot of people will attend because we feel this will be a blow out weekend. Registration forms are available on the table.

Spring Roundup 2010 (Elaine D) May 14, 15 & 16, 2010, at the Crown Plaza in Billings.

Lower Yellowstone Soberfest 2009 (Dorothy P) August 14, 15 & 16, 2009, at the Lions Youth Camp in Glendive. Doors open at 3:00 PM on Friday. We will adjourn by noon on Sunday. You can camp out, get a cabin or get beds in the A-frame. See flyer.

DISTRICT REPORTS

District 1 Betty D: District 1 has not been doing well. We sent out questionnaires & found that the members would like speakers & workshops. Last month, we had a day in Al-Anon with 3 speakers, a skit, 2 workshops & a raffle. There was a lot of participation & enthusiasm.

District 2 Cindy L: We have our District meetings on the 3rd Sunday of each month at 3 PM at the hospital. We have 6 active groups. The Shelby group is still increasing in numbers. It is awesome to see others seeking what we have. We are blessed to have supportive members. The Shelby Group has dedicated 2009 to having step meetings. We are fortunate that our AA groups let us participate with their activities.

District 3 Cleo O: Dist. 3 has 4 Al-Anon meetings. 1 in Malta, 2 in Havre & 1 in Box Elder. The Box Elder meeting is relatively new & we have Havre Al-Anon members trying to attend that meeting to help get it off the ground. Havre also has the possibility of starting up 2 more meetings a week. Malta's Al-Anon meeting was changed from Wed. evenings to Thurs. evenings. Malta is planning another "treasure sale" in June. Havre's 2 Al-Anon groups: TGIF & Double Winners both have Group Reps now. Thank you to Barb who is with us this weekend & Nancy. The TGIF & Double Winners groups, of Havre, are very active. They have pot lucks regularly & the last Friday of every month, the TGIF group is invited to a speaker meeting for AA. During the summer they have camp outs on the 3rd weekend of the month. Havre's mini-conference in Oct. was a huge success & they are planning another one this fall. This June, Malta's AA's are sponsoring a camp out over Father's Day weekend (June 19th, 20th, & 21st) at Fort Peck. (flyers are on website) They have asked Al-Anon to furnish a speaker for Saturday noon. Jenny has graciously said she would do this for us. Consequently, Havre's monthly camp out weekend will be held the 4th weekend in June. District 3 had the privilege of having Pennie K. come & speak at our District Meeting in October. We enjoyed hearing about her trip to New York & the business that went on at WSO. In March, Havre hosted our last District Meeting. Our members would like to know if the area is going to get a hot line state wide or if it was up to each district?

District 4: No representation

District 5: No representation

District 6 : No representation

District 7 Kathy J: We instituted a new hot line phone in our district. The number is 696-8494. We also got some new meeting schedules in book mark form. We did send out 200 pamphlets "Al-Anon Faces Alcoholism 2009" to the clergy in District 7 & District 14. We have not gotten any feedback yet. We included the open letter to the clergy & our meeting schedules with the pamphlet. We did put some posters around town. Each group got a pack of ten to put in their group area. We did lose our Public Information/Cooperating With the Professional Community position person. He got married & moved. We did gain an institutions chair. We added a new meeting on Friday noon. One of the groups got very large & split off. They are meeting at 13th & Avenue D. The other one is meeting at 1801 Broadwater. We continue to have newcomer meetings on Tuesday evening at 5:45 PM. We have a meeting on wheels at the Rimrock Foundation during family week. We also do a Yellowstone Boys & Girls Ranch, when called, during family week. We've had a couple of travelers the last couple of months. Several members went to a workshop in Columbus. A couple of us went to the NW Regional Delegates Assembly in Lincoln, NE. We have had & will have speakers.

District 8 Kari C: Many of the groups in our district are doing well and adding new members. However, there are some that continue to struggle and some have disbanded in the past few months due to low membership. We have about 11 active groups but 3-4 of those are very small. Only 5 groups send a GR regularly to the district meetings. We had our annual Evergreen fund raiser in December. Our profits were much smaller than in the past, partially due to a snowstorm on the day, but a good time was had by all who attended. We had a speaker, photos with Santa for the kids and the ever-popular bake auction.

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District 9 Sharon M: We meet on the second Wednesday of the month at 10 at the Comfort Inn. We have 9 active

groups in our district. We try to have a good representation of GRs at our meeting. We still pass along the hot line phone. Our Halloween Party on the 30th of October was a huge success. We had about 55 people - some in costume. We had games for the kids, pizza & desserts for all. We had a 50/50 raffle. The person that won it, turned it back over the Alateen. This event seems to get bigger every year. We had our budget meeting in January followed by a nice potluck. We are in the planning stages right now to have a spaghetti dinner fund raiser in June. This is really new to us so we don't know what we're doing. We are going to invite all Al-Anon members & their families, all Alateens & their families, & AA groups if they would like to join us. We took "Al-Anon Faces Alcoholism 2009" to the state run facility in Butte for alcohol & drugs. We also put our hot line phone number on them. Our Alateen group has gotten somewhat smaller but we continue to keep the meeting going. We need ideas of how to get the word out to the young people about how important it is. In April, I am going to another group to give a talk on Service Work & How Important it is to reach groups & participate. I personally know how important it is for me, whether it is helping wash dishes after the meeting or serving as a GR or DR at the area level.

District 10 Dorothy K: Our focus for the last couple of years, especially the last 6 months has been the Roundup. We are hoping a lot of people will come as we have a lot of fun things planned for the weekend. We have provided 10 scholarships for 10 people to come to the roundup, who might not have otherwise been able to come. Scholarships include registration, & the Al-Anon luncheon. We also decided to pay for part of the Al-Anon luncheon for the Alateens. One of the meetings in Missoula is also providing a scholarship for one of their members to come. We have 17 Al-Anon meetings & 3 Alateen meetings. One Al-Anon group in Missoula closed but an Alateen meeting was started in Hamilton. Our District Meetings are held the first Sunday of every other month. We have 2 GR's & 1 new PI/PCP coordinator. We will be having elections either in September or November.

District 11 Connie W: First of all, I want to let you know about a workshop using the Discovering Choices book. Saturday, May 2, from 9:30-2:00 at St Paul's United Methodist Church. There will be food! I have brought flyers. We do need a head count so if you could RSVP that would be wonderful. We participated with AA for the Attitude of Gratitude in November which was fun and very successful. We already have a volunteer to chair the Al-Anon portion of the event for this fall which is always on the weekend before Thanksgiving, which is November 21. We will bring flyers in the fall for that. We have an active, busy district. Our District meetings are fairly well attended. We are changing our meeting place to St Paul's United Methodist Church as of this month. We have a new meeting on Saturday (Keep It Simple Saturday), so now we have at least one meeting each day of the week. We have one meeting in Boulder, 15 meetings in Helena which include the one Alateen meeting and the speaker meeting on the first Friday of the month. We have a variety of meetings. Many of the meetings use topics weekly, we also have meetings that do a step and tradition on a monthly basis. We have a meeting that is a book study and when they get done with one book, they start another. It is a really good way to get to know the literature. And we have a meeting that goes through each step, tradition and concept. It takes a couple of years to get back to step one. So we have a huge variety of choices in the kind of meetings that are available. Meeting sizes range from 6 or 7 to more than 25. We have GR's for all of our meetings with the exception of 2, one of which is the meeting that just began the first of March. We still need a Coordinator for our Alateen and our First Friday Speaker Meeting. And last but not least, we have the pleasure of having Pennie, our delegate, in our town so she keeps us on the straight and narrow!!

District 12 Nancy R: We have 6 Al-Anon groups & 1 Alateen group, which has grown beyond our imagination. Several are celebrating their 2nd year in the program. We're planning our summer workshop. We are recruiting new members for positions at the Fall Assembly.

District 13: No representation

District 14 Susan (alt. GR): We have three meetings in our district; 1 in Absaroukee on Wednesday night at 7:30; & 2 in Laurel, one on Monday at 1:30 & one on Wednesday at 7:00 pm. The Red Lodge meeting has disbanded, but there is talk about starting up again. We've had our annual Christmas Party on December 6, 2008, with a raffle that we have been having for several years as a fund raiser for our district. All groups were represented at this Christmas Party with our lunch. The fund raiser was successful. On March 14, we had a workshop on service. All groups were represented. Several people shared their experience, strength & hope with service & a lot of our new members were present. We are also taking a meeting to a Laurel Nursing Home. One of our members is in a nursing home & we did one meeting on the 21st with a great turnout & we are going to be taking another one on the 11th. Our public outreach contacts are being utilized by county officials & our local clinic has been very helpful in providing information & is responsible for several of our newcomers who have stuck around. We have our local clergy, who help us with outreach.

Alateen: Vonda D: none

Archives: Jeanne H: I found the very first book Al-Anon Faces Alcoholism 1965 at a used book sale in Great Falls. I also have an original Forum magazine from 1954. I bought a Document Scanner for \$344.99 but with the instant rebate (\$50) + shipping it only cost \$302.99. Please consider buying a book cover or a time line. I have put these together to help fund the archives. I have finished inventorying what we now have in our Archives and am starting to sort and organize those materials. I have a motion to bring before the Assembly, to further clarify what we keep in our Area Archives. I now have capabilities to transfer cassette tapes to electronic computer media. I taped our past delegate, Mary B., at the Northwest Regional Delegates Meeting and have transferred her talk to a zip drive so that it can be played on computer with Windows Media Player. A member of our committee is working on a mission statement for the Archives. I am continuing to collect individual and group histories. You may have also noticed that I put a list in News & Views of some of the items our Archives would like to have. Please watch for those. For this Assembly I have put together some glimpses of our past newsletters, starting with our very first issue in December of 1964. Please take time to look at these during breaks; I would only request that you not take them out of the sheet protectors. Thank you very much.

Forum: Elaine D: Forum is \$11 a year. It's a meeting in your pocket. It's excellent reading between meetings. You may submit a subscription with me. If you wish to go online, you may go to www.al-anon.alateen.org/members (I had to add members later) & click on the forms. The GR's are representatives of the Forums. Some groups raffle a 1-yr subscription to the Forum, others give a copy to newcomers. I am also available for writing workshops. If you would like to share your experience, strength & hope, you can do that online also. The maximum is 500 words. You can also submit it as an e-mail. Write Forum in the subject line. They have a lot of scenery pictures but would like people pictures (but the people can't be identifiable).

Group Records: Cheryl T: There are 118 Al-anon groups, 12 are listed as no mail & 13 are listed as inactive. I have put your District Group Records in your folder. If you could get your records, correct them & return them to me, I would greatly appreciate it.

Institutions: Sharon M: Sharing & Caring still takes a meeting into the MCDC which is a state run chemical dependency for families of patients. One member still goes in, once a month, & shares her story with the families & patients. This member is working towards her License Addiction Counselor & has been told that if she gets her license, she will be able to work at this facility. I pass out Al-anon Faces Alcoholism 2009 with our hotline number on it at the prison, pre-release program, Star program, etc. I had the opportunity to experience the treatment center at Willow Springs, for 4-time DUI offenders. What I found out visiting with people waiting to go in, was that many of them had never heard about Al-anon. I asked the case workers if we could bring a meeting there, but I haven't heard back. To spread the word around doesn't hurt. Lewistown has a place for meth addiction. I pass out literature to them.

Internet: Margaret: There is an area website for Montana. It includes the News & Views & flyers. I'm continuing to work on the website to make it user friendly. I would appreciate any constructive comments or ideas. I appreciate you keeping me current on meetings, events, etc.

Literature: Donna M: I missed the March conference call. I bring literature here to sell it. In All Our Affairs will be finished in April. Discovering Choices & Transforming Our Losses is finished. A new literature project is As We Understood. Every member should have Al-Anon & Alateen Groups at Work. The cost is \$1. I have sold \$3192.00 worth of literature. I have purchased \$3005.00 worth of new literature. I have been having trouble with ordering from WSO. I resolved this problem by ordering online. I have been charging 8% for shipping. This covers postage. I got an e-mail from Heather. If you remember she was leaving here for Hawaii but ended up in Taiwan.

Newsletter: Lorelle: We have 157 subscriptions. 109 are groups. 10 are individuals. 7 are exchanges. 31 of the subscriptions go to officers, delegates, past delegates & trustees in the WSO. Our financial status: We took in \$490 from the groups & individuals, \$150 from the area treasury for a total of \$640. Expenses for 2 newsletters was \$640.71 The account balance is \$188.08. The News & Views sanitized version is being posted to the Montana website. Someone told me, they were having trouble accessing it. Please let me know if you are having trouble. Needs: I'm getting Newsletters returned. I need help in getting & keeping the News & Views addresses updated. An electronic letter would be easier, more timely & more accessible. You might get more submissions from members by exposing more people to the information.

PI/CPC: Maribeth M: I have enjoyed visiting with other PI/PCP coordinators about their outreach. We have switched internet providers & I wasn't provided with any contact information for PI/CPC coordinators. Please contact me for any help in public outreach. The groups I have been in touch with have been doing incredible work. For example: Bozeman has 3 members share their 4 experience, strength, & hope at the college during the lunch hour with the Lunch Bunch. As a result, they were asked to participate on a radio call-in question & answer. There have been a lot of library displays with people to answer

questions. Some groups have donated books to the libraries. Hospitals & emergency rooms are stocked with pamphlets. Physicians offices - the 2009 publications have gone everywhere. We have stocked pamphlets in various places in the judicial system. Several people have had workshops & been willing to go to homes to talk to kids who are struggling with this disease.

Pennie K: KNOWLEDGE BASED DECISION MAKING

4 elements: open communication between membership & leadership, dialogue before deliberation, all decision makers will have common access to full information, & we exist in a culture of trust (we have confidence in the propensity of our partners & presume good will). We need to assume that questions from the floor are to gather information not cause problems (principles above personalities). What do we know about the membership's needs, wants & preferences that are relevant to this discussion? What do we know about our capacities, resources & strategic positions of our fellowship that is relative to this discussion? Do we know about the current realities & evolving dynamics of our fellowship? Environment that is relevant to the discussion. Is it evolving or is it just once? What are the implications of our choices? (the pros & cons) What do we wish that we knew? One time to say what you want to say. Conversation not debate. Background information available. It makes for fewer motions & more dialogue. Discussion followed.

Motions on News & Views: Motion 177: Electronic Version of News & Views. The next edition of News & Views will introduce the idea that News & Views is moving to an electronic format. Each group will be asked to have a group conscience & decide if they will receive a hard copy or electronic copy. Motion passed. Discussion followed reading of motion. We have a motion (C 78) of not giving out mailing lists & yet we are talking about posting addresses on the internet. **News & Views Thought Force:** Margaret, Lorelle, Connie W, Mardi M, & Sue T BN42: area will subsidize the News & Views. \$238 was given to News & Views for the next issue.

Change of Venue discussion. **Thought Force** to change Venue: Frances, Mary M, Dorothy, Brenda, & Cindy.

Delegate's Report: Pennie K: Al-Anon by the Numbers. **1.** In 2008 a Concept Blog was put on the member's website. When the concepts were put online, people became aware of all 3 legacies. The Concepts Al-Anon's Beat kept Secrets (p-57) and to Paths to Recovery Al-Anon's Steps, Traditions, and Concepts (B-24) in all three languages. 296 visitors viewed p-57 and an average of 83 visitors a month viewed the featured chapter of B-24 in all three languages. The Concept Blog has been Archived so visitors are still able to view the post and sharings, but has been closed for comments. 2009 is using the traditions, It will be on there monthly. In 2008 Members were able to comment on the featured Concept sharing in English, Spanish, and French. In total 304 comments were posted. The Blog site also potentially exposed visitors to CAL resources. **2.** For 2009 a blog Using the Traditions in our personal lives will begin. A different WSO staff member or Volunteer will post the introductory sharing each month. You can go online & post your experience, strength & hope. **3.** The survey about newcomers said: 98 % of the Groups said they considered themselves to be welcoming to newcomers. 98% of new comers said they considered the meeting they attended to be overall welcoming. 86 % said their first meeting met the immediate need that brought them to the meeting. 91% Were given a Newcomers Packet 74% Took some time to explain the Newcomers Packet to them. 88% said that the Newcomer Packet was helpful. 95% of the newcomers said they would continue to attend the meeting they first attended the others said they would try 6 to 8 meetings before deciding whether Al-Anon was right for them. While not all meetings had a newcomer every week, on average the survey showed that Al-Anon meetings attract 4 new people every month. Pennie is putting this information in the News & Views. **4.** There is a survey on the members web site for one asks members to Help define the Family Recovery there was an announcement in the March Forum. And the second one is in cooperation with out affiliation. With Center of Addiction and Mental Health CAMH is based in Canada. The following information is provided by the Al-Anon Family Group Headquarters, Inc. to help broaden Al-Anons outreach to the friends and families of alcoholics who are in need of our program. In keeping with the Traditions the WSO does not endorse, oppose, or have an opinion about any of the organizations or their projects. Al-Anon can cooperate with other entities whenever feasible to broaden the outreach of our program and to increase awareness of the impact of alcoholism and problem drinking upon their relatives and friends. The Organization below has requested participation of Al-Anon Members as individuals in its research study so that it has
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an ample number of families of alcoholics in its study. You are invited to participate in a new research study . The study is for the friends and family members of an individual who has both a drinking problem and a mental health problem. You will not be asked to disclose you Al-Anon Membership, although you may choose to do so if you wish. **5.** The new book which came out this year, Discovering Choices, has sold 54,000 copies. How Al-Anon Works for

Families & Friends of Alcoholics has been revised & the concepts & traditions have been added along with some experience, strength & hope in both of those books. **6.** E-cal hasn't been as popular as they had hoped it would be. e-Cal electronic Conference Approved Literature. To date the fellowship has not demonstrated a strong interest in sharing recovery in the electronic formats available in e-CAL in 2008 e-CAL posted 28 e-CAL sharings 26 of which were submitted prior to May 31st in time for consideration in our e-CAL contest. The e-CAL web page attracted 3,462 visitors 834 1st Quarter 875 2nd Quarter 1,139 3rd Quarter (when the contest winners were posted) 614 in the 4th Quarter. **7.** The Forum gets about 1,000 sharings a year compared to the 28 that they got for e-cal. 15,000 groups get complimentary copies, 19,935 pay for their Forums. Paid subscriptions as of December 2008 were 19,935 down 14% from December 2007. A survey sent out to the people who didn't resubscribe found that 30% didn't read, 10% didn't find any helpful content, 18% said that they were no longer Al-Anon members, 11% said they got them as gifts & didn't resubscribe, 22% said they read the groups free copy & less than 5% said they had a problem with the content or format. Al-Anon Faces Alcoholism, the public outreach, 262,125 copies were sent out last year (a 12% increase from 2007). **8.** Dear Abby agreed to publicize our address, e-mail address and web site. The column gave us the "lead" letter in two columns one in February with 1,600 responses including about 1,400 visitors to the Public outreach web site and another in October with 8,700 visitors including 8,000 visitors to public outreach web site. **9.** 22,000 downloads of podcasts (mini commercials for computers, MP3, Ipod & itunes) on Public Outreach website, with 99,000 visitors to this website. **10.** "First Steps to Al-Anon Recovery" an audio program designed to attract people to their first Al-Anon meeting" was posted. **11.** Total number of groups in 2008: U.S. Al-Anon 12,969, U.S. Alateen 963;

Canada Al-Anon 1,386, Canada Alateen 75; Overseas Al-Anon 8,332, Overseas Alateen 714;

12. ALATEEN: District 1 – 1 active, Districts 2-6 no groups, District 7- 2 active, District 8 - 1 active, District 9 - 2 active, District 10 - 3 active, District 11 - 1 active, District 12 - 1 active, District 13 & 14 - no groups. **13.** Al-Anon: District 1 - 12 active, District 2 - 6 active, District 3 - 3 active, District 4 - 3 active, District 5 - 4 Active, District 6 - 2 active, District 7 - 12 active, District 8 - 9 active, District 9 - 9 active, District 10 - 14 active, District 11 - 10 active, District 12 - 5 active, District 13 - 2 active, District 14 - 3 active.

Upcoming Assemblies: Fall - September 19 & 20, 2009 (18 rooms after Tues)

AWSC 9/19/09 @ 9:00 AM Assembly 1/19/09 @1:00 PM to Noon 1/20/09

Speaker & game - Saturday evening

Spring - April 9 & 10, 2010

Fall - September 10 & 11, 2010

Spring - April 8 & 9, 2011

Fall - September 9, & 10, 2011

New Business: Pennie K: Are there any **coordinator's** that we can do without or combine for extra help? Elaine D: I suggest that we combine the Forum & Alternate Delegate. Discussion followed.

Donna E: Public outreach should be a chair with committee, not a person, & if so institutions could be part of Public Outreach. Institutions has no counterpart at the WSO & this way this person could be included. Mary M: Let's get it clear what this group is about. This will help things fall into place.

Pennie K: Because all our **guidelines** have not been kept up to date, I propose that we set up a work group to check our guidelines with the motions. All the new motions should be put into the guidelines so that if you are ever on a committee, all the background work has been done for you.. If a coordinator wants to change something in their position, the work group will go through the motions & if it is something that needs to be voted on, they will bring it to the Assembly. I think DR's & GR's should be on this committee as coordinators have a lot to do, it also gives the DR's & GR's more input - because the voice comes from the grass roots of this program. Discussions. After discussion, it was decided that if it was a 1 time thing, it would be included in the motion. The guidelines will be posted on the internet with dates of the updates. (Guidelines Work Group: Donna E, Kathy J, & Brett) Mary M: **Area coordinator's** need to start think about goals & strategies to go with these mission statements.

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Mission Statement Team: MT Area Assembly **Vision Statement:** To ensure that all Al-Anon/Alateen groups, in Montana, have an opportunity to affect the direction of Al-Anon as a whole through shared information between the groups & the WSC. Montana Area Assembly **Mission Statement:** To collect & distribute reports & information, initiate projects & make recommendations that support Al-Anon/ Alateen at all levels (groups, districts, area & WSC),

in Montana. Discussion & clarification followed.

Motion 178: Montana Area Assembly Vision Statement & Montana Area Assembly Mission Statement: To accept the Montana Area Vision statement to ensure that all Al-Anon/Alateen groups, in Montana, have an opportunity to affect the direction of Al-Anon as a whole through shared information between the groups & the WSC, & the Montana Area Mission Statement to collect & distribute information & reports; initiate projects & make recommendations that support Al-Anon/ Alateen at all levels (groups, districts, & WSC).

Vote count: 24

22 yes 1 no 1 abstain

Finance Committee Report: Betty did the LDC - everything was in place. Jenny did the News & Views - everything was in place. Sherry did the Area Treasurer - One amount was added in twice. I wasn't able to do the check book balance because Betty accidentally left the check book at home. We will do at next assembly.

Ask it Basket.

Closed with the Lord's Prayer & declaration.

Respectfully yours,

Sherry D.
Secretary