

VA Area District Representative Report

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Informational Items:

Meetings in your District: (total) 14

Face to face: 5

Hybrid: 4

Virtual only: 5

Inactive: 0

Updates since last meeting

New projects, Events planned this year:

- On May 31st, we held our District picnic at Ford Ward Park. More than 20 people attended, and several had stories to tell about what that park means to them as long time residents of Alexandria.
- Successes –
 - We had a good turnout at our second District meeting, with 6 attendees in person and 1 on Zoom. There were 6 GRs and 2 CMAs representing 7 of the Alexandria AFGs. Some of us attend multiple meetings and so in all we had members from 12 of 14 groups present.
 - We filled the Alternate DR position at the District meeting
- Challenges – a couple of our groups are challenged to grow attendance, which in turn makes it difficult to rotate service or to avoid having multiple service functions left to one person to juggle. Our one Alateen group

continues to bring one or two newcomers about half the time but simply has not recovered to pre-Covid attendance levels of having a regular group of Alateens who keep coming back and get to know each other.

- Goals –
 - further branch out into other service areas within the District, e.g. Public Outreach.
 - Survey the District's hybrid and online meeting groups for interest in a shared District Zoom account, cost to be shared among all the groups who use it, in lieu of several members maintaining individual Zoom subscriptions on behalf of their groups. Brainstorm with other VA Districts who have done this successfully.
 - Encourage GR's/CMA's to attend Spring Assembly.
- What's working - Despite the difficulty in growing Alexandria Alateen into a regular group of attendees, we've been able to provide support and help facilitate 2 Alateens from the Manassas group in attending this year's MEAC conference (July 25-27).
- Needs attention – District Treasurer service position rotation is overdue. Would also like to fill position for an alternate Treasurer.