

SOUTHERN ILLINOIS AL-ANON FAMILY GROUPS, INC.
AREA ASSEMBLY MEETING
MEMORIAL MEDICAL CENTER
SPRINGFIELD, ILLINOIS
4 March 2012

Meeting opened at 9:10 with Serenity Prayer, thanks to Charlene for her help in setting up the meeting, thanks to District 10A for hosting, introductions of those present and recognitions of Al-Anon birthday and time in fellowship since last meeting.

Steps, Traditions, Concepts with Warranties were read.

Minutes of the November Board of Directors were read by Fern T. `

Assembly minutes accepted as sent with needed corrections.

SIAFG Group Records- Mary S— SIAFG Group Records—Mary S. SIAFG adopted the policy that all group record changes will go thru the Southern Illinois Area and not WSO. The Group Records Secretary has access to WSO records and can change meeting, GR and CMA information. He/she can also register new meetings and mark meetings as inactive. To facilitate this process use e-mail address --siafggrprec@gmail.com--

This address goes to any one filling this position. Please ignore directions to send info

to WSO. Some areas are still using WSO. I have a conference call at the end of March and will ask them to clarify group changes as areas assume that responsibility. Registration forms available on web site, www.al-anon.alateen.org

[anon.alateen.org](http://www.al-anon.alateen.org)

First page is form, second page is envelope.

Treasurer Reports—Rowena A- Treasurer's Report—Rowena A Aug 2011 thru Dec 2012. Beginning Balance \$2323.59. Total Receipts \$3942.93. Total Cash on hand \$6266.52. Total Disbursements \$2830.26. Total Cash on hand \$3436.26. [Private donations that were requested be used as Reserve Fund \$1200.00]. Available ending balance \$2236.26. * Jan 2011 thru Dec 2011. Beginning balance \$2590.71, total receipts \$6407.61, total cash available \$8998.32, Total disbursements \$6674.58, total cash on hand \$2323.59. Less reserve fund \$1200. Available ending balance \$1123.74.* corrected.

Ad hoc committee proposed that donated funds designated for use as Prudent Reserve Funds should so be used as such was presented to the assembly and accepted by majority vote.

Workshop—Sponsorship. Lyri spoke about personal sponsorship, Maggie about Service sponsors, pointing out the Literature has many references, and Mary S on behalf of Dottie on Alateen Sponsorship, key being to support not direct. Packet with many articles from CAL on Pyramid Sponsorship was given out. June workshop will be Delegate's Report and October will be Inventory and Comedy Review.

COORDINATOR REPORTS

Convention Liaison—Jan T. - 999 *2012 IL State AFG Convention* will be held in Normal at the Marriott Hotel & Conference Center September 28-30, 2012. Theme of the convention is: Bloom in Normal. The next planning meeting is being held March 3, 2012 at the Memorial Medical Center in Springfield at 3:30pm. Fliers are being passed to District Representatives, will be in next News-O-Gram and are available at this meeting. If you have any questions or would like to volunteer, contact the convention chairperson Kathy Hoyland on 309-828-9682; email katwoos@frontier.com; or US mail 505 Kreitzer, Bloomington, IL 61701.

2011 IL State AFG Convention Resource Committee (CRC) meeting was held December 3rd at Marriott Hotel & Conference Center in Normal beginning at 9:00am. There was much discussion about remembering that this is a

STATE Convention and that no matter which area hosts, we all need to work together to make it a success. CRC members discussed division of proceeds (need to begin building reserve and need to supply more seed money) took appropriate action to do so. (Actions included: disbursing \$266.09 to NIAFG, SIAFG, and WSO, \$39.76 to NIAA, SIAA, and AA-Chicago Area; \$326.00 to toward reserve fund; \$2,000.00 being held for future seed use.)

2012 IL State AFG Convention Resource Committee (CRC) meeting will be held December 1st 2012 from 9a-3p in Bloomington/Normal area or possibly via conference call. SIAFG will be hosting this meeting, Cathy B. will be the chairperson and Marty H. will be the recording secretary.

AI-Anon International Convention will be held in Vancouver, BC July 5-7, 2013. Registration and housing information will be available in the fall of 2012.

2012 IL State AA Conference is being held August 24-26, 2012 in Springfield at The Hilton Springfield. Fliers were available at meetings and will be included in upcoming News-O-Gram.

AA International Convention will be held in Atlanta, GA in 2015.

If anyone is interested in becoming SIAFG's next Convention Liaison please let Alberta or me know. Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions about the position.

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News-O-Gram- Rita C- Deadline is 20 April due to meeting change.

Ways & Means-Kathy H- there are 148 Totes remaining to be sold. Northern Illinois AFG will by the remaining totes to sell for a fund raiser. Medallions sales have been increasing. Ideas for next fund raiser were suggested along with getting a smaller number to sell to be able to sell them all. June raffle will be Baked Goods.

Public Outreach-Cindy- She had conference call 14 Jan2012 .discussion of the new PSA packet and if all areas had received them. The P90-Best of Public Outreach is on member's Website. She had copies of stations got a copy of the PSA, and with WSO is asking us to thank the station when we here the broadcast. She handed copies suggested thank you letters to D R's. Challenge—to contact stations that got copies and encourage them to air the PSA.

Literature/Forum- JoEllyn P- received a Binder of Guidelines and found it fascinating to learn how informative it was. Guidelines are free and can be ordered under literature order

Archives- Fern T-Received from WSO pages written by member of the area for the 50th Anniversary Gratitude Book. Recommended to assembly that they be given to Rita C to be used in News-O-Gram then sent to Archives. This passed by majority vote.

By-Laws-Cathy S- Temporary Revisions are nearly complete and soon be distributed.

Webmaster- Cathy B- Due to no Webmaster at present and NIAFG having same issue , uniting SIAFG & NIAFG in the time frame is for NIAFG to vote on it is tight. Cindy P will try to at least clear site of outdated info a person who might be interested will be contacted to set up with NIAFG if it can be done in 2 week time frame.

Alateen- Carbondale Alateen Meeting have problem of uncertified person wanting to attend meeting. Person can attend opening and closing but not the sharing part of meeting which is a closed meeting. There is a change on forms

to include any name changes and birth date of applicant, also disposal of old records. Voted on and passed to accept changes on applications and to hold old records for one year, 3 years in Archives, then to shred them.

2012 Illinois State AFG Convention- Kathy H- CPC has been meeting. There is a budget in place. 2000 flyers have been printed and may be taken for distribution. Al-Anon speakers are selected and one AA speaker has confirmed. Delegate's Report-Cathy B- She will be attending North Central Regional Delegates Meeting in Minneapolis, MN March 23rd thru 25th. Then on to 2012 World Service Conference in Stamford, CT April 15th thru 19th. This year's theme is "Our Spiritual Journey—We Get as We Give". On the Wednesday the 18th a visit to Stepping Stones is scheduled. She leaves the 14th for conference, returning the 20th. Love tokens, cards, etc. can be sent April 11th thru 16th to address below

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Today, March 4th, 1891 Lois W born. During her formidable years she created and passed on a most precious legacy, the gift of serenity. Let' honor her by carrying this message wherever we go, in whatever we do and in all our spoken words.

On issue of AA and/or Al-Anon members attending Alateen meetings. One is well within their right to ask them to leave once the meeting starts. Only Certified Sponsors are allowed

In Alateen meetings with no exceptions. Please contact Lyri for more info on certification process.

Cathy talked about mandated reporters and when child abuse or neglect is suspected, mandated members must report. Remember, Al-Anon and Alateen meetings are not above the law, Please be careful of what you report, be very sure of your facts, investigate heresay or second hand information. All reports are anonymous through DCFS and are kept confidential...

On issue of specific Al-Anon group, not registered with WSO (not a bad thing) found to be high pressure group, with no GR, no treasurer, no rent being paid and monies collected being kept at group level. Solution. Start a new group, register with WSO thru Area Assembly, list meeting within the district and area Where & Whens. The healthy Al-Anons and newcomers will migrate towards the registered group and, eventually, the non-registered group will fade away. This is "attraction" rather than "promotion"

Any question or concerns about meetings, behavior issues, or anything else that doesn't seem right feel free to call Cathy B [217-377-0140] or e-mail [cathy.blakey@yahoo.com]

No questions in Ask it Basket Raffle items related to 'Spring Cleaning' done

Next Assembly. June 9 & 10, 2012 with District 10B hosting. Fund Raiser—Baked Goods

Respectfully submitted,

Marty H, Recording Secretary.

MINUTES WILL NOT BE READ AT MEETING