

SIAWSC (Southern Illinois Area World Service Committee)  
Memorial Medical Center  
Springfield, Illinois  
July 11, 2015

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with Corrections  
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The meeting opened at 9:05 a.m. by Cathy B., with a moment of silence followed by the Serenity Prayer. Everyone was welcomed & thanked District 12 for hosting today's meetings. Introductions were made, and the rules & guidelines of the meeting were discussed. There were 28 members present (18 voting members) at this regular meeting. The 12 Steps, 12 Traditions, and the 12 Concepts of Service w/Warranties were read.

RECORDING SECRETARY'S REPORT: Minutes from the March 7, 2015 meeting was presented. A motion was made to accept the minutes as presented, seconded and the motion carried.

Cathy B. stated that MaryBeth G. will not be here today to take the minutes and has asked Sue W. to record the minutes for today's Area World Service Committee meeting.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Helen B. reported the period from January 1, 2015 through April 30, 2015. Reporting a beginning balance \$5,803.16; total receipts \$2,342.65; total disbursements \$1,997.58; leaving cash on hand of \$6,148.23. Savings/Reserve Fund on hand balance is \$3,027.43. Helen reminded everyone that our goal for the Reserve Fund is \$8,000.

Helen B. then presented the proposed 2016 budget of \$7,875.00. After discussion, it was recommended to change the delegate's pocket money from \$500 to \$400, and put \$100 into Workshop Expenses. Voting on the proposed budget will take place at the Area Assembly meeting in November.

GROUP RECORDS SECRETARY REPORT: Mary S. stated that for anyone not knowing how to make changes to their group information, to simply go to the web site at [www.siagf.org](http://www.siagf.org), click on Quick Links, then click on Group Records Secretary. Password for all members is: area16 (all lower case). Changes should not be sent to WSO as Mary will send all changes to WSO. Those who don't have a computer can send a paper copy to Mary. For district representatives, if there are no changes to your groups' information, send an e-mail with the District # and Group # stating No Change. Any questions, e-mail Group Records Secretary.

DELEGATES REPORT: Lyri M. reported she had bookmarked a project, and is asking for volunteers to look over the Newcomer Welcome Packets. At the March 2015 WSC meeting the price of literature was brought up and a suggestion was made to help reduce the cost. WSO is asking groups to donate just \$25 each more than they donated last year to help with their \$25,000 budget shortfall. Lyri will pass out "Shoe" envelopes at the afternoon meeting for members to take to their meetings and explain the situation.

Kathy H. stated that she has been asked to be in charge of the Al-Anon portion of the IL State AA Convention to be held at the Marriott Hotel & Convention Center in uptown Normal, IL on August 28, 29 and 30<sup>th</sup>, 2015. Volunteers are still needed. This is held in this area only once every ten years. Cost is \$50 for Registration and Banquet, or \$25 for Registration Only. There are flyers available.

ALTERNATE DELEGATE'S REPORT: Marian M. stated she had attended the USNCRDM last March (which is a mock World Service Conference), and learned a lot about voting, the seating plan, reaching unanimous decisions with consensus. Marian also has application forms for WSO Trustee position. Any member interested can get one from her. There is a Regional Trustee position available in the North Central Region, which includes: Northern & Southern IL, Iowa, Ohio, Michigan, Indiana, Wisconsin & the Upper Peninsula of Michigan. Cathy B. clarified that all applications need to go through the Area Delegate. Trustee at Large is different and will come in a future announcement. WSO will be looking for specific areas of expertise.

#### **DISTRICT REPORTS:**

District 18 - JoEllen P. announced it has closed down the Brighton Alateen meeting due to the lack of teens and the Alateen sponsor needing to step down. Two Alateen meetings are still being held at 8 p.m. Saturdays in Gillespie and 7 p.m. Thursdays in Edwardsville. The district voted to mandate that two Alateen Sponsors (AMIAS) be present during all Alateen meetings with no specificity regarding gender. District 18 has volunteered to take the Registration Committee responsibilities for the 2016 IL State Al-Anon Convention.

Several members have volunteered and a list will be created following a vote at the July 19 District meeting. It was suggested to start an early evening meeting perhaps at 5 or 5:30 p.m. for those leaving work at that time who would like to attend a meeting before going home. They added a Fellowship Coordinator to be responsible for keeping a District wide calendar to be distributed monthly, as well as creating fellowship opportunities for members to get to know each other outside of their meetings. Plans for the 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual FunFest in conjunction with District 14 continue to progress. The flyer is on the website.

District 20 – Ron R. reported they had a successful garage sale to support their Answering Service. The Fellowship Committee had a Trivia Game and Potluck on April 19th and a wiener roast on June 13th. Both were well attended. Ron added that the Fellowship Coordinator will be acting as the “Fun Raiser” at the 2016 IL State AI-Anon Convention. They have two active Alateen meetings and sent information to 11 area schools. Groups are using the Forum at meetings and recommending members share their stories with the Forum. Public Outreach position is still open. A “Recovery Walk” is planned at Proctor Addiction Recovery Center on September 26, 2015.

District 14 – Cheryl N. discussed “movie night”, and would like more information on the Fellowship Coordinator position. Wendy, Bloomington, said they had started a meeting at a hospital once a month during “family day”. Someone spoke for about 20 minutes and a couple of people passed out literature. They focused on “go to 6 meetings”. They also worked with Chestnut Health Systems to share what AI-Anon does and have received good response.

District 11 – Fern T. stated they have had AA/AI-Anon get-togethers for fellowship for 15 years. They have also had suggestions that education be done at/with treatment facilities. There were some open AA/AI-Anon meetings at hospitals.

#### **COORDINATOR REPORTS:**

ALATEEN COORDINATOR – Becky R. stated she needs to update re-certifications for Alateen Sponsors (AMIAS). She would like someone to assist since this is quite time intensive. She asked for volunteers.

WAYS & MEANS – Kathy H. stated that for the coaster fund raiser, we ordered 300 and only have 58 left. Members need to pay for them and then take the coasters with them; they are \$2 each. Kathy also has 50/50 raffle tickets available for sale; winning ticket will be drawn at the close of the Area Assembly meeting later today. Medallions and coins are also available for sale. Fundraiser at the November Area Assembly will be holiday theme gifts.

ARCHIVES COORDINATOR – Fern T. has eight boxes of items, very heavy. She has priced storage units and for \$30 to \$40 per month we can get a 10 x 10 area with a shelf and table. It's dry but not air conditioned. After some discussion, Fern will ask the Assembly for suggestions and also ask for volunteers to help decide what could be the best storage option for our records.

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**CONVENTION UPDATE** – Cathy B. said she and Lyri M. are Co-Chairs (for now); contract was signed using the SIAFG Inc. checking account as reference. A separate account for the convention will be opened at a later date. We did not need a down payment for the hotel (Embassy Suites in Peoria IL). Speakers are Kathy H. from Cincinnati, OH and Jack C. from California. Sunday there will be a speaker from Missouri who is spiritually oriented. Early Bird Registration and Banquet will be \$50; later the cost will be \$55. Lyri M. said we need a theme and budget approved today. Lyri went over the proposed budget, and it was approved.

#### **OTHER BUSINESS:**

Tim E. asked everyone to take an inventory form and complete it for the afternoon Area Assembly.

Meeting adjourned at 11:20 AM with the AI-Anon Declaration.

Respectfully submitted,

*Sue Warner*

Sue W., AI-Anon member  
Interim Secretary