

Southern Illinois Area World Service Committee
(SIAWSC) Meeting
Memorial Medical Center, Springfield, IL
July 9, 2016

Accepted
with corrections
* Nov 5, 2016
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The meeting was opened at 9:06 a.m. by Chairperson Cathy B. with a moment of silence followed by the Serenity Prayer. Everyone was welcomed and District 18 was thanked for hosting today's meeting. Introductions were made, and the rules and guidelines of the meeting were discussed. The Al-Anon 12 Steps, 12 Traditions, and the 12 concepts of Service were read. there were 23 members present (15 voting members) at this regular meeting.

Minutes from the March 5, 2016 meeting were presented. A motion was made to accept minutes as corrected, seconded and the motion carried.

TREASURER'S REPORT:

Helen B. reported on the period from January 1, 2016 thru April 30, 2016. Beginning balance was \$7,630.02; total receipts were \$3,007.26; total cash available \$10,637.28; total disbursements were \$2,077.87; leaving total cash on hand \$8,559.41. Savings/Reserve fund for the same period, beginning balance was \$3,998.44; receipts of \$40.17 and the ending balance being \$4,038.61.

Helen then presented the proposed budget for 2017, using the approved 2016 budget and the 2016 estimated expense. World Service Conference Equalized Expense was clarified. It was explained that this was like a budget plan that World Service Office Board of Trustees suggests to cover the expense of the Delegate. Areas pay the Equalized Expense or up to and including the entire cost of sending a Delegate to the WSC. The 2017 Proposed Budget and decision on whether to pay Equalized Expense or more for Delegate to attend WSC will be presented for discussion and/or vote at the November 5th Area meetings. Jan T distributed a Reserve fund handout, explaining that \$6,000 might be a more realistic Reserve Fund goal versus the \$8,000 that had been approved in 2012. Data from 2013-2016 was used to project this amount. The consensus was to present the information to the Area Assembly in the afternoon.

GROUP RECORDS SECRETARY Report:

Mary S. initiated discussion on printing reimbursements for SIAFG Records Secretary. The possibilities could be to reimburse members engaged in Area business at \$.10 per page, or provide paper and ink, or pay what the actual printing charges were. It will be presented and voted on by the Area Assembly meeting in the afternoon.

Mary S. also presented the District map with the new boundaries. It would be presented and voted on by the Area Assembly meeting in the afternoon.

Mary S. also reminded the group that annual updates for any SIAFG Al-Anon or Alateen group are to be sent to the SIAFG Group Records Secretary, not directly to the WSO.

DELEGATE'S REPORT/DISCUSSION:

Lyri brought love tokens back from the April World Service Conference to be distributed. She reported that Rick B. (former Executive Director at World Service Office) is no longer affiliated with the WSO. Mary Gregory is the Interim Executive Director. The Head of Finance and

Treasurer are also changing. The Conference passed a deficit budget (Deficit was met by using money from the AFG,Inc. Reserve Fund.) Delegates asked for a strategic plan to address the deficit in the 2016 projected budget and implementation of a process to maintain the Reserve Fund balance. The budget was passed as presented.

There was a passionate discussion on the recommendation to remove the prayer from the Just for Today bookmark. Themes included personal attachment to the prayer; that we should be a spiritual program, not a religious one; that we should be welcoming to all members of any religious affiliation or none; the importance of preserving our history; importance of positioning ourselves for the future. No consensus was reached . Members are encouraged to review and respond to the Discussion Forum; KDBM; Prayer for Today on the Member's page of our Area SIAFG website.

DISTRICT REPORTS/CONCERNS/SUCSESSES:

District 10- Becky reported that they continue to take Al-anon members to the Chestnut Treatment Center once monthly to tell their stories, with positive feedback. Phone service is important to their district.They had a speaker in May.

District 11-Teresa reported they are planning a spring workshop and also go to a treatment center to share their stories as outreach.

District 14 - Cheryl reported they are having a picnic in July, and are setting up a scholarship for convention. Their spring workshop was positive.

District 18- Jo Ellen reported public outreach at 4 fairs; Granite City hosting 65th birthday party for Al-Anon. They purchased 2 rooms for registration volunteers at convention and also set up scholarship for member attending convention.

District 19 - Jan R passed away from breast cancer. Many knew her and district wanted members to know.

District 20 - Mary S reported her district has developed job descriptions for coordinators and officers to be used for October elections. Fellowship committee has had 3 events to urge people to serve. Alateen groups are now autonomous.

COORDINATOR REPORTS:

Ways and Means: Kathy has pens, medallions, silver coins and 50/50 drawing tickets to sell. Bring holiday gifts /decorations for raffle at November 5th Area meeting.

Alateen: Becky reported discussing Alateen groups starting in schools and the challenges and the success of visiting treatment centers monthly with member's stories.

Archives - Fern reported she'd give report in afternoon.

Convention - Cathy B and Lyri's report will be given in afternoon.

News-O-Gram Marge reported there had been questions about News-o-Gram's purpose. Was it sharing stories or business? Consensus was business only with personal sharing to be sent to Forum. This would be presented and voted on in the afternoon Area meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:46 with the Al-Anon Declaration.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Pirtle, Al-Anon Member

Recording Secretary

*During research and observation of boxes
Archives coordinator found many duplicate copies
of the Forum. WSO was contacted and asked
what needed to be kept. Only items
pertaining to Area need to be kept.*