

SOUTHERN ILLINOIS AL-ANON FAMILY GROUPS, INC
SIAWSC MEETING
MEMORIAL MEDICAL CENTER
SPRINGFIELD, ILLINOIS
9 June 2012

Meeting opened with the Serenity Prayer and Thank you to hosting District.

Steps, Traditions and Concepts with Warrantees were read

Minutes were accepted as sent.

Beginning balance \$2,236.26. Reserve fund \$1

Treasurer's report—,200. Cash on hand \$3,436.26. Total Receipts \$2,073.89. Total available cash \$5,510.15. Total disbursements \$1,985.45. Total cash on hand \$3,524.47 less reserve fund of \$1,200 to make ending available ending balance of \$2,324.47. Proposed Reserve Fund Goal—To set at one year's operating expenses. Reserve funds to come from contributions and fund raisers ear marked for Reserve Fund and from the checking account the greater amount of \$300.00 or 10% of the year end checking balance.[note- needs to be added to next year's proposed budget]. Until goal is reached should only be used in case of emergency to meet Area obligations. These withdrawals to be approved by either SIWSC or SIBOD, one of which must be determined.

Group Records- Reported by Rowena A. District Reps have read only access and send any corrections to Mary S. siafggprec@gmail.com. Please check and update Annual Update Sheet from WSO.

Webmaster- Nicole R. who is from Peoria was introduced. She spoke while showing via power point of web name and domain name, site appearance, layout, logos, banners, font size, footer messages, links to e-mail. Re: district meeting- asked for accuracy in group names and addresses of meeting places rather than corners of. It was recommended that she should have a website editor.

COORDONATORS REPORTS

Illinois State Convention- Kathy H. Volunteers needed for various positions. Need name, phone, or email with times available and specific area of interest from anyone who likes to help. In need of notary to register walk-in Alateen. Can use food or donations for hospitality room.

Convention Liaison- Jan T. International info to be expected soon.

Replacement needed for this position! Talk to Jan or Alberta.

News-O-Gram- Rita C- Deadline is August 10 in prep for October 13-14 meetings.

Ways & Means- Kathy H. There are three mugs @ \$7.00 each for sale. Still looking for ideas for Area Fundraiser. October assembly fundraiser will be 'An Early Christmas' or 'Let's be Thankful'.

Public Outreach- Cindy P. Tips to help with Al-Anon faces Alcoholism magazine. Place local contact number in space provided on back of cover. Check locations where magazine was left to see if more are needed. Have open Meetings or Workshops for professionals in the community as a way of sharing Al-Anon's message. WSO is having a Public Outreach Poster Contest. Theme- "Is Someone Else' Drinking Tearing You Apart?" Please submit photo, drawing, painting or graphic design for consideration. All submissions become property of Al-Anon family

Groups Headquarters, Inc. Send your entry to the Public Outreach Department at WSO at wso@al-anon.org Attn: Public Outreach or mail to WSO.

Archives- Fern T.

By-Laws- Cathy S not present.

Alateen- Dottie Y. There will be Alateen participation at Illinois State Convention. Alateen

THE MINUTES WILL NOT BE READ AT THE MEETING

activities will be Sat. from 12noon to 8pm. A room is set aside for main Alateen activities close by pool and Hospitality Room. Program includes get acquainted activities, mini Alateen meetings, going to for to Hospitality Room for food, creating Alateen themed crafts, playing gamers with prizes, attending speaker meeting, a pizza & wings party, and going to the pool.

Alateens will be safely escorted in the hotel during the 12-8pm program. All participants have clear understanding of behavior expectations. Alateens may attend dinner with parents instead of pizza & pool party. Permission forms and Medical forms signed by parent in presence of Sponsor or adult escort. Submit these forms prior to convention with registration. Current Al-Anon members can be certified as AMIAS(Al-Anon Members Involved in Alateen Service) and assist with supervision, activities and good times. ASK for details. Dottie Y. SIA Alateen Coordinator at siafg.alateen@gmail.com.

Delegate's Report- Cathy B.

First I want to say "thank you" to the districts for the love tokens donated for me to share at the Conference. They were very well received, and all were taken. There were none left over for me to take home. My picture board is on display, and I have brought back many love gifts – feel free to take some back to your districts to share with your groups. Also, I have extra pictures taken during Conference so if you want some of those you are welcome to take some and share those as well.

You've all received a copy of my notes taken during the 2012 WSC; please know that this is the very condensed version. If you want specific details about anything, please send me an email about what you're interested in and I will send it to you.

As I stated in my notes, one thing that impressed me the most about this year's Conference was learning about KBDM (Knowledge Based Decision Making). We currently do not practice this concept within our Area, and I'd really like to see our Area start using this instead of what we're doing today. What was really pressed upon us this year at Conference, is not just bringing home information to share, but showing the 'how to' part of it. I'd like to show you the 'how to' about KBDM, perhaps in a workshop, and then we can practice KBDM together.

One other thing I'd like to provide details about from my notes taken at Conference, is from the Task Force: on the Conference Structure. SEE HANDOUT. In 1983, the WSC voted that the Area structure should contain no more than 400 groups. If over 400, they should divide. Thus Illinois North & South were created, along with other states dividing into North & South (California, Florida, Minnesota, etc.). Since then, there haven't been any changes; lots of discussion, but no changes. So the Task Force discussion, as one of the strategies, was to challenge us to formulate and implement a structure in your geographical area or combination of geographical areas for a trial period (of about 6 years) that would enable your groups to have full communication, participation, and representation. We don't have to stay within State lines; or District lines; perhaps look at time zone issues; also revisit the possibility of changes in the length of service for GR, DR, or the terms of office. Anything is possible EXCEPT you cannot change policy or effect policy (read pg. 172 in the service manual). Something to think about... Perhaps this issue could become a Thought Force. Once it's presented to Area and voted, then we can submit our idea(s) to possible changes to WSO by December 15th. They would have time to evaluate and vote on during the January Board of Director's meeting. Doesn't have to be this year, can be presented to WSO December 15, 2013.

Other Business- Juanita C., Board of Directors' agent to the State of Illinois will be stepping down from position. Someone needed to fill this position.

District Reports

10A- District continuing to rotate past DRs to chair District meetings. A garage sale held on 1st & 2nd of June raised \$1,394.50 to fund the answering service. Several Open Meetings have been established to address the problem local colleges and nursing students being referred to Observe at Al-Anon meetings. Literature was ordered and distributed to local hospitals and colleges with 400 more copies of "Al-Anon Faces Alcoholism" purchased for future distribution. The 33rd Annual Women in Recovery has invited Al-Anon participation with representation at planning meeting.

10B-Kathy H. As part of Public Outreach Al-Anon CAL is available at AA Intergroup Office. Elections for officers will be held at August district meeting.

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17- Alberta says Alateen groups are doing good.

18- Marybeth S. spoke of the 61st birthday of meeting celebrated with a Workshop. A meeting that was disbanding donated their books to Library.

19- Charlene V. District now has D.R. There is no longer a Sun. Afternoon meeting at MMC. There are plans for stating a 5:00pm Saturday meeting starting In September at Memorial Medical Center. Al-Anon will be cooperating with AA during the August 24-26 AA State Conference by offering free Al-Anon literature, sharing at meetings, assisting in Hospitality Room. Al-Anon Speaker will be Katie W, 2pm on program. District is so pleased to have the Assembly meeting at MMR in Springfield.

Meeting closed with Declaration at 4:30.

Respectfully submitted,
Marty H., recording Secretary

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