

ACCEPTED -NO CORRECTIONS 7-8-2017(MP)
Southern Illinois Al-Anon Family Groups, Inc. (SIAFG)
Area Assembly Meeting
Memorial Medical Center, Springfield, IL.
March 4, 2017

The meeting was opened at 12:30 p.m. by Chairperson Rowena A. with a moment of silence followed by the Serenity Prayer. Everyone was welcomed, introductions were made, and the rules and guidelines of the meeting were discussed. District 20 was thanked for hosting today's meeting. The Al-Anon 12 Steps, 12 Traditions, and the 12 Concepts of Service were read. There were 27 members present (13 voting members) at this regular meeting. Rowena stated that it was Lois, the founder's, birthday. Donations to the WSO were discussed. Consensus was that the basket should be passed and the treasury would match funds. \$54.11 was then collected. With matched funds, \$108.22 was sent to WSO in honor of Lois's birthday.

Minutes:

Minutes from Nov. 5, 2016 Board of Directors were read by Rowena A.

Minutes from the January 21, 2017 Special Meeting were read by Mary P.

The November 5, 2016 SIAFG meeting minutes were presented by Mary P. Archives correction as follows; Bylaws was spelled wrong and corrected. News-O-Gram was underlined and printed in bold. Wording in Group Concerns made by Cathy B. were changed from "run" meetings" to "conduct their meetings." Motion to accept corrected minutes was made, seconded, and unanimously accepted. Corrections noted with *.

TREASURER'S REPORT:

Carol W. reported on the period from September 1, 2016 thru December 31, 2016. Beginning balance was \$10,031.82; total receipts were \$1,951.50; total cash available \$11,983.32; total disbursements were \$3,752.18; leaving total cash on hand \$8,231.14. Savings/Reserve fund for the same period, beginning balance was \$4,112.71; receipt of \$949.77 and the ending balance being \$5,062.48.

Carol then presented on the period from January 1, 2016 thru December 31, 2016. Beginning balance was \$7,630.02; total receipts were \$7,202.03; total cash available \$14,832.05; total disbursements were \$6,600.91; leaving total cash on hand \$8,231.14. Savings/Reserve fund for the same period, beginning balance was \$3,998.44; receipts of \$1,064.04, and the ending balance being \$5,062.48. Jan T. shared a report from the Northern District explaining the WSO had been in financial need in 2015. Because of the generosity of Al-Anon groups, that need has diminished acutely.

Jan T. reported that World Service Conference approved an aggressive 1.8 million dollars contribution budget for 2016. Delegates came back to their Area's and explained how Al-Anon and Alateen groups could support the services our World Service Office provides. All of us, as members, responded to the need, and contributed over 2 million dollars during 2016.

GROUP RECORDS SECRETARY REPORT:

Annette W. introduced herself. Annette will send out an introductory email before the July meeting. It was clarified that minutes must be sent out to members 45 days ahead of Area Meeting. Other officers should send their information to Annette W. at least a week before meeting.

DELEGATE'S REPORT/DISCUSSION:

Tim E. is the delegate. He could not attend due to illness. Cathy B. shared that Tim had joined a conference call with all new delegates and enjoyed it immensely. He will meet the regional delegates in a March meeting and is looking forward to it.

Workshop: Cheryl N. broke the large group into smaller groups to discuss district and meeting inventories. A worksheet was dispersed to help with suggestions.

Call for Coordinator Positions:Public Outreach, Bylaws, and News-O-Gram are open. Before the Coordinator reports were addressed, Rowena A. explained the inconsistent election procedures. It was discussed and a motion was made and seconded. It reads:

During election at Area Assembly of SIAFG officers, clarify the candidates leave the room so that discussion can be held before vote is made. The vote passed unanimously. The next motion was made and seconded. **Add the approved motion to Article V section 4 in Bylaws under Methods of Election and Selection SIAWSC.** This motion was also made, seconded and passed unanimously. (This would be a temporary change. Cathy B. will contact Cathy S. to confirm when the last permanent changes were made with the state.)

Coordinator Reports:

Convention: Cathy B. is the liaison between Northern and Southern areas. The 2017 State Convention will be October 20-22 at the Hyatt Regency in Schaumburg, IL. Theme is “Our Members; Our Hope for the Future.” Quilt squares are available and deadline for quilt square submission is June 30, 2017.

Alateen- Mary S. reported that Becky R., as Coordinator has declared 26 registered AMIAS (Al-Anon Members Involved in Alateen Services) in Southern Illinois. AMIAS training and recertification was held in District 20 on January 9, 2017. Becky R. is working on a date for training in Edwardsville area. Mary S. is the AAPP (Area Alateen Process Person). Mary S. handles the background checks on AMIAS and gets AMIAS certified .

Forum/Literature: Marge E. displayed a new workbook called “Paths to Recovery”. It’s number on the website is P93 and cost is \$10.

Ways and Means Katie held a 50/50 raffle.

Bylaws- Cindy P. volunteered to become Coordinator.

***News-O-Gram-** Jan T. is the interim Coordinator. Deadline for Spring News-O-Gram is May 10, 2017. Send information to siafgnog.org@gmail.com or Jan Tucker, 105 Susan Ct. East Peoria, IL 61611

Public Outreach- Sherry B from District 16 volunteered to be Coordinator.

Webmaster- Lyri M. showed members how to obtain information off the SIAFG website. She gave examples of how many visits to the website in a given week, top pages visitors look at, and what search terms they are using.

GROUP CONCERNS/SUCCESES:

District 14 voiced concerns over a group using the Big Book. The Service Manual states Al-Anon should not use AA material.

District 11 is having a workshop March 24 and 25. Check News-O-Gram.

Paralea R. presented conflicts with type of articles to be printed in News-O-Gram. She feels more guidelines should be stated.

Jan T. , Interim Coordinator, suggested an Ad Hoc Committee to help determine and clarify appropriate articles in News-O-Gram. The consensus was a committee should be formed.

Tiffany E. from District 19, Leah M. from District 18, and Jan T. from District 20 volunteered.

OTHER BUSINESS:

The Bylaw changes were voted in. Cathy B. will check on last permanent changes made with state. State Convention is October 20-22 at Hyatt Regency in Schaumburg, IL. Theme is “Our Members: Our Hope for the Future.” \$54.11 was collected for Lois’s birthday donation to WSO. \$108.22 will be sent to WSO from SIAFG treasury.

Next meeting is scheduled for July 8, 2017 at Memorial Medical Center.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:12p.m. with the Al-Anon Declaration.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Pirtle, Al-Anon Member

MINUTES WILL NOT BE READ AT THE MEETING