

Southern Illinois Area World Service Committee  
(SIAWSC) Meeting  
Memorial Medical Center, Springfield, IL.  
March 4, 2017

The meeting was opened at 9:00 a.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. The Al-Anon 12 Steps, 12 Traditions, and the 12 Concepts of Service were read. There were 19 members present (13 voting members) at this regular meeting. Rowena stated that it was Lois's birthday. She requested discussion on sending donations to the World Service Committee by passing the basket or sending a check from the treasury. The consensus was to bring it up to the Area in the afternoon for a decision.

Minutes from the Nov. 5, 2016 meeting were presented. A motion was made to accept the minutes with no corrections needed, seconded and the motion was carried.

Minutes from the Nov. 5, 2016 Board of Directors meeting were read.

Minutes from the Special Meeting on January 21, 2017 were read.

**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; receipts 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.

**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.

**DISTRICT REPORTS/CONCERNS/SUCSESSES:**

District 20- Tori K stated that elections for new officers and coordinators had been held with new members volunteering. An Ad Hoc committee was formed to evaluate and decide what needs to be in Archives for the District. More updates were made for Officer and Coordinator Documents.

District 14-Cheryl asked for comments on answering service in other Districts. They have been weighing the pros and cons of the expense. April 1 is District 14 Workshop. Cheryl also brought up a concern with a group who is reading from the Big Book. She asked for discussion.

## MINUTES WILL NOT BE READ AT THE MEETING

District 18- JoEllyn reported Greenville Hospital Health Fair on March 17th and Collinsville Middle School Health Fair on March 28th. Another Health Fair will be held at Eden Village in Edwardsville in April . JoEllyn also displayed a tablecloth used at health fairs with the Al-Anon symbol and name that their group bought at a printing shop for approximately \$100.  
District 11- Katie L. reported March 24 and 25 will be their Spring Workshop. Bo and Shirley T. from Alabama will be the speakers. More information in the News-O-Gram.

### COORDINATOR REPORTS:

*Ways and Means, Archives, Convention, Literature and Forum, Webmaster and Alateen* Coordinators will give reports at the Area Assembly Meeting.

Inconsistent election procedures were discussed. A consensus was reached to bring this motion to the Area for a vote.

**During election at Area Assembly of SIAFG officers, clarify that candidates leave the room so that discussion can be held before vote is made.**

If this is passed, the next motion should be voted upon:

**Add the approved motion to Article V section 4 in By-laws under Methods of Election and Selection SIAWSC.** (This would be a temporary change.) Cathy B. will contact Cathy S. to confirm when the last permanent changes were made with the state.

Paralea R. discussed crosstalk and articles appropriate for News-O-Gram. She would like to see a task force formed. Jan T. , as interim News-O-Gram Coordinator, agreed that there are not clear guidelines for the coordinator. Paralea was asked to speak with the Area in the afternoon.

### OTHER BUSINESS:

Public Outreach, News-O-Gram, and By-Laws still need a coordinator.

The next meeting will be July 8, 2017. District 11 will host.  
The meeting was adjourned at 10:55 with the Al-Anon Declaration.

Respectfully submitted,  
Mary Pirtle, Al-Anon Member

(Minutes will not be read at the meeting)

