

Southern Illinois Area World Service Committee Meeting (SIAWSC)  
Memorial Medical Center, Springfield IL.  
March 5, 2016

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Accepted  
July 9, 2016  
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The meeting was opened at 9:04 am by Cathy B. with a moment of silence followed by the Serenity Prayer. Everyone was welcomed and District 16 was thanked for hosting today's meeting. Introductions were made, and the rules & guidelines of the meeting were discussed. The AI-Anon 12 Steps, 12 Traditions, and the 12 Concepts of Service were read. There were 31 members present (19 voting members) at this regular meeting.

RECORDING SECRETARY'S REPORT: Minutes from the July 11, 2015 meeting were presented. A motion was made to accept the minutes as corrected, seconded and the motion carried.

Minutes from the November 7, 2015 meeting were presented. A motion was made to accept the minutes as corrected, seconded and the motion carried.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Helen B. reported the period from September 1, 2015 thru December 31, 2015. Beginning balance was \$5,790.55; total receipts were \$3,373.03; total cash available \$9,163.58; total disbursements were \$1,533.56; leaving total cash on hand \$7,630.02. Savings/Reserve fund for the same period, beginning balance was \$3,080.50; receipts of \$917.94, and the ending balance being \$3,998.44. Helen reminded everyone the purpose of the reserve fund and that our goal is \$8,000.

Helen then presented the year-end report from the period of January 1, 2015 thru December 31, 2015. Beginning balance was \$5,803.16; total receipts were \$8,659.24; total cash available \$14,462.40; total disbursements were \$6,832.38; leaving total cash on hand \$7,630.02. Savings/Reserve fund for the same period, beginning balance was \$3,017.36; receipts of \$981.15, and the ending balance being \$3,998.44.

Helen also presented a Budget versus Actuals form and asked the members to look at the possible elimination of the \$3.00 registration fee for attending the Area Assembly meeting. Discussion was had and a motion was made for presentation to the Area Assembly later today. The motion read as follows:

"Drop the Area Assembly registration fee of \$3.00 as of 3/5/2016. The motion was made, seconded, and carried.

A brief discussion was also had as to whether members thought the \$8,000 goal for the Savings/Reserve fund was unrealistic or too large. Lyri asked that the members go back to their groups and have a discussion around this topic and reminded us to refer to guidelines (G41) pertaining to the fund.

GROUP RECORDS SECRETARY: Mary S. reported on the ongoing development of Welcoming Packets for new GR's and DR's. Mary S presented on the DR packet, while Marion McP presented the GR packet. Packets will be sent out to DR's, Officers, Coordinators and Delegates (Current and previous) for review and this will be voted on at the next Area Assembly meeting.

Mary S. also showed members the new map showing new district boundaries.

Mary S. also reported that nothing has changed since instructions were put on the area website for making changes to information related to groups.

DELEGATE'S REPORT/DISCUSSION: Lyri reported that the World Service Conference is scheduled for April this year. Lyri is looking for feedback on topics that will be discussed at the conference along with any specific questions members would like to have submitted for answers. Please email Lyri if you have any questions or feedback. She will also be bringing back Love Tokens for the July meeting and Conference Summary booklets for the November meeting. The full delegate's report can be found on the area website; [www.siafg.org](http://www.siafg.org), under members area, and officers and coordinators updates.

## **DISTRICT REPORTS/CONCERNS/SUCCESSSES**

District 10- Kathy H reported that their district held Serenity Day in February. 43 in attendance and funds went to supply the phone service and other outreach services.

District 11- Theresa B. reported that their district will be holding their Spring Workshop on April 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> in Decatur IL. It is titled "Put a Spring in your steps with a Sponsor" and the speaker is Stephanie B, from Texas.

District 12- Marian McP reported that their district is holding a writing workshop on May 21<sup>st</sup>.

District 14- Cheryl N. reported that their district is holding a workshop on April 16<sup>th</sup> in Belleville IL. It is entitled "12 Step Dance to Recovery".

District 18- JoEllyn reported that two district groups volunteered to celebrate Lois's 65<sup>th</sup> birthday with a celebration workshop on May 21<sup>st</sup>. The celebration will be held in Edwardsville IL. with speakers, raffle, birthday cake and more.

JoEllyn P. also reported that a district group is making plans to have an Al-Anon boot camp workshop possibly in June.

Their district also voted on purchasing a tablecloth with the Al-Anon logo on it to use for public outreach activities, and certain groups in the district are providing more opportunity for connection by getting together before or after meetings for a meal or snack.

District 19- Charlene V. reported that their district will be holding a workshop April 30<sup>th</sup>. This is the first workshop being held in the district for quite some time.

## **COORDINATOR REPORTS**

Archives Coordinator: Fern T. gave a more detailed report about a new location for the Archive boxes. Fern purchased extra protective totes which made them easier to carry. As it was her decision to purchase the totes, no reimbursement is necessary unless the decision is made to keep them to be used by the future Archives Coordinator. Duplicate Forum Magazines were also found in the boxes and the suggestion to contact WSO first to ask if they need them or if other districts could use them. Fern did keep a copy of each month for our archive records. Fern also has copies of the Group History Checklist for those groups wanting to make use of them. Also a book "Ala-anon Faces Alcoholism", 2<sup>nd</sup> edition from 1984 was shown and passed around.

Alateen Coordinator: Becky R. reported that last year she had 17 new Alateen sponsors signed up and so far this year she only has 3.

Ways & Means Coordinator: Kathy H. reported that all of the pens/highlighters for this year's fund raiser have been sold. They were purchased for \$1.00 and sold for \$2.00. During this meeting it was noticed by members that some of the pens they received did not have highlighters that worked. It was determined that Kathy H. would give the money back to members for those pens not working and would call the supplier to find out how to proceed. Kathy also reported that she had coins for purchase and also laminated book marks with Al-Anon quotes are available.

Convention Coordinator: Lyri M. and Kathy B. reported that the quilt squares and raffle tickets for the quilt are available for members to take back to their groups. Convention flyers are also available for hand out. There was a brief discussion around possible alternatives to the quilt. Lyri M. is asking members to look at volunteering for open positions still needed at the convention and information regarding the convention can be found on the area website. Kathy B. also reminded members that the Convention Liaison coordinator position is still open for the area.

**OTHER BUSINESS:** none

The meeting adjourned at 11:28am with the Al-Anon Declaration.

Respectfully submitted,

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