

Approved with corrections 7-14-18
Southern Illinois Area World Service Committee
(SIAWSC) Meeting
Memorial Medical Center, Springfield, IL.
March 10, 2018

The meeting was opened at 9:07 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 15 was thanked for hosting today's meeting. The Al-Anon 12 Steps, 12 Traditions, and the 12 Concepts of Service were read. There were 23 members present (17 voting members) at this regular meeting. JoEllyn P. was designated timekeeper.

Minutes:

The Nov. 4, 2017 SIAWSC meeting minutes were presented by Mary P. A motion was made to approve and accept the minutes with corrections. It was then seconded, and the motion was carried.

TREASURER'S REPORT:

Cindy P. reported on the period from Jan. 1, 2017-Dec. 31, 2017. Beginning balance was \$8,231.14; total receipts were ~~\$16,601.92~~; ~~\$8,370.78~~ total expenses were \$6,757.26; leaving total cash on hand \$9,844.66; Savings/Reserve fund for the same period, beginning balance was \$5,062.48 (goal \$6,000): receipts of \$55.40 and the ending balance being \$5,117.88.

Cindy then reported on the period from Sept. 1, 2017-Dec. 31, 2017. Beginning balance was \$10,602.96; Total receipts were ~~\$13,630.82~~; ~~\$3,027.86~~ total expenses were \$3,786.16; leaving total cash on hand \$9,844.66; Savings/Reserve fund for the same period; beginning balance was \$5,107.72; receipts of \$10.16; and the ending balance being \$5,117.88.

According to the November 4, 2017 meeting minutes, the end of the year goal for the Reserve fund was \$6,000. In contacting Treasurer, Carol W. after the meeting, it was confirmed that she deposited \$882.12 to the reserve fund from the general fund on January 20, 2018.

GROUP RECORDS SECRETARY REPORT:

Annette W. distributed Al-Anon Registration/Group Records Change forms. These can be found on the siafg.org website. On the bottom of the homepage, click on group changes. Then click on Al-Anon Registration /Group Records Change Form. This will bring up the form which you can type on. Once completed, download it to your computer and send it to Annette at siafggrprec@gmail.com. Along with updated District lists, Annette brought an updated list of SIAFG officers and committee members. She reminded us that Group Representatives should be relaying information from the SIAWSC and SIAFG meetings.

WSO:

Rowena A reported that World Service Office had contacted SIAFG to offer a visit to our Area within the year 2018. They would like to keep communication open between WSO and Area members, and it's been five years since the last visit. The Board of Trustees would send a trustee or staff member to our Area at their expense. After much discussion about details, a motion was made: **Motion that we invite a WSO trustee or staff member to come to 2018 Illinois State AFG Convention and allow convention committee the right of decision to decide logistics.** The motion was seconded and passed unanimously.

DELEGATE'S REPORT:

Tim E. reported some updates from the Policy Committee Meeting in January 2018.

1. The team began discussing revisions to the “Digest of Al-Anon and Alateen Policies”.
2. They had a report from the Electronic/Virtual meetings Work Group.
3. The Open Policy Committee meeting at the 2018 WSC will address two topics: meditation meetings and Policy Committee Interim Action Procedures.
4. The treasurer reported transferring \$189,600 from the Reserve Fund to the General fund, as budgeted. Although the treasurer reported falling short of budgeted amount for contribution, literature sales were strong and allowed the fund to end with a small deficit.
5. Individual Group contributions to the WSO are relayed to the Delegate. Tim wanted to know if the SIAWSC members wanted to know the specifics. The consensus was to contact Tim if your group wanted that information.

District Reports:

District 18: JoEllyn P reported Litchfield Tuesday Night AFG celebrated their 25th anniversary Nov. 28th. Nokomis started an Al-Anon meeting. Group members continue to volunteer at Chestnut Health Systems Adolescent Inpatient Family Group once a month. Bethalto Wednesday morning meeting members continue to meet with women at domestic violence shelter about Al-Anon. Bethalto Wednesday meeting also had Al-Anon information at SIUE Diabetes Seminar in February. Group members are preparing for Health Fairs this Spring.

District 14: Katie G reported an Annual Spring Workshop on April 7, 2018. Topic will be “Taking care of Ourselves with the Tools of the Program”. They will also be holding a Quilt Square Decorating Party for members on May 5, 2018.

District 10: Kathy H reported a Serenity Day Event held on Feb. 24, 2018. Her district is continuing presentations with Treatment Centers. Kathy’s District also has a newsletter that goes out to members that’s been very successful.

District 11: Theresa B. reported an annual Christmas ornament exchange event for members. They are also preparing for Al-Anon District 11 Spring Workshop on April 6 and 7, 2018.

Coordinator Reports:

Alateen: Mary S is re-certifying Alateen leaders.

Ways and Means: Theresa B. is selling “Let it Begin With Me” bags for \$3.00. She asked members to bring “summer baskets” to July meeting to be raffled.

Archives: For the last year Fern T has collected and organized SIAFG Archive Boxes. In doing so, she found 62 audio cassettes, 2 films and 1 - 8 track tape from various meetings and conventions throughout the years. The estimate Fern got for transferring this material to modern technology was \$744.00. After discussion, it was decided to reach out to members and ask if anyone has the expertise, interest, and tools to complete this project. We’ll revisit this in July.

Fern also displayed a three ring binder with miscellaneous information organized by index. On top of that, Fern created a Master Index in a small binder, which has the number of each Archive Box and what is filled and stored in each box. Fern’s work has been time consuming, but she feels very rewarding.

By-Laws- Cindy P reported making the required temporary changes to the by-laws. “During election at Area Assembly of SIAFG officers, candidates must leave the room so that discussion can be held before the vote is made.” This was added to Article V, Section 4 in the By-laws under Methods of Election and Selection AISWSC. (page 9)

Changes to written reports for Officers and DR’s. Changes were made: Page 11 - Section 12. “Duties of SIAWC members - All officers shall prepare a written report of his or her activities. Oral report is to be given at SIAWSC and SIAFG meeting. Written reports are to be given to News-O-Gram editor and recording secretary.” Corrections were made on Page 17- “Duties of a District Representative - Shall prepare a written report of his or her activities. Oral reports to be given at SIAWSC. Written reports are to be given to News-O-Gram editors (for publication in the next News-O-Gram) and recording secretary.” These changes were forwarded to the webmaster to be updated on the SIAFG website.

There was discussion about who was to report orally and to which meeting. Lyri wanted clarification. The handbook was checked and the changes remained.

Webmaster: Lyri M reported a New Calendar of Events page. (Calendar tab on the footer of each page.) New Group Changes Page is also on the Footer. This can be typed and downloaded to your computer. Then it should be attached to an email and sent to Annette, the Group Records Secretary. The Alateen Sponsorship forms is updated. (Go to Member's Area, Alateen Sponsorship). Meeting Lists have been updated. (Go to Meetings at top of page and click on city.)

Convention Liaison: Jan T , Convention Co-Chair reported the 2018 Illinois State AFG Convention, "Serenity along the River" will take place October 12-14, 2018 at Embassy Suites Hotel in East Peoria, IL. The website is up. Go to ilstateafgconv.org Click tabs at top to get details and registration form. Soon the site will be updated to register online, but that is not quite ready. The next Convention Planning Committee will be held March 18, 2018; 1-3pm; Hilltop Club, 115 Western Ave. Peoria. Entertainment and Program Speaker committees are still in need of a chairperson. Contact Donna Spencer, ddspencer2@comcast.net at 309-253-8547 or Jan Tucker, janimtucker@gmail.com at 309-208-5897. Members were also reminded to bring extra, unused quilt squares to the July 14 SIAWSC and/or SIAFG meetings.

News-O-Gram- Jan T thanked all who contributed information for the News-O-Gram Winter 2018 . Deadline for the Spring/Summer 2018 News-O-Gram is May 10, 2018. Please send information to siafgnog.org@gmail.com or Jan Tucker, 105 Susan Ct. East Peoria, IL 61611. Jan reminded all that the News-O-Gram is the member's publication. The editor's job is to organize submitted articles. Business and Personal articles are welcome, but personal submissions are limited to 75 words or less.

Rowena A reminded all Coordinators and District Representatives to give written reports to the Recording secretary by the end of the day.

Next meeting is scheduled for July 14, 2018 at Memorial Medical Center. District 18 will host. The following meeting will be Nov. 3, 2018. The meeting was adjourned at 11:15 a.m. with the Al-Anon Declaration.

Respectfully submitted,
Mary Pirtle, Al-Anon Member

MINUTES WILL NOT BE READ AT THE MEETING

