

Southern Illinois Al-Anon Family Groups (SIAFG)
Area Assembly Meeting
~~Zoom~~ Hybrid Meeting
July 15, 2023

MINUTES OF MEETING

(Accepted with Final Corrections on March 2, 2024)

The meeting opened at 9:10 a.m. by Chairperson Becky R. with a moment of silence followed by the Serenity Prayer. Al-Anon birthday/anniversaries were recognized. Rules and guidelines of the meeting were presented. Becky reminded all that the Group Representatives (GRs) are the voting members of the SIAFG Area Assembly Meeting. The Al-Anon 12 Steps, 12 Traditions, and the 12 Concepts of Service with Warranties were read.

There were 33 members present (16 voting members) at the meeting. This was our first hybrid meeting for The SIAFG Area Assembly Meeting and 15 members of the 33 were in the meeting room at Springfield Memorial Hospital, 18 attended via zoom.

Chairperson Becky R. asked if there were any Al-Anon birthdays since the last SIAFG Area Assembly meeting in March and they were recognized.

BOARD MINUTES: Rowena A. read the Board of Directors Meeting Minutes from the SIAFG Area Assembly Meeting held March 11, 2023. No vote required.

The new SIAFG Area Board consists of: Rowena A., Becky R., Carol W., Tim E., and Christy E.

AREA ASSEMBLY MEETING MINUTES: The March 11, 2023 SIAFG Area Assembly Meeting Minutes were presented by Christy E. No corrections were made and they will be posted on the SIAFG Area website. **A motion was made to approve and accept the minutes. The motion was seconded and passed unanimously.**

TREASURER REPORT (“Attachment 1” of these Minutes)

JoEllyn P. reported on the period from January 1, 2023 through April 30, 2023.

The beginning balance was \$12,576.19 with receipts of \$2,143.05 and expenses of \$2,487.19, leaving a balance of \$12,231.90.

The beginning balance of the savings/reserve fund for this time period was \$7,392.29, and with adding interest of \$0.15 the ending balance for the savings/reserve fund was \$7,392.44.

- Tim E. asked whether a non-profit is allowed to earn interest and the answer was ~~yet~~-yes.
- Carol W. reminded us to send donations to JoEllyn P. instead of her. JoEllyn’s address is 6421 Ash Drive, Moro, IL 62067.

TREASURER REPORT (continued)

- Travis, Group Representative of District 19, suggested that the ending balance be labeled “Operating Fund”
- Jane F. made a request for an updated Appeal Letter and JoEllyn P. said one will be forthcoming.

JoEllyn P. also presented a preliminary budget for 2024 and reviewed it and discussion included:

- A suggestion was made that the Al-Anon Birthday contributions be given to the SIAFG Area and WSO.
- Rowena A. said an increase in the budget for United States Liability Insurance Company will not be needed.
- Suz B. asked about a procedure being developed if foreseen spending is to occur that will be over budget.
- Travis had a question on the web emails expense and the reason for the set up and this expense were discussed.
- An additional question was raised about the Domain Name & Web Hosting amount and Carol W. explained it is less.
- Tim E. asked if we are sufficiently paying toward the ~~Unity~~ **United** States North Central Regional Delegates Meeting and Carol W. answered we are paying more than equal amount to support the other Areas.

Since this is a preliminary budget, there was not a vote.

GROUP RECORDS SECRETARY REPORT

Jane F. shared her ongoing challenge with the new Outlook email and is sending information out under the old email system in addition. Suz B. said she will help Jane F.

Also, some of the Districts do not have District Representatives and, without one, the group records are not reflecting changes and that is affecting donations and communications. In addition, Jane F. has found it is often not easy to connect with WSO and to communicate the constant changes that are occurring, adding to the challenge. Jane F. requested that any changes in Group information be sent to her first.

In addition, please make sure writing is readable on any forms submitted.

It was asked if there is a way for District Representatives to verify Groups’ information and Jane F. said she gets a meeting detail report from WSO and can email them to District Representatives.

Also, Jane F. shared she is emailing communications to those who are no longer Officers or in an assigned position and keeping them on the list.

DELEGATE REPORT

Carol W. prepared and gave a power point presentation for her report.

It included information on:

- The US North Central Regional Delegates Meeting (NCRDM) held March that she, JoEllyn P. and Tim E. attended March 17-19, 2023 in Minneapolis, Minnesota.
- The World Service Conference held April 20-23, 2023 in Virginia Beach, VA.
 - This part of Carol's presentation on the World Service Conference included information on: WSC Annual Report Updates, WSC Chosen Agenda Items, Geographic Electronic Group Vision, Al-Anon Family Groups Copyright & Trademark Protection, Alateen Electronic Group Feasibility, Statement of Activities, Cost per Group, Word Service Conference

(Carol's SIAFG Delegate Report, in a power point format, will be posted on the SIAFG Area website. It is was also an attachment with the SIAFG Agenda and communications sent for the SIAFG Area Meeting of July 15, 2023.)

Some of the discussion following included Jane F. asking about where copyright information is located and she was informed that it is in to the Al-Anon/Alateen Service Manual. Carol W. said if you are in doubt, send an email to wsolegal@al-anon.org.

Donna S. shared that if you go to the Al-Anon website and order from there, you can be assured of getting legitimate Al-Anon literature. Carol's report contained information that unauthorized production and sale of CAL is occurring.

Travis entertained discussion occurred regarding shipping costs and suggestions were made to group orders together and then add a bit to the sale price of the book/literature to cover shipping costs.

Tim E. mentioned that he brought some of the new daily reader and Service Manuals if anyone wants to buy one.

OLD BUSINESS

SERVICE QUALIFICATIONS: GRs, OFFICERS, AND COORDINATORS

Becky R. reported she has been trying to get a discussion platform for developing this and has found that she does not have the ability to do this on our SIAFG Area website. Suz B. offered to set up a blog on the website. Cindy P. questioned whether we need to do this and instead just vote and move forward.

SERVICE QUALIFICATIONS: GRs, OFFICERS, AND COORDINATORS (continued)

Tim E. made a motion to table the discussion. Jane F. seconded the motion. A vote was taken and 14 Group Representatives voted yes and 1 abstained to table the discussion.

SIAFG OFFICERS STILL NEED: ALTERNATE DELEGATE & COORDINATOR

Becky R. shared that she gave a presentation to her group about the importance of service and requested help us find volunteers!

ALATEEN UPDATE – ALATEEN COMMITTEE REPORT

Becky R. shared that Mary S. has had some health challenges and gave an update of where we are in the process of recertification. Also, that additional help is needed. The committee includes Walt E., Robbie D., Emily, and Becky R. and Becky R. will be stepping down from the committee.

Becky R. also shared there are six online meetings for teen on the AFG app.

Carol W. offered to send training access that she has available.

NEW BUSINESS

~~UNITY~~ UNITED STATES NORTH CENTRAL REGIONAL DELEGATES MEETING

JoEllyn P. shared that SIAFG Area is hosting this event in 2024 and a committee has been formed and they are working on the details. It has been decided to have it in Bloomington, IL. They are working on getting a hotel that can accommodate about 60 people, then will send to the Delegates and Past Delegates a “save the date” and where it’s going to be held. JoEllyn P. also shared that she has received documents regarding chairing the meeting.

It will be March 15, 16, 17, 2024 and starts with an ice breaker and ends on Sunday morning.

DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS OPPORTUNITY

Jane F. reported after attending a meeting to share about Al-Anon, that she was not sure Al-Anon is a priority for the parolees. However, it was beneficial in that it provided information so introduce Al-Anon as a resource to the others, who were also presenting their services, at the meeting. She used the descriptive language from the Al-Anon/Alateen Service Manual when presenting the Al-Anon purpose and offerings. She would like to find

out if we could give them packets for handing out. Also, if we decide as an Area, if there is a way to support it consistently with possibly a Group or forming a committee. She posed the question whether this is something the SIAFG Area wants to pursue, or even a District, and whether to rotate it.

NEW BUSINESS (continued)

BY LAWS CHANGES

Cindy P. shared there are three areas that need consideration for changing and will present the proposed written changes for review at the next SIAFG Area Meeting in November.

OTHER

Becky R. shared that it will be put on the agenda for our next SIAFG Area Meeting to develop a process for a way to process situations of an upcoming expenditure that we know will go over budget.

DISTRICT REPORTS & GROUP CONCERNS/SUCSESSES

District 10:

No report at this time.

District 11:

No report at this time.

District 12: (e-mailed to Recording Secretary)

District 12 has 13 active meetings at this time. It has been a Positive new year for District 12 with most of Our Groups returning to meeting In-Person or Hybrid. Though we will continue our District Meetings on Our ZOOM ROOM link. There has been some Good Growth happening within several of Our Groups with CAL Book Study meetings and Sending Handcrafted Cards to Deserving Individuals. These meetings are a Great way to see it's not limited to right here, right now. It's about sharing Experience, Strength, and Hope for Us and the Generations to come.

Also, I would like to use a bit of this slot to Thank All Of The Groups for their continued support of the Al-Anon Purpose. (Especially when You sit in a meeting alone) Please let The District Representative know if this happens or if you need help finding a meeting.

Thanks

Kelley T District 12 Representative

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217-497-7848

District 13:

No report at this time.

DISTRICT REPORTS & GROUP CONCERNS/SUCSESSES (continued)

District 14:

From News-O-Gram: *The District Rep is Andrea S. with contact information 618-580-4752 or districtrep.district14@gmail.com.* District 14 is doing fine! There are 11 meetings with 4 being hybrid, the rest are in person. The Sunday morning "Progress Not Perfection" meeting has a fabulous hybrid meeting with an average of about 30 in weekly attendance. In April, a Spring Fling event took place with guest speaker, panelists, and breakout sessions on how to keep life simple in a post-Covid world. It was the first in person district event since 2019 and was well received.

District 15:

No report at this time.

District 16:

No report at this time.

District 17:

No report at this time.

District 18:

JoAnne reported that there is a lot of outreach occurring and attendance is increasing. There are four to six new people in her home group.

District 19:

District Representative Charlene V. reported electronic meetings are going well with one being registered. Debbie M. shared that the Wednesday night group has grown is moving their location beginning in August.

District 20:

District Representative Jane G. reported that the in-person meetings are up and running well. There are also three electronic meetings with one of them being hybrid once a month. District 20 will be voting in October regarding the question of accepting electronic meetings into the District 20. There is also one electronic meeting that is a book meeting which is currently reading and sharing "*Opening Our Hearts, Transforming Our Losses*".

OPEN TO OTHER

- Jane F., SIAFG Area Group Records Secretary, shared that if electronic meetings are not registered, they will not be on the SIAFG Area and AFG websites.
- A question was asked by Karen G. of District 18 whether there is a required time of membership before a person can be a Group Representative and Becky R. shared that such a decision depends on the group.
- Becky R., Chairperson, shared that there is an updated SIAWSC Committee Contact List on the Area SIAFG website in the password protect area of the website.

COORDINATOR REPORTS

Alateen (see report under OLD BUSINESS – Alateen Update-Alateen Committee Report)

Convention

Debbie M. attended two convention planning meetings. The 2023 Illinois State AFG Convention information was given. Quilt raffle tickets were distributed to those in attendance in person for distribution to their Districts with an information sheet attached with instructions and timeframe to submit. Debbie also shared that basket raffles are sold only to those who are in-person attendance in and is asking for baskets from individual groups. There is a need for two speakers to volunteer to sit on a panel.

Debbie M. shared that we need a host place and convention chair for the 2024 Illinois State AFG Convention.

News-O-Gram

Carol H. asked why past News-O-Grams are not on the SIAFG website and will get in touch with SIAFG Webmaster, Ed F.

By-Laws

See report under NEW BUSINESS – By Laws Changes.

Also, Cindy P. shared we need a new coordinator.

Webmaster

Ed F. was not at the meeting. Becky R. will discuss with Ed about some of the cost questions brought up when we reviewed the presentation of the proposed 2024 budget. This will be a point under “NEW BUSINESS” at the SIAFG Area Assembly Meeting in November.

WRAP UP

- All information for the next SIAFG Area Assembly Meeting to be held on November 4, 2023 be sent to Jane F., Recording Secretary, by September 30, 2023.
- All information for the News-O-Gram be sent to Carol H. by September 25, 2023.

SOUTHERN ILLINOIS AL-ANON FAMILY GROUP (SIAFG) AREA ASSEMBLY MEETINGS OF 2023

November 4, 2023 - Zoom

SOUTHERN ILLINOIS AREA WORLD SERVICE COMMITTEE (SIWASC) MEETINGS OF 2023

September 16, 2023 - Zoom

The motion to adjourn was made, seconded and voted unanimously to adjourn at 1:43 p.m. with the Al-Anon Declaration.

Respectfully submitted,
Christy E.
Recording Secretary

THE MINUTES WILL NOT BE READ AT THE MEETING.

ATTACHMENT 1 – TREASURER’S REPORT (2 pages)

Prepared by JoEllyn Patterson
June 3, 2023

**SOUTHERN ILLINOIS AREA 16 ASSEMBLY TREASURER’S
January 1, 2023 thru April 30, 2023**

REPORT

Prepared
J Patterson, May 16, 2023

BEGINNING BALANCE January 1, 2023

\$12,576.19

RECEIPTS:			
	Group Contributions	\$1,503.30	
	Birthday Contributions	-	
	Personal Contributions	\$25.00	
	Appeal Contributions	\$614.60	
	World Service Committee Basket	-	
	Assembly Registration	-	
	Assembly Basket	-	
	Ways & Means -Coin Sales	-	
	Ways & Means Raffle/Bake Sale	-	
	Ways & Means Fundraiser	-	
	Forum Raffle	-	
	IL State AFG Convention Profit	-	
	Literature Sales	-	
	Return of Delegate pocket money	-	
	Return of Regional Delegate money	-	
	(Interest)	0.15	
	TOTAL RECEIPTS	\$2,143.05	\$14,719.09
DISBURSMENTS:			
	Mileage	-	
	Motel	-	
	Office Supplies	\$1.00	
	Printing/Copying	-	
	Postage	\$75.60	
	Secretary of State	\$10.00	
	North Central Regional Delegates Meeting	\$1,250.51	
	North Central Regional Delegates Meeting Alt.	-	
	Delegates Pocket Money	-	
	World Service Conference Equalized Expense	-	
	Email License Renewals	\$1,150.08	
	Donations for Assembly Meeting Rooms	-	
	Forum Subscriptions	-	
MISCELLANEOUS DISBURSMENTS:			
	Ways and Means Merchandise expense	-	
	Ways and Means Fundraiser expense	-	
	Bank expense	-	
	United States Liability Insurance Company	-	
	World Service Donation	-	
	Fund Raiser Expences	-	
	Web Page Expences	-	
	Miscellaneous expence	-	
	Background check/State of IL fee for sponsors	-	
	TOTAL DISBURSMENTS	\$2,487.19	
	ENDING BALANCE (Total cash on hand):	5/16/2023	\$12,231.90

SAVINGS/RESERVE FUND: GOAL \$10,000

BEGINNING BALANCE:	1/26/2023	\$7,392.29
Transfer from general fund (10% of balance)		
Receipts (Interest)		\$0.15
ENDING BALANCE SAVINGS/RESERVE FUND:	5/16/2023	\$7,392.44

**Southern Illinois Al-Anon Family Groups
2024 Budget**

Income	2021 Actual	2022 Actual	2023 Jan-May Actual	2023 Projection	2023 Budget	2024 Budget
Group Contributions	4,226.90	\$4,996.65	\$2,172.10	6,516.30	7,600.00	7,600.00
Birthday		\$125.00	\$51.00	153.00	-	200.00
Assembly Basket				-	150.00	150.00
WSC Basket				-	150.00	150.00
Forum Raffle				-	110.00	
Ways & Means	22.50			-	150.00	-
Fundraiser				-	-	-
Assembly Registration				-	-	-
IL State AFG Convention				500.00	1,000.00	1,000.00
Other Donations			\$614.00	1,842.00	100.00	100.00
Private Donation				-		
Returned from Delegate Pocket Money		\$283.56	\$500.00	\$500.00		
Returned from Regional Delegate Money				-		
Return of Pre-convention				-	-	-
Total Income	\$4,249.40	\$5,405.21	\$3,337.10	\$9,511.30	\$9,260.00	\$9,200.00
Expenses						
Mileage	55.00	\$333.33		-	1,000.00	1,000.00
Registration				-	-	-
Motel				-	200.00	200.00
Office Supplies	31.13		\$1.00	3.00	50.00	50.00
Printing and Photocopying	28.38	\$41.67		50.00	125.00	50.00
Postage	79.25	\$79.25	\$75.60	100.00	110.00	100.00
Incorporation Expenses	10.00	\$10.00	\$10.00	\$10.00	10.00	10.00
Ways & Means Merchandise	26.40			50.00	100.00	50.00
Ways & Means Fund Raiser				-	-	-
Forum Subscriptions	44.00			-	110.00	
Literature				-	-	-
Donations for Meeting Rooms				-	150.00	150.00
IL State AFG Convention				-		
Workshop expense				-	-	-
North Central Regional Delegates Meeting	688.45		\$3,053.08	\$3,053.08	1,500.00	2,000.00
Delegates Pocket Money-WSC					500.00	500.00
World Service Conference Expense	-	\$688.45	\$3,053.12	2,500.00	3,000.00	3,100.00
SIAFG Domain Name & Web Hosting			\$477.76	\$477.76	71.80	500.00
Web Emails		\$477.76	\$1,150.08	3,450.24	720.00	1,150.08
Banking				-	100.00	100.00
World Service Office	1,000.00	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00	1,000.00	1,000.00	1,000.00
United States Liability Insurance Company	1,060.00	\$1,060.00	\$1,060.00	1,100.00	1,100.00	1,300.00
Legal		\$525.00		-		
SIAFG Funding Committee				-		
Background check (AMIAS)	32.00			-	100.00	50.00
Miscellaneous	1.56			-	100.00	50.00
Total Expenses before Reserve Fund	3,056.17	4,215.46	9,880.64	11,794.08	10,046.80	11,360.08
Savings reserve fund		1,379.58	-	1,400.00	-	1,000.00
Total Budgeted Expenses	\$3,056.17	\$5,595.04	\$9,880.64	\$13,194.08	\$10,046.80	\$12,360.08
Estimated Operating Surplus before reserve fund						-\$3,160.08