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

The meeting was opened at 9:02 a.m. by Chairperson Cathy B. 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. The Al-Anon 12 Steps, 12 Traditions, and the 12 Concepts of Service were read. There were 24 members present (15 voting members) at this regular meeting.

Minutes from the July 9, 2016 meeting were presented. A motion was made to accept the minutes as corrected, seconded and the motion was carried.

TREASURER'S REPORT:

Helen B. reported on the period from May 1, 2016 thru August 31, 2016. Beginning balance was \$8,559.41; total receipts were \$2,243.27; total cash available \$10,802.68; total disbursements were \$770.86; leaving total cash on hand \$10,031.82. Savings/Reserve fund for the same period, beginning balance was \$4,038.61; receipts of \$74.10, and the ending balance being \$4,112.71.

Helen then presented the proposed budget for 2017. Discussion was had in regard to the proposal and it was noted that the budget will be voted on in the afternoon Area Assembly meeting.

Handout and discussion was also had in regard to the proposal to reduce the Reserve Fund goal from \$8,000 to \$6000. This proposal will also be voted on at the afternoon Area Assembly meeting.

GROUP RECORDS SECRETARY REPORT:

Mary S. reminded members that all changes, communications, and Annual Update Reports about your group go through the SIAFG Group Records Secretary. The easiest way to make contact is through:

1. Siafg.org website
2. Members area
3. Quick links (you will find the email address for SIAFG Group Records)

Mary also thanked everyone for their patience as SIAFG developed the digital policies in handling group records.

DELEGATE'S REPORT/DISCUSSION:

Lyri M. passed out the 2016 Summary booklet from the World Service Conference and also showed members how to access it on the SIAFG website. Several previous questions were asked from members and Lyri was able to find out the answers.

1. Who can be an area delegate? Any Al-Anon member can serve as delegate. However, that person cannot be a member of AA.
2. Can literature be bought by groups instead of individuals? At this time the website is not set up to collect funds from groups wanting to buy literature. It can only be purchased from individuals using their personal credit card.

Lyri spoke briefly about the discussion currently being had in regard to the Just For Today bookmark. This is currently an ongoing topic. Discussion forum can be found in the member's area of the SIAFG website.

DISTRICT REPORTS/CONCERNS/SUCCESES:

District 14- Cheryl N. discussed receiving feedback from members in her district expressing concerns regarding handling of money collection and other issues with a specific group in

their district. Several members at the meeting provided information to her pertaining to these issues as outlined in our Al-Anon manual.

District 20- Ron R. asked members a question that came up during the district meeting regarding how long to keep treasurer reports and other financial items. During this discussion a motion was made to keep area tax records for 7 years. The motion was seconded and carried. This motion will be voted on at the Area Assembly this afternoon.

Other items Ron reported on regarding District 20, were that an Ad Hoc committee was formed to review archive history, elections were conducted and several officer positions were filled, and a new form was created for member reimbursement.

District 10- Becky R. reported that they continue to take Al-Anon members to the Chestnut Treatment Center once a month and she has recently spoken to a retired employee from Bromenn Medical Center who is advocating for outreach to continue.

District 11- Theresa B. reported that a long time member of their district passed away recently.

COORDINATOR REPORTS:

Ways and Means- Kathy H. has medallions, silver coins, and 50/50 raffle tickets to sell. She also reported that she has served as Ways and Means Coordinator for 6 years and will not be continuing for the new term.

Archives- Fern T. had nothing to report, but stated that she will continue as Archives Coordinator for the next term.

Literature and Forum- JoElleyn P. stated she will report to the Area Assembly this afternoon.

News-O-Gram- Marge had nothing to report, but stated that she will not continue to serve as the

News-O-Gram Coordinator for the upcoming term.

Alateen- Becky R. reported that 25 sponsors have recertified this year. She also stated that she would continue as Alateen Coordinator for the next term.

OTHER BUSINESS:

Cathy B. reported that the following Officer positions are still open for the next term:

Delegate, Chairperson, Group Records Secretary

The following Coordinator positions are still open for the next term:

News-O-Gram, Literature/Forum, Public Outreach

Theresa B. volunteered to take the Ways and Means Coordinator position

Cathy B. volunteered to take the Convention Liaison position

Mary S. volunteered to take the Alateen Area Process Person position

Lyri M. volunteered for the Webmaster position.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:41 a.m. with the Al-Anon Declaration.

Respectfully submitted,
Tory Kleinhans, Al-Anon member