

Southern Illinois Area World Service Committee Meeting (SIAWSC)  
Memorial Medical Center, Springfield IL  
November 7, 2015

*Corrected  
& accepted  
July 11, 2015  
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The meeting was opened at 9:05 a.m. by Cathy B. with a moment of silence followed by the Serenity prayer. Everyone was welcomed & thanked District 14 for hosting today's meeting. Introductions were made, and the rules & guidelines of the meeting were discussed. There were 24 members present (15 voting members) at this regular meeting. The Al-Anon 12 Steps, 12 Traditions, and the 12 Concepts of Service w/Warranties were read.

RECORDING SECRETARY'S REPORT: Cathy B. explained that the minutes from the last meeting (July 11, 2015) were not available at this time. The notes were lost, but had been found just prior to today's meeting. Minutes will be reviewed and submitted for vote at the next SIAWSC meeting on March 5, 2016.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Helen B. reported the period from May 1, 2015 thru August 31, 2015. Beginning balance was \$6,148.23; total receipts were \$2,942.82; total cash available \$9,091.05; total disbursements were \$3,300.50; leaving total cash on hand \$5,790.55. Savings/ Reserve fund for the same period beginning balance was \$3,027.43; receipts were \$53.07; making available funds being \$3,080.50.

Helen then presented the proposed budget for 2016 which is \$7,395.00 (income & expenses being equal) for final discussion. The proposed budget will be put to vote at the Assembly meeting later this afternoon.

GROUP RECORDS SECRETARY: Mary S. reported on current methods to change any group information. Rather than directly contacting WSO, group representatives should contact the SIAFG Group Records Secretary, Mary S. Refer to the website for more information. Mary S. and Marian M. will create an electronic packet for new District Representatives and Group Representatives describing their responsibilities. This packet will be available at the March 5, 2016 meeting for review.

DELEGATE'S REPORT/DISCUSSION: Lyri M. handed out the 2015 Conference Summary Books to officers and District Representatives. This information is on the WSO website if you click on conference. Alateen, healthy groups, welcoming and retaining members, electronic Al-Anon information and DVD's were discussed.

### **DISTRICT REPORTS/CONCERNS**

District 11 – Theresa B. reported a Spring workshop with Stephanie B as speaker on April 12, 2016.

District 12 – Cathy P. reported a Mahomet meeting closed and a possible new meeting in Urbana. New officers will be elected November 15, 2015.

District 14 – Cheryl N. reported a Spring workshop with more info later.

District 18 – JoEllyn P. (alternate DR, original DR resigned) reported participation in the Annual Metro East Al-Anon FunFest with Dist. 14. She also reported her district made a decision to add Centralia group to their Where and When. Also the district is sponsoring the Al-Anon portion of the AA Spring Conference, March 11-12, 2016 in Collinsville at the Gateway Center.

District 19 – Charlene V. reported all well.

District 20 – Ron R. reported his district has had a district conscience on communication, specifically how to relay Al-Anon business and events without taking too much time out of the weekly meetings. Every group handles it a little differently using handouts, emails, and early half hour meetings every few months. His district also instituted a "bring a buddy" to the district meeting to promote awareness of the Al-Anon structure. Also his district has fellowship events.

### **COORDINATOR REPORTS**

WAYS & MEANS COORDINATOR: Kathy H. presented ideas for the fundraiser in 2016. Double tip highlighters, magnetic telephone index, pocket calendars, letter openers and coasters were mentioned. All of these items would be sold for \$2.00 each with a profit of about \$1.00 each. The group selected 3 options which will be presented this afternoon at the Area Assembly for a vote.

NEWS-O-GRAM COORDINATOR: Marge E. stated January 10, 2016 is the deadline for getting articles into the next News-O-Gram issue. District Representatives are encouraged to send Marge a copy of their report as well as any upcoming events, flyers, etc. The Winter issue will be sent to the membership about 7 – 10 days after the deadline.

WEBMASTER COORDINATOR: Nicole R. reviewed the siafg.org website and pointed out the bottom footer which has Quicklinks for most searched topics. Nicole said she demonstrate the website at the Area Assembly meeting this afternoon.

*ISAFG Convention*  
**CONVENTION UPDATE**: Cathy B. said she attended the 2015 convention in Itasca, IL and enjoyed it. She shared that articles such as bags were sold at the convention to raise money and will be discussed at the next convention planning meeting to decide if we want to do that. Cathy B. presented a flyer for the 2016 Illinois State AFG Convention, "Unmasking Our True Selves", but will have a few more modifications by the March 5, 2016 meetings. Rick B., the Executive Director of WSO, will sponsor a workshop at the convention. Districts & groups are encouraged to make baskets for the convention. Hotel reservations can be made now using the code AFG to get the discounted price. A quilt will be made and raffled. Quilt squares (with instructions) were distributed to districts. Lyri M. asked if anyone had any leftover pieces of fabric to please donate for the quilt. She also mentioned that the quilt squares can be decorated, and perhaps groups could host fellowship parties to work on quilt squares. Marge E., the convention website coordinator, presented the Illinois State convention website. It is a work in progress at [www.ilstateafg.org](http://www.ilstateafg.org). The website will be updated as more information becomes available.

#### **OTHER BUSINESS**

Public Outreach Coordinator for SIAFG Area is still vacant.

Convention Liaison for SIAFG Area is also still vacant.

CRC (Convention Resource Committee) which is all of Southern IL and Northern IL officers, past delegates, current convention committee, has a teleconference meeting scheduled for December 5, 2015.

MaryBeth G's resignation as Recording Secretary was accepted. Tory K. from District 20 has expressed interest. Will need to vote at the Area Assembly meeting this afternoon.

The next SIAWSC meeting will be March 5, 2016 (same place), District 16 to host.

The meeting closed at 11:50 a.m. with the Al-Anon Declaration.

Respectfully submitted,

*Mary Pirtle*

Mary Pirtle, Al-Anon member  
Interim Recording Secretary