

**SOUTHERN ILLINOIS AL-ANON FAMILY GROUPS, INC**  
**AREA ASSEMBLY MINUTES**  
**MEMORIAL MEDICAL CENTER**  
**SPRINGFIELD, ILLINOIS**  
**March 10, 2013**

Meeting called to order at 9:00am with Serenity Prayer.  
Steps, Traditions, and Concepts w/warranties were read.

The minutes from the October 14, 2012 meeting was discussed. Due to needed corrections & missing reports, it was agreed that the minutes were to be corrected and resent to the membership.

Welcome was given to all newcomers; introductions were made; and recognition was given those who had Al-Anon birthdays since the last Area Assembly meeting.

Treasurers Report – Rowena A. reported the period from July 2012 – Dec. 2012. Beginning balance was \$3,041.73; Total receipts were \$3,084.54; Total disbursements were \$3,392.46; making total cash on hand at year end \$2,741.73. For period Jan. 2012 – Dec. 2012: Beginning balance was \$2,324.47; total receipts of \$6,663.98; total disbursements of \$6,118.75, having a year end balance of \$2,741.73. Rowena also reported that the savings/reserve fund balance is \$1,646.00 as of Dec. 31, 2012. A line on the financials will be added to reflect the background check expense. Financials were approved as presented.

Group Records Report – Mary S reported that 16% of SI Al-Anon family groups are not connected to the Group e-news communication though their CMA. Two suggestions: 1) Have a member of the group submit their e-mail number as a connection and that person could print off and bring to GR or CMA communications to be shared with the group during the business part of the meeting. 2) Create a group e-mail and decide which persons can access it. If either method is used, please submit information to Mary S. via email at: [siafggrprep@gmail.com](mailto:siafggrprep@gmail.com) who will add it to the Group Information at the Area and WSO level. Discussion was held as to who was to update the addresses, etc of Officers and Coordinators. Motion made and carried that this would be done by the Group Records Sec. Remember that all changes, registrations, DE-activations go through the SIAFG Group Records Secretary.

Workshop – Lyri M presented the Job Fair Workshop. The assembly attendees divided into 6 groups which, after picking up position descriptions of the various positions, met together in their assigned groups. These groups then discussed details of the responsibilities required for the specific position.

Coordinators Reports:

**Convention Liaison** – Betsy C thanked everyone for allowing her to serve in this position. The 2013 Illinois State Convention, hosted by NIAFG, will be held in Itasca, IL on October 25-27, 2013 at the Eaglewood Resort. Theme is 'Step in to Life'. See Betsy for quilt squares. Have fun designing and making one! The 2014 Illinois State Convention, hosted by SIAFG and District 11, will be held on October 17-19, 2014 at the Marriott in Normal, IL. The Al-Anon International Convention will be held in Vancouver, BC on July 5-7, 2013. For more info go to [www.al-anon.org/members](http://www.al-anon.org/members) and click on Al-Anon International Convention.

News O Gram—Rita C Deadline will be 10 May 2013

Ways and Means—Kathy H Has coins and book covers for sale. She proposed 2013 the Area Fund Raiser to be LED lighted key chains .After discussion it was voted to order them in blue and in red, with slogan-Keep it Simple- and the amount of 200 to be purchased and to add [www.siafg.org](http://www.siafg.org) if company allows.

Public Outreach— Cindy P. Has list of stations that were sent PSAs. If one is in your district call the station and thank them. Remember to order and pass out 2013 Al-Anon Faces Alcoholism

Literature/Forum--- JoEllyn P First e-book! "Having Had a Spiritual Awakening" [Eb-25] at \$9.95, features member sharing, photographs, and artwork is available exclusively as e-book.

Each quarter a sample chapter of CAL is posted on Public Outreach site, [www.al-anon.org](http://www.al-anon.org) and member's site, [www.al-anon.org/members](http://www.al-anon.org/members).

Each month the "Cal Corner" feature in the Forum includes member sharing's on how a piece of literature enhanced their recovery. February article was about "Hope for Today", Marches about Dilemma of the Alcoholic Marriage".

Sharing's are especially needed about Many Voices, One Journey, Al-Anon's Twelve Steps & Traditions, and Alateen-Hope for Children.

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Archives--- Fern T Reminded groups to keep on working on group history check list and send her them when finished. She has materials to view and read. One a News O Gram from Feb 1989 with news about Alateens and a statement that said 'support Alateen, they are the Al-Anon of tomorrow'. As of Feb 2013 she became a registered Alateen Sponsor and is excited to be of service in this way.

By-Laws--- Cathy S Temporary changes made by motions made and passed re; Recording Secretary meeting notices may be made before the 30day requirement. Group Records will be the entity to send WSO copies of area assembly and siawsc meeting minutes. These changes may be found on website under area members

Webmaster--- Nichole R Showed graph of statistics and number of visits to sites on web page. New footers are bottom of each page. She needs meeting lists from several districts yet. Question ?posting of AA events/flayers—only when there is Al-Anon participation. Time frame for keeping officers/coordinators pages will be 3 years. She demonstrated Tal.ki Forums and how to use them. They are password protected.

Alateen--- Dottie Y In February I traveled to visit with the Champaign Alateen group who are now "Trustful Alateen" and meet at 7:00pm and were at the point of shifting meeting nights, check with [www.siafg.org](http://www.siafg.org). There was a workshop for the Alateen Sponsors Sally S, Kim K, and Carie H. We next went to visit the Pinckneyville Alateen group, doing a seminar with leaders Fern T, Rick N and AMIAS Alberta W. Pinckneyville Alateen group meets Friday at 8pm, Pinckneyville Hospital, 101 N Walnut St Pinckneyville, Il. Dist 10 A's groups are Top of the Hill Alateen, meets at 8pm, lower level Hilltop Club, 115 S Western Ave, Peoria and Courage to Be Me Alateen, meets at 7pm, St Matthew United Methodist Church 1200 Moreland Dr, Belleville. I am now able to submit group record changes, new registrations, approved applications for Sponsors/AMIAS electronically or by fax, quite a time saver. With Nichole working the computer Dottie was able to show assembly the changes she proposes be made to the processing guidelines and forms all of which were accepted. Motion made to these changes, which passed.

Delegate's report--- Cathy B Doesn't have much to report as she wants to keep time for the discussion regarding Area Inventory and Area Job Fair because it is important to focus on our Area's future and to meet the needs of our membership. If anyone is interested I have a copy of the WSO's By-Laws and would be happy to e-mail you a copy. They are 10 pages to our areas 26 pages.

The North Central Regional Delegates Meeting is the week-end of March 15-17, 2013 in Brookfield, WI [near Milwaukee] I'm meeting Lyri near Champaign and we will go on together. Meeting starts on Friday at 7pm and ends around noon on Sunday. The 2013 World Service Conference will be in Virginia Beach April 14-18. Theme is: Our Legacies: The Spiritual Journey of Changing "Me" to "We" I will be flying out of Midway Airport Saturday[4/13] and be flying home on Friday [4/19]. How do you like the way the mailings are being sent? Group Records Secretary, Mary S, has done an awesome job of sending out minutes and other correspondence. This change made sense in the streamlining of mailing the minutes, saving money on postage, and eliminating duplications. Does anyone have comments or concerns? Does this process fit in with our By-Laws?

Additional Business--- 1] - Lyri made motion to accept the guidelines drawn up from the results of Assembly Inventory and sent electronically to members. After some discussion it was seconded and passed to implement same.

2]-District 17 is now De-activated due to lack of participation.

3]- Need someone to act as Recording Secretary for July Meetings as Marty H will be unable to attend, Nichole who volunteered found she would be too busy with the computer to do so. Ramona B will fill in. Many Thanks from Marty!

No Ask It Basket questions.

Next Assemblies July 13-14 and November 2-3  
July Assembly will be hosted by districts 13 & 14.

Raffles were done for Forum and Ways & Means.  
Meeting closed at about 2:20 with Declaration.

Respectfully Submitted

Yours in Service'  
Marty H, Rec Sec

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