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November 1, 2014

SIAFG (SO ILLINOIS AL-ANON FAMILY GROUPS, INC.)  
MEMORIAL MEDICAL CENTER, SPRINGFIELD, ILLINOIS  
MEETING MINUTES  
JULY 12, 2014

The meeting was called to order at 12:25 p.m., by Cathy B., Chairperson, followed with a moment of silence and the Serenity Prayer.

There were 33 members present (18 voting members) at this regular meeting.

Everyone was welcomed; introductions were made and District #20 was thanked for hosting.

Al-Anon Birthdays/anniversaries since last Assembly were recognized.

The 12 Steps, the 12 Traditions, and the 12 Concepts w/Warranties were read.

Cathy B. explained the reasons for the two sign-in sheets and why both should be signed.

The minutes from the Board of Director's meeting on March 22, 2014 were read.

Jan T. read what is stated in our by-laws, that the exact wording of the motion be included in the minutes, who made the motion, who seconded the motion and whether it was approved or not.

It was also mentioned that almost all of the motions will be posted on the siafg.org website in the discussion forum so that the membership will have time to understand the motion before coming to the Assembly floor for vote.

RECORDING SECRETARIES REPORT: Noting the corrections to the minutes of the March 23, 2014 SIAFG meeting, a motion was made by Becky R. to accept the minutes as corrected, and seconded by Hal S., the motion carried. The corrected minutes will be sent to the webmaster to be posted on the website.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Helen B. reported the period January 1, 2014 thru March 30, 2014. Beginning balance was \$4,492.42; total receipts were \$2,566.30, making total cash available of \$7,058.72. Total disbursements were \$2,503.64, leaving cash on hand as \$4,555.08. Our Savings/Reserve Fund on hand balance as of March 30, 2014 is \$2,286.72. Motion was made by Rowena A. to accept the treasurer's report as presented, Jan T. seconded the motion, the motion carried. Helen also reminded everyone that there is a new address to send donations to Area, and to check the website for the most current information.

GROUP RECORDS SECRETARY: Mary S. stated that all group changes, whatever they are, be submitted to the Group Records Secretary (Mary S.). Any needed forms are on the siafg.org website, along with Mary's email address. If you pull the forms from the WSO website, please do not follow their instructions to send to WSO. Please send the form to Mary S. Mary will then update the SIAFG records, WSO, website, etc.

DELEGATES REPORT: Lyri M. talked about the 54<sup>th</sup> Annual World Service Conference she attended she received cards, brought back "Love Tokens", passing them around, please take some back to your groups, and districts. Lyri talked about the Conference voting to amend the wording of the current policy with regards to welcoming dual members (of Al-Anon and AA). Discussion took place on how your group welcomes members who are also part of AA into Al-Anon service.

Lyri also talked about attraction not promotion – how does your group encourage and support Al-Anon members in service? Banning of bossy boots – how does your group handle dominant personalities?

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How do you encourage participation of less dominant personalities? Untrustworthy trusted servants – should we adopt guidelines for our Area? After some discussion, it was decided a Task Force/Thought Force – Ramona B., Rowena A., and Cathy B. will put something together and present at the next Area Assembly meeting for consideration of adding to our SIAFG Policy Guidelines. Lyri then talked about the importance of your home group – how does your group welcome and encourage home group membership? As the World Service Turns – what barriers divide our membership from our WSO? What do we find useful, and how might it improve? And Area highlights – would you like to see any of these ideas implemented in our Area? All of this information and the details of my report are posted on the [siafg.org](http://siafg.org) website. I encourage you to read it, print it out, and talk about these things within your groups and districts. Then contact me with any questions or concerns. Lyri also said that she will be contacting districts and setting up appointments to visit each of them.

WAYS & MEANS COORDINATOR REPORT: Kathy H. reported that the 2014 Fund Raiser – Highlighters, went great, they are all sold. Do we want to re-order more? Consensus is 'no'. Raffle for November Assembly, will be Thanksgiving and/or Christmas theme (HOLIDAYS) wrapped as gifts. Kathy also said she has medallions for sale @\$2.50 each. 2015 Fund Raiser – Ideas are hand sanitizers, lip balm, Quotations for Calendars.

FORUM & LITERATURE COORDINATOR REPORT: JoEllyn reported that the WSC gave conceptual approval for the development of a new daily reader, more details to follow. How Al-Anon Works (B36), is now available in electronic form; One Day at a Time (B6), is now available in an audio version. *Reaching for Personal Freedom* (P92), sales is way down, but will be featured in the CAL Corner section of *The Forum* magazine several times. CAL Corner in the July issue will celebrate the 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary of *When I Got Busy, I Got Better*. Sharing's are still needed for *Parents/Grandparents* pamphlet. CAL Sample Chapter on the WSO website for July through September is a chapter from Alateen-Hope for Children of Alcoholics (B27). A new service tool kit is available, for using the Al-Anon principles to resolve conflict (pieces include S71, S72, and S73).

ALATEEN COORDINATOR REPORT: Becky R. said that in July we received 33 people as certified AMIAS, 9 new applicants since December. 2 new Alateen meetings in District 18, but lost one meeting in Canton. On May 24<sup>th</sup> I presented an Alateen workshop that went very well.

NEWS-O-GRAM COORDINATOR REPORT: Marge E. stated that the deadline for the next issue is September 10, 2014. Please send your reports, announcements, flyers, etc. by email or snail mail.

CONVENTION LIAISON COORDINATOR REPORT: Betsy C. reminded everyone of the 2014 Illinois State AFG Convention, it will be from October 17-19, 2014, at the Marriott Hotel & Convention Center, (1 block from train station), Normal, IL. Theme is 'Letting Go – Falling into Recovery', and volunteers are still needed; signup sheets are available.

WEBMASTER COORDINATOR REPORT: Nicole R. said that the [siafg.org](http://siafg.org) website is averaging around 250 hits per day. Coming due, the Area will need to pay \$72.00 for the next 2 years for web-hosting.

OTHER BUSINESS: Paralea R. & Jan T. pyramid sponsorship is still a major concern, and that they will be preparing information to be posted on our SIAFG website.

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It was suggested for future meetings to stop reading the treasurer's report (just like the minutes), and simply have discussion and vote to accept (or not accept) the report as presented.

Cathy B. asked about the November meetings, and if we wanted to continue with the original plan for two days (Saturday & Sunday), or do you want to try a one-day meeting in November? After much discussion, Mary S. made a motion to make the SIAWSC & SIAFG meetings to one day on Saturdays. Hal S. seconded the motion, the motion carried. Cathy B. then announced that our next SIAWSC & SIAFG meetings will be on Saturday, November 1, 2014. Registration for the SIAWSC meeting will begin at 8:30 a.m. and the meeting will start at 9:00 a.m. Registration for the SIAFG meeting will begin at 11:30 a.m. and the meeting will start at noon. District #10 will host the November meetings.

Cathy B. then reminded everyone of Jackie L's resignation as Alternate Delegate. Cathy B. asked everyone to go back to your groups & districts and see if someone would be interested and willing to stand for the position. Anyone having any questions or knows of someone that would be perfect for the job, please contact Cathy B. and or Lyri M.

The meeting closed with the Al-Anon Declaration at 3:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

MaryBeth Sandegren  
Recording Secretary

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