

Approved with corrections 7-10-2021

Southern Illinois Al-Anon Family Groups, Inc. (SIAFG)
Area Assembly Meeting
Zoom Meeting
March 6, 2021

The meeting was opened at 9:00 a.m. by Chairperson Becky R. with a moment of silence followed by the Serenity Prayer. Rules and guidelines of the meeting were then presented. Becky reminded all that the Group Representatives (GR's) were the voting members. The Al-Anon 12 Steps, 12 Traditions, and the 12 Concepts of Service were read. There were 33 members present (18 voting members) at this regular Zoom meeting. Katie G was designated timekeeper.

BOARD MINUTES: Rowena A read the minutes from the Board of Directors Meeting held November 7, 2020.

MINUTES: The November 7, 2020 SIAFG minutes were presented by Mary P. Corrections were made. **A motion was made to approve and accept minutes with corrections . It was then seconded and the motion was carried unanimously.** Corrected minutes will be posted on the SIAFG website with corrections in red.

TREASURER REPORT: Carol W reported on the period from September 1- December 31, 2020. Beginning Balance was \$17,347.59; receipts were \$1,483.35; Total expenses were \$3,673.31; leaving total cash on hand before reserve donation \$15,157.63; Saving /Reserve fund for the same period \$6011.~~05~~ ~~.40~~ interest of \$.~~52~~ ~~.17~~ brings the ending balance to \$6011.57. Carol then reported on the period January 2020- December 2020. Beginning Balance was \$15,127.18; receipts were \$7,471.32; Total expenses were \$7,440.87; leaving total cash on hand before reserve donation \$15,157.63; Saving /Reserve fund for the same period \$6011.05 plus interest of \$.52 brings the ending balance to \$6011.57.

Carol reminded the group that in keeping with Tradition 7, we want to be self-supporting. She encourages members (officers, coordinators and delegates) to send expense receipts to her at **carolwielgus@hotmail.com**. She will reimburse. She also reminded all that we want a correct view of the expenses for each position for the budget. Group Reps and District Reps should get reimbursed from their group and district.

GROUP RECORDS SECRETARY: The position of Group Records Secretary is now held by Jane F. She reported that she is getting used to the position and trying to coordinate with all District Group Records Secretary. Any changes to meetings need to go to Jane at **grouprecsec@gmail.com** As the Group Records Secretary she will contact WSO.

DISTRICT REPORTS & GROUP CONCERNS:

DISTRICT 10: Becky R reported that her district does not have a DR at this time, although she is encouraging members to consider it.

DISTRICT 11: Theresa M stated that Suzanne D is taking the position of District Representative to follow the Rotation of Service theme. She stated that all District 11 meetings are now in person. With social distancing in use, it is left up to personal preference about wearing a mask.

DISTRICT 12: Cathy B reported that her last District meeting was well attended. It included the new Alateen Coordinator for SIAFG, Debbie M as speaker. Out of the 14 registered Al-Anon group meetings, 8 meetings are still using Zoom; 4 are continuing in person; 1 meeting is using conference call and face to face; 1 meeting connects via text, email, and phone calls. Her District is financially healthy. Elisabeth J, the public outreach coordinator, has been busy tweaking the district website at (www.centralillinoisalanon.weebly.com) . She has added links to SIAFG.org and WSO.org and the Champaign County IL Relief & Recovery website.

DISTRICT 14: Katie G reported the District Webpage is up and running and is listed on the SIAFG Website on the Meetings by District page. This will be updated as pandemic guidelines from the state change.

DISTRICT 18: Members related that the 13 meetings are split between Zoom and face to face. This District has had speaker meetings via zoom and have invited all of Area to join them in a Service Sponsorship Workshop on Saturday, March 13 from 5:30-7:30. There will be 6 panelists from Districts 12, 14, 18, 19 and 20. Bob spoke about a group inventory his home group took. They made changes according to results. Terrel has been working with Susan regarding Alateen and has reached out to a St. Louis member to coordinate. Barbara said zoom had been very helpful. Darlene said there are still in person meetings for members who will not use zoom. Cindy P said there has been outreach to the St. Louis Area Al-Anon.

DISTRICT 19: Charlene said the District has Zoom and Hybrid meetings at some locations. The District has not been meeting, but hope to schedule one soon. Deb mentioned appreciating the Zoom meetings that have grown from the pandemic. Jane F's group is meeting face to face in a new location large enough to aid in social distancing.

DISTRICT 20: Christy E, Alternate DR, relayed that the District has 3 Zoom meetings and 10 face to face. The District has contracted a Zoom account rather than personal. The Fellowship Coordinator has put together 3 Zoom nights pertaining to sponsorship, fellowship and service. The Forum/Literature and Public Outreach coordinators have been adapting to the pandemic. The WSO app has been promoted.

COORDINATOR REPORTS:

ALATEEN: Debbie M reported that she was reaching out to District 18 who has started work on expanding Alateen in their District. She also spoke at District 12's District meeting.

BY-LAWS & INSURANCE: Cindy P stated The website has been updated with the latest version of the by laws (7/2019).

CONVENTION: OPEN Northern is hosting the convention this fall and it will be a virtual event. The dates are Friday-Saturday, September 24-25, 2021. The title is '**Virtually Yours in Recovery: The An Unconventional Convention.**

FORUM/LITERATURE: OPEN

NEWS-O-GRAM: Carol H has published the Winter News-O-Gram her new position. She asks for any reports, sharing, or notices be sent to her by June 1, 2021. Her email is carol53115@yahoo.com phone number is 262-729-0946 .

WEBMASTER: Please use this address to contact the Webmaster. ~~(Webmaster @SIAFG.org)~~
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DELEGATE: JoEllyn reported:

- *Al-Anon members' contributions in 2020 exceeded literature sales.
- *The "Road Trip You and Your Board Connect" will be October 23, 2021 in Cleveland, Ohio.
- *Goal: Members-Increase visibility of all Al-Anon Groups worldwide.
- *Goal: Public-Increase awareness of competition and AFG differentiation
- *Goal: Organization-Increase international representation within our global structure and Conference
- *The North Central Regional Delegates Meeting is virtual on March 20, 2021.
- * The WSC theme this year is "Moving Forward with Unity, Courage, and Perseverance. It is virtual and is April 2, 2021 through April 16, 2021.

OLD BUSINESS:

OPEN COORDINATOR POSITIONS: Archive, Convention, Public Outreach

EXCESS FUNDS COMMITTEE: Laura C brought revised documents for "Funding Requests" and "SIAFG Funding Assessment Form". She explained how they would be used. The next step is to decide how much money to allocate for this process. Given the options of setting an amount for the budget or tabling the notion until July, it was decided that the group appreciated the hard work the committee had done with the documents and presentation. It is tabled until the July meeting. At that time, it will be decided if an amount should be budgeted in the 2022 SIAFG budget.

SIAFG WEBSITE AND EMAIL ADDRESSES: Contract for website is coming up. There's a question about passing on email accounts with a generic name. It seems that Google has new rules. There was discussion but no solution. This will be taken up at the July 10, 2021 meeting.

DISTANCE MEETINGS: The consensus was that Zoom was working well. This will continue for the time being.

NEW BUSINESS: SIAWSC Meeting set for Saturday, May 22, 2021.

NEXT 2 MEETING DATES for SIAFG:

July 10, 2021

November 6, 2021

The meeting was adjourned with the Al-Anon Declaration at 2:20 pm. The next SIAFG meeting will be ~~March 6, 2021~~ **July 10, 2021** via Zoom.

Respectfully submitted,
Mary P
Recording Secretary

MINUTES WILL NOT BE READ AT THE MEETING