

Approved with Corrections
March 12, 2022

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

The meeting opened at 9:04 a.m. by Chairperson Becky R. with a moment of silence followed by the Serenity Prayer. Al-Anon birthday/anniversaries were recognized. Rules and guidelines of the meeting were presented. Becky reminded all that the Group Representatives (GR's) are the voting members of today's meeting. The Al-Anon 12 Steps, 12 Traditions, and the 12 Concepts of Service with Warranties were read. There were 30 members present (17 voting members) at this regular Zoom meeting. JoEllyn P was designated timekeeper.

BOARD MINUTES: Rowena A. read the Board of Director's Meeting Minutes from July 10, 2021. No vote required.

AREA ASSEMBLY MEETING MINUTES: The July 10, 2021 SIAFG Area Assembly Meeting Minutes were presented by Mary P. **A motion was made to approve and accept the minutes with no corrections The motion was seconded and passed .The minutes will be posted in the SIAFG website.**

TREASURER'S REPORT: Carol W. reported on the period from May 1, 2021- August 31, 2021. Beginning balance was \$16,554.85 with receipts of \$1,270.00 and expenses of \$2,115.00 leaving total cash on hand \$15,709.85.

Carol W. then reported on the period from January 1, 2021- August 31,2021. Beginning balance was \$15,157.63 with receipts of \$2,753.25 and expenses of \$2,201.03 leaving total cash on hand \$\$15,709.85. The Savings/Reserve Fund is \$6,011.57 with interest being \$0.36 leaving the Reserve Fund at \$6,011.93. Officers, delegate, past delegates and registered agent can request reimbursement for expenses incurred through service work. Send the expense reimbursement form to Carol W.

2022 Proposed SIAFG Budget: Carol then presented the 2022 Budget for Southern Illinois Al-Anon Family Groups. This budget had been presented at the July 10, 2021 meeting. Discussion took place. Carol stated that she could show Group Donations and Personal Donations on separate lines. **A motion was made to approve and accept the Budget as presented. It was seconded and passed.** Annual operating expenses are increasing, and projecting higher than current reserve fund of \$6,000. A future Area Assembly agenda item will be to discuss increasing reserve fund balance.

World Service Conference: A motion was made to pay the full amount (\$3053.12) for the World Service Conference rather than the equalized amount. (\$2,137.00) . The motions was made, seconded and passed.

GROUP RECORDS SECRETARY: Jane F was unable to attend today. Any questions can be sent to her at grouprecsec@gmail.com

OLD BUSINESS:

Mary S., the Area Alateen Process Person, explained that a problem with the paperwork had been found. She is working closely with Chairperson Becky R and WSO to correct the pages. After discussion, an ad hoc committee was set up for the Safety and behavioral requirements for Alateen Members. That will include Becky R, Mary S, Carol H and Barbara S. Mary S then presented 3 documents that she had amended and asked for discussion and a vote.

Motion: Approved and accepted the amended document “Southern Illinois (SIAFG) Alateen Group Sponsorship Requirements.”

Motion: Approved and accepted the amended document “Southern Illinois (SIAFG) AMIAS Initial Candidate Profile”

Motion: Approved and accepted the amended document “Southern Illinois (SIAFG) AMIAS Re-certification Form.”

BY-LAWS: After discussion of Article V Section 1 of SIAFG By-Laws, it was decided to add the Registered Agent to the definition of SIAWSC Membership. **The motion was made to add Registered Agent to SIAWSC definition of membership in SIAFG by-laws: Article V Section 1. The motion was seconded and passed.**

EXCESS FUNDS UPDATE: Becky R described the history of the committee was to propose thoughts and ideas for use of excess funds. After discussion, it was decided to table the discussion until further meetings.

WEB AND EMAIL CONTACT UPDATE: Kyra explained that the website needed to be renewed through Weebly if we wanted to keep our website. She also explained that SIAFG officers and coordinators might want to have a permanent email for that position. After discussion two motions were made.

A Motion was made and carried to purchase all email addresses for SIAFG officers and coordinators.

A Motion was made and carried to renew the two year contract with Weebly to extend the Website.

DISTANCE MEETING CHECK IN-A short discussion was held. Consensus was to continue Zoom for the time being.

NEW BUSINESS:

Electronic Meetings - WSO changes - JoEllyn explained some WSO changes because of all the Zoom meetings popping up. She agreed to send out the explanation she read to help the members understand. After discussion, a committee was formed to work on possibilities, the Electronic Meeting Work Group. They will present at the March 2022 meeting. They are Evelyn M, Jane G, Donna S, and JoEllyn P.

SIAFG OFFICERS ELECTIONS PREPARATION: The Chairperson, Recording Secretary, Treasurer, Group Records Secretary and Delegate positions will all be open in ~~November, 2023.~~ **January, 2023. The elections will be held in November 2022.** Al-Anon suggests rotation of service after 3 years, and definitely after 6 years. The Recording Secretary and Treasurer have both been in their positions going on 6 years. Becky R, Mary P, Carol W. and JoEllyn P gave a short description of their roles and asked anyone interested to contact them with questions. To check the written definitions, go to SIAFG.org Click on Members' Area. (~~Area~~16). ~~area~~ Click on Area Business. Go to By-Laws. Pages 12,13 and 14 will give descriptions of positions. Becky mentioned she expects to stand for Chairperson again.

SET DATES FOR 2022 SIAFG MEETINGS:

After discussion, the consensus was made.

MARCH 12, 2022

JULY 16, 2022

~~SEPTEMBER 17, 2022~~ **November 12, 2022**

INFORMATION ON SIAWSC 2022 MEETINGS:

JANUARY 8, 2022

MAY 21, 2022

SEPTEMBER 17, 2022

DISTRICT REPORTS AND GROUP CONCERNS/SUCCESS

DISTRICT 10: Jan T stated that 5 meetings are in person. Saturday has a hybrid meeting and are in discussions as to splitting them to Zoom and in person.

DISTRICT 11: Suzanne stated there are 3 meetings holding steady at 6-10 members each.

DISTRICT 12: Cathy B reported that their elections will take place on ~~December 31, 2021~~ **November 21, 2021** with new officers taking over effective January 1, 2022. They had a District

meeting in July with good attendance. Cathy said out of 13 registered groups, 6 are meeting in person. The other 7 are using Zoom with some investigating the hybrid method. District 12 has a website (www.centralillinoisalanon.weebly.com) and a twitter account. (@D12alanon) **These are for newcomers to find local meetings and information about AI-Anon.**

DISTRICT 19: Deb M stated that there are Zoom meetings and face to face meetings.

DISTRICT 20: Mary P reported that 13 meetings are face to face, with one of those hybrid. There are also 2 Zoom meetings. The District has a website. district20al-anon.org and a monthly newsletter.

DISTRICT 14: Katie G reported the District has no secretary or DR. They have a website that is updated with any changes. Fern reported her face to face meeting is working well.

DISTRICT 18: Susan B reported a public outreach event was held in September for 12 steppers and was very successful. She's proud of her district that has become involved in service. They have 2 new groups meetings and half of the groups are using hybrid method. Darlene mentioned her group is growing and has been face to face without zoom. They have an Outreach folder where members can take pamphlets and record which doctor offices they are dropping information.

DISTRICT 16: Fern mentioned that this district is close to her District 14. She occasionally goes to a meeting in District 16 and enjoys it.

COORDINATOR REPORTS

ALATEEN AREA PROCESS PERSON: Mary S announced that she is working with WSO to get the Alateen documents straightened out.

CONVENTION LIAISON: Cathy B's position as liaison is ~~ending December 31, 2021.~~ **ended December 2020 but is interim liaison for only this 2022 convention committee.** She asks ~~for someone to step up to be the conduit for SIAFG and Northern Illinois Area Family Groups concerning the convention. She is happy to mentor.~~ **If anyone is interested in taking the SIAFG Convention Liaison position, she would be happy to mentor.**

Debbie M, co-chair of the Illinois AFG Convention in 2022, reported that the Convention is set at the Wyndham Hotel in Springfield, October 14-16, 2022. They are enthusiastic about the project and are filling positions. She is reaching out for the positions of treasurer, registration, web assistance, and speaker/program chair. The theme is **BACK TO BASICS:KEEPING IT SIMPLE IN A COMPLICATED WORLD.**

NEWS-O-GRAM: The deadline for written reports or offerings is January 29, 2022. Contact Carol H at carol53115@yahoo.com.

BY-LAWS: Cindy P will make the changes voted on at the Area meeting.

WEBMASTER: Kyra suggested that the members think about what they want the website should be. Should it remain as is or should it expand in some ways.

DELEGATE: JoEllyn described a new policy from WSO concerning Zoom meetings. After some discussion and confusion, a committee was formed to look into the changes and report back to the assembly in March 2022. The committee includes JoEllyn P, Evelyn M, Jane G and Donna S.

The next SIAWSC meeting is on Saturday, January 8, 2022. The officers, coordinators, district representatives, and past delegates have vote.

March 12, 2022 is the next Assembly meeting via Zoom. Announcement and agenda will be forthcoming.

The meeting closed at 2:06 pm with the Al-Anon Declaration.

Respectfully submitted,

Recording Secretary

Mary Pirtle