

**SOUTHERN ILLINOIS AL-ANON FAMILY GROUPS, INC**  
**SIAWSC MEETING MINUTES**  
**MEMORIAL MEDICAL CENTER**  
**SPRINGFIELD, ILLINOIS**  
**13 October 2012**

Meeting opened with Serenity Prayer at 1:10 pm and a "thank you to district 11 for hosting meetings. The Steps, Traditions and Concept with Warranties were read. Introductions were acknowledged.

Minutes were accepted as sent with the inclusion of reports from Alateen and Group Records Coordinators Note- 10 copies of minutes to be brought to future meetings

Treasurers Report—Rowena Beginning balance \$2324.47. Reserve Fund is \$200.00, making cash on hand \$3524.47. Receipts- \$1505.55. Total cash on hand, \$5050.02. Disbursements- \$788.29. Total cash on hand is \$4261.73 minus reserve fund of \$1220.00 leaving available ending balance of \$3041.73. Proposed Budget for 2013 was presented after discussion of following Tradition 7 it was decided to present to assembly the following changes, motel allows increased to \$1300.00 from the proposed \$650.00. Miscellaneous was reduced to \$100.00 from proposed \$200.00 bringing total budgeted expenses to \$7620.00. To balance the budget other donations would be increased to \$550.00 from projected \$100.00

Group Records Mary S v **IS YOUR HOME GROUP USING THE MOST RECENT FASTER WAY OF GETTING COMMUNICATION FROM WSO?** Your groups' CMA (Current Mailing Address) has the opportunity to receive the most recent group news from WSO if you have given the SIAFG Group Records Secretary an e-mail address to receive Al-Anon information electronically. **Group e-news** is the newest fastest way for WSO to keep your group informed. If your group is receiving this information an e-mail address was submitted to SIAFG and/or WSO as an electronic contact. The group CMA is responsible for getting this information to the group by bringing and discussing the information at your meetings and/or forwarding this information to group members. This means of communication speeds up the connection from WSO to the groups. If your group **isn't connected**, please have a group conscience about joining *Group e-news*. Please send the new CMA information to [siafggrprec@gmail.com](mailto:siafggrprec@gmail.com) or to Mary L. Sutton, 608 W. Teton Dr., Peoria, IL 61614-2047

Web Master—Nicole talked about having a web editor and the protection of e-mail addresses.

#### Coordinator Reports

Convention Liaison—vv**2012 Illinois State AFG Convention** "Bloom in Normal" held September 28, 29 & 30, 2012 at the Marriott Hotel and Convention Center in Normal, IL was a great success. Thanks to the committee for their dedicated hard work and to all who attended, you all made this convention a wonderful experience. Attendance totaled 243 (211 Al-Anon, 8 Alateen, and 24 AA). Jane P. from Peoria won the quilt. **2013 Illinois State AFG Convention** "T.H.I.N.K." will be held October 25-27, 2013 at Eaglewood Resort in Itasca, IL. Pre-Registration form is available at this meeting and on SIAFG website. **2014 Illinois State AFG Convention** will be hosted in Bloomington/Normal area and will be hosted by District 11. **2012 Illinois State AFG Convention Resource Committee (CRC) meeting** will be held December 8, 2012 at Holy Trinity Parish in Bloomington, IL. This is the 'business meeting' for the Illinois State AFG Convention that facilitates sharing of information between SIAFG and NIAFG. Agenda for this meeting is similar to any other business meeting and includes such things as: minutes from last meeting, treasurers report, Guideline update, etc. **Al-Anon International Convention** will be held in Vancouver, BC July 5-7, 2013. Registration has begun. Registration forms have been mailed to groups. Convention information is also available by clicking on the 'Al-Anon International Convention' at WSO website ([www.al-anon.org/members](http://www.al-anon.org/members)). **AA International Convention** will be held in Atlanta, GA in 2015.

Am so EXCITED!!!! Betsy Crang will become the new SIAFG Convention Liaison on 1/1/2013.

Convention Chairman—Kathy H All committee chairs are working on reports and finalizing bills and bank account, etc. Wrap up meeting planned for end of October.

Ways and Means—Kathy H Re – Tote fund raiser NIAFG took our left over totes and sole them all in 2 weeks giving us a check for \$225.00. Looking into Key Chains as next Area fund raiser. March Assembly to be "Think Spring".

Public Outreach—Cindy P Suggestions for the use of "Best of Public Outreach", the "How To Do It" is a good tool to use. It's available on members site under Public Outreach. Consider having a Public Outreach workshop and pot luck and inviting member interested in learning more about Public Outreach. Set up your computer to give an overview of The Best of Public Outreach. This tool provides so much information and suggestions on reaching out to family and friends of alcoholics. Perhaps print hard copies to pass out. Be creative in use of soft cover

**MINUTES WILL NOT BE READ AT MEETING**

"How Al-Anon Works. Deliver books to schools, professionals, etc. or place in waiting rooms(with their permission) Put a pocket on the inside with Al-Anon info bookmarks and something with your answering service number and website. Inscribe the pocket-"Enjoy this book while wait". Check back occasionally and refill as needed. Log onto Members Website, click on "Surveys of Members" and participate in the survey which is Conference Approved, anonymous, and confidential.

Literature—JoEllyn P Showed new outreach Forum .Suggested one look and count the "I Can" in the articles.

Archives—Fern T Says forms are being returned. Also that she received very old news letters from out outside the area that she added to Archives.

Alateen—Dottie Y The participation of SIAFG Alateen at the 2012 AFG Illinois State Convention was an exciting event. Our Alateen Speakers were Gracie E from NIAFG and our Jessica B from SIAFG. Peoria Alateen Sponsors and Alateen Members had planned activities for Saturday noon to 6pm that included lunch and get acquainted activity, a meeting with topic "Bloom Inside you", a game styled after Jeopardy with categories being the Steps and Traditions where points were awarded, and a scrapbook session where the Alateens created a page featuring a slogan and capped off with pizza and wings in the Hospitality Room for closing activity. Another Alateen part of the Convention included a Sponsors Workshop worked up by both NIAFG and SIAFG Coordinators It was well attended by Sponsors from both areas. Getting acquainted and working with the NIAFG Coordinator was a very valuable experience for which I am grateful.

Delegate Cathy--: Cathy B. stated that copies of the delegate's summary notes from the June '12 Assembly are available for those needing copies. Also those who didn't receive the email this week regarding summary notes for today's meeting are also available. Conference Summary books are here and will be distributed to all officers, coordinators, and district representatives. Those not in attendance this weekend, will receive their copy via snail mail. If any extras left over, they will be available to those who want them after the Assembly meeting on 10/13. Cathy read a letter from WSO regarding a membership survey being conducted from Sept. 10 to Oct. 21, 2012. All Al-Anon members are encouraged to go to the members' website and complete the survey. The 2013 WSC meeting will be in Virginia Beach April 14-18, and the WSO is looking for chosen agenda items. A sheet will be passed around during the Area Assembly meeting for anyone to write their ideas. Any submissions from our Area must be in writing by the first week in December 2012. Cathy then discussed in more detail the Conference Structure changes as proposed by WSO. The main objective is to ensure each group has ample representation at the Area level, and to promote opening channels of communication, and encourage more participation at the Area level. Lots of discussion ensued; asking the assembly members for their comments and recommendations to carry forward. The WSO is encouraging each Area to write a 'Do Not Refer' policy and to incorporate that policy into action. Cathy asked for recommendations from the assembly members as to suggestions for where to begin in writing such a policy. Cathy then discussed KBDM, and to help demonstrate its effectiveness, a skit was performed with the help of volunteers from the audience. KBDM is the methodology in gathering information first, then having discussions, then make the motion and not the other way around.

Other Business—Lyri M as AAPP wanted input on dealing with re-certifying Sponsors in Districts without DR's whose signature is necessary for the Process After some discussion it was decided to look at this if it happens again. She has been acting as AAPP since there had been no Alateen Coordinator but this duty could be better performed Alateen Coordinator to avoid double headed management. This was agreed to by both parties. Also the company employed to handle background checks no longer does this. After discussion it was decided that the Internet could be used to accomplish task.

As the time was nearing 5:00 it was decided to pass on District Reports with the alternative being that they could go in the News-O-Gram if the District Reps decide to send them

Respectfully Submitted,  
Your Al-Anon Servant,

Marty H, Rec. Sec.

