

## Accepted with corrections 11-2-19

Southern Illinois Area World Service Committee  
(SIAWSC) Meeting  
Memorial Medical Center, Springfield, IL.  
July 13, 2019

The meeting was opened at 9:09 a.m. by Chairperson Cathy B with a moment of silence followed by the Serenity Prayer. Everyone was welcomed, introductions were made, and the rules and guidelines of the meeting were discussed. District 10 was thanked for hosting today's meeting. The Al-Anon 12 Steps, 12 Traditions, and the 12 Concepts of Service were read. Cathy then read a note from Chairperson Rowena A. explaining that because of health reasons, she would not be chairing for the July and November SIAWSC and SIAFG meetings. She has asked Cathy B to step in and appreciates her work and all the members. Rowena will continue as our Registered Agent. Rowena is thankful for her Al-Anon family and her Al-Anon family is thankful for her.

There were 28 members present (15 voting members) at this regular meeting. Becky R was designated timekeeper.

**MINUTES:** The March 2, 2019 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.

**TREASURER'S REPORT:** Carol W reported on the period from January 1, 2019 thru April 30, 2019. Beginning balance was \$13,964.01; receipts were \$2,753.97, which made the total receipts \$16,717.98; total expenses were \$1,643.39; leaving total cash on hand before reserve donation \$15,074.59; Reserve Donation for this period was \$0 since we have attained our goal of \$6,000. That leaves the ending balance of total cash on hand \$15,074.59. Savings/Reserve fund for the same period; beginning balance was ~~\$6,010.35~~ \$6,010.53 (goal \$6,000): We received \$.17 in interest, leaving the Reserve fund at \$6,010.7. Carol then reported on the proposed budget for 2020. She stressed that to arrive at her figures, she used data from 2017 - 2019. The estimate had revenue at \$8,850 and expenses at \$7,858. There were revisions to the estimates for the forum, means and ways coin, domain name and WSO donation. The revised estimate has revenue at \$8,710 and expenses at \$8,305 with a surplus of \$405. One question that would be brought to the Area was "Should we increase the donation to WSO from \$500-\$1,000?"

### **NEW BUSINESS:**

**Excess Funds:** At the March 2, 2019 meeting a thought force was formed to discuss what to do with the excess funds. Cathy B explained that in 2004, the SIAFG (Southern Illinois Al-Anon Family Groups or Assembly or Area mtg.) had been very low on funds; at one point, nearly bankrupt. The Ways & Means Committee was to hold raffles and fundraisers to bring up the bank account. One way to save money at the time was to hold SIAFG and SIAWSC meetings three times a year rather than four times. Also, it was decided that the 2 day meeting would be slashed to one day. By 2019 these factors combined to give us a healthy reserve of \$6,000 and a healthy bank account.

At the March 2 meeting, the question was asked, "Why do we still hold fund raisers?" The consensus was that Ways & Means did not have to hold fundraisers at this time, but would continue to sell Al-Anon birthday coins. There are still excess funds, so the thought force came up with three areas that may need to be boosted financially. They are fellowship, public outreach, and group services. More will be discussed at the Area meeting.

### **SIAWSC and SIAFG Meeting purpose and times:**

Cathy B opened with thoughts from the March 2, 2019 meeting which involved changing the format of the SIAWSC (Southern Illinois Area World Service Committee or World Service Committee Meeting) and SIAFG meetings. She reminded us that the primary purpose of World Service Committee Meetings were to set the agenda for the Assembly. With that in mind, the World Service Committee Meeting could be shortened and the Assembly meeting could be lengthened.

Some issues that need to be brought to Assembly are insurance, Area Inventory (to be done every 3 years) Area budget, and District problems. A discussion involved the idea of shortening the World Service Committee meeting and lengthening the Area Assembly. The Group Representatives (GRs) are the people

who vote and need to be informed. We may need more time to discuss ideas. After much discussion, a few options were noted:

1. Make no changes.
2. Try a 30-45 minute World Service Meeting and a possible 4 hour Assembly meeting , with a lunch break.
3. Try a 30-45 minute World Service meeting before and after the Assembly meeting, with a lunch break. After more discussion, a motion was made.

**Motion: Try a 30 minute SIAWSC meeting agenda review starting at 9 a.m. and a second 30 minute meeting after Assembly to problem solve, trouble shoot, and set agenda for the following assembly meeting. The SIAFG meeting would begin at 9:45 and end by approximately 2 p.m.**

This motion was made, seconded, and voted in unanimously. It was specified that this will be tried at the November 2, 2019 SIAWSC and SIAFG meetings in Springfield.

District 11 will host the November 2 meeting.

This meeting was adjourned at 10:01 with the AI-Anon Declaration.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Pirtle, AI-Anon Member

MINUTES WILL NOT BE READ AT THE MEETING