

SIAWSC (So. IL Area World Service Committee) MEETING  
MEMORIAL MEDICAL CENTER  
SPRINGFIELD, IL  
NOVEMBER 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2013

The meeting was called to order at 1:00 p.m., with the Serenity Prayer. There were 25 members present at this regular meeting. Everyone was welcomed; introductions were made, and Districts 17 & 18 was thanked for hosting. The 12 Steps, 12 Traditions, and the 12 Concepts of Service w/Warranties were read. The minutes of the July 13, 2013 SIAWSC meeting were discussed and accepted with corrections.

Treasurer's Report: Rowena A. reported the period June through Sept 2013. Beginning balance was \$4,454.14; total receipts were \$2,259.92, making total cash available of \$2,259.92. Total disbursements were \$2,796.52; leaving cash on hand at \$3,917.54. Beginning balance of the savings/reserve fund was \$1,698.35; total receipts were \$71.13; having an ending balance of \$1,769.62.

The 2014 proposed budget was presented at \$8,630.00. After discussion it was accepted to present to the Area Assembly for vote tomorrow.

Group Records Secretary Report: Mary S. thanked all the groups that have sent in their annual update sheets. A reminder to the groups: SIAFG Group Records policy is to have all group updates, changes, registrations, and making a group inactive, to be done by the SIAFG Group Records Secretary. If there are no changes for your group, please let Mary know. Mary also stated that she keeps the verification date.

Mary stated that the Macomb meetings (in District 20) have been connected to a district in NIAFG. It was decided not to redo the line between SIAFG & NIAFG until we see if this arrangement is successful.

Mary also reported that the WSO has helped define the difference between delisting and inactivating groups. To inactivate the group, the group either has notified the area (SIAFG) or WSO that it is no longer meeting; a trusted servant has verified that the group is no longer meeting; or, the group has notified the area or WSO that it is no longer an AI-Anon group. To delist a group, the area and local service arms have the autonomy to set criteria (abiding by the traditions and area policies) for listing meetings in local AI-Anon meeting directories. When the district or area decides to remove a meeting from their meeting list, the group must be notified of the reason(s) for removal, and what actions are needed to be added back to the meeting list. If the group decides they no longer wish to be considered an AI-Anon group, the group or local service arms would then notify the group records secretary.

Note that the status of AI-Anon groups in "no mail" status will be changed to "inactive" if the area or WSO does not receive a new address from the group after (2) two years of being in "no mail" status. It is important that you keep the CMA (Current Mailing Address) for your group updated.

Delegates Report: Cathy B. gave all officers, coordinators, and DR's a copy of the 2013 Conference Summary. Cathy stated that a service position for Trustee at Large is open, if interested send resumes directly to the WSO, deadline is December 6<sup>th</sup>, 2013. She said she can send the applications electronically to those interested.

Discussion ensued regarding our SIAWSC & SIAFG Area Assembly meetings taking place on one day only (Saturday). It was decided to present to the Area Assembly for vote, to try it out for the July 2014 meetings.

Paralea R., Past Delegate shared E-news regarding the availability of How AI-Anon Works, as an audio-book, it is 16 hours and 19 minutes long. Simply go to Audiobook.com, Amazon.com, or Apple I-Tunes to purchase the e-book. She also brought more "Pyramid Sponsorship" packets for those still wanting more information.

DISTRICT CONCERNS: District 19 has an AI-Anon meeting that is not using CAL. The district has had meetings, but they only have maybe 6 people at the meeting. Question was asked about making announcements of AA events during AI-Anon meetings. The question was answered with reference to page 116 in the service manual; if the AA event has AI-Anon participation, then announcements can be made at group meetings.

DISTRICT REPORTS:

**District 10** – Serenity Day will be February 15<sup>th</sup>, 2014

**District 14** –Partnered with District 18 on a Metro-East Al-Anon “FUNfest” workshop. The workshop was held Saturday, September 21<sup>st</sup>. Al-Anon action hero characters emerged at the workshop; we had great speakers, great food, and a delightful skit with Serverella and her Wicked Service Sponsor. Truly a fun and educational event took people out of their comfort zones and into recovery! Our new Alateen meeting has been meeting regularly on Monday nights at 7:00 p.m. Attendance is still small, but our Outreach Coordinator, Karen D. is planning to start outreach through the local newspaper. Two groups (Pinckneyville and Nashville) from District 17 have joined District 14 and the meeting list was updated. The next project is to update the map on the SIAFG website. District 14 hosted a very successful Spring workshop on April 20, 2013, with 58 people in attendance. The skit from this workshop was also used at the Spring Fling Convention in St. Louis during Memorial Day weekend. We are currently planning the 4<sup>th</sup> annual Spring workshop for Saturday, April 12, 2014.

**District 18** – Now has two (2) new Alateen Sponsors, but until we have more sponsors, we might not be able to get an Alateen meeting re-started in our District.

**District 20** – District elections were held September 8<sup>th</sup>. Still have positions open: DR, Alternate DR, Treasurer; and, Outreach, Convention/Conferences, Literature & FORUM coordinators. In the meantime, our Public Outreach committee contacted the Children’s Home and New Leaf/White Oaks, and distributed Al-Anon literature. 100 copies of *2014 Al-Anon Faces Alcoholism* has been purchased and will also be distributed. A table was set up at the “Recovery Walk” at Proctor Hospital. Other events took place, which prompted members to step up to do service work. Love tokens were made for our Delegate to take to the April 2014 WSC. Members will participate in a Summit of Hope for community on November 5<sup>th</sup>; movie day on November 10<sup>th</sup>; a dessert potluck on the Wednesday before Thanksgiving; and an Al-Anon holiday party will be held Dec 2<sup>nd</sup>. There are fellowship activities being planned for January 2014, and before the February 2014 District meeting.

#### COORDINATORS REPORTS:

**ALATEEN** - Rowena A. reported for Dottie Y. We have newly certified Al-Anon Members Involved in Alateen Service (AMIAS). Workshops for Alateen group sponsors and potential AMIAS’ was held in various locations. Workshops are based on training modules from the WSO. Drawing on the experiences and concerns of the people attending a workshop provides us that, in Al-Anon/Alateen service, we are never alone. A workshop was held in Springfield on October 20<sup>th</sup>, with three (3) people turning in AMIAS applications. District 20 hosted workshops over a series of a couple of months, some of the ideas generated from the discussions were put into immediate use and posted on the website. Workshops can be scheduled with the Area Alateen Coordinator. They are available to anyone in the area with an interest in Alateen. Dates, time, and locations are posed on the area website, [www.siafg.org](http://www.siafg.org). AMIAS application forms are posted on the website under ‘Alateen Sponsorship’. Dottie Y. will be stepping down at the end of the year, and thanked everyone for their encouragement and support.

**WAYS & MEANS** – Kathy H. said to bring things tomorrow with Thanksgiving & Christmas in mind. Medallions are for sale, and she need ideas for the fundraiser to present at the March 2014 Assembly.

**WEBMASTER** – Nicole R. demonstrated how the discussion forum works, and where to look for the calendar of events. She also shared the updates to the district page; printable meeting lists; etc. She asked that the DR’s send their links so they can be added to our website. Send your information & fliers to [webmaster@siafg.org](mailto:webmaster@siafg.org).

**OTHER BUSINESS:** Discussion took place regarding the proposed SIAFG policy guidelines, and it was agreed to present for vote at tomorrow’s meeting. Also discussed, having Past Delegates attending the USNCRDM and if there is money available to put in the budget. Will present to Area Assembly tomorrow for vote.

Discussed dual members and their role in Al-Anon service. Will need to revisit our By-laws.

Meeting closed at 3:40 pm with the Al-Anon Declaration.

Respectfully submitted,

MaryBeth Sandegren  
Your Trusted Servant