

SOUTHERN ILLINOIS AL-ANON FAMILY GROUPS, INC  
SIAWSC MEETING  
MEMORIAL MEDICAL CENTER  
SPRINGFIELD, ILLINOIS  
JULY 13, 2013

The meeting was called to order at 1:00pm with the Serenity Prayer.  
Call for newcomers and introductions were made.  
The 12-Steps, 12-Traditions, 12-Concepts w/Warranties, and the Courtesy Guidelines were read.  
The minutes from the March 9, 2013 SIAWSC meeting were approved as presented.

Treasurers Report: Rowena A. reported the period January through May 2013. Beginning balance was \$2,741.73; total receipts \$4033.25, plus a one- time adjustment of \$688.10, making total cash available \$7,443.08. Total disbursements were \$2988.94, making total cash on hand \$4,454.14. Savings/Reserve Fund Beginning Balance \$1646.00; Receipts \$52.00; Ending Balance \$1698.35. Thanks to all the groups for supporting Southern Area, and we are still accepting donations for Reserve Fund. The Treasurer's Report was approved as presented.

Group Records Report: Rowena A. presented for Mary S. Group e-news web addresses are on the [siafg.org](http://siafg.org) web site. They are available in three languages: English, Spanish and French. You can find them in the Member's Area under Group Records updates in the March 2013 report. Check with your CMA (Current Mailing Address person) or GR if you have not heard the information shared with your group. Current contact information for SIAFG Officers, Coordinators, and District Representatives is available at [siafg.org](http://siafg.org) under Area Business. It is updated after every assembly and will have contact information for the new Delegate, Officers, Coordinators and District Representatives soon. They will take their positions on January 1, 2014. Please be sure to share this information with your groups treasurer so the donations will be sent to the correct person. SIAFG District Map is available at [siafg.org](http://siafg.org) under Meetings and Maps. Are your district boundaries working for your group? WSO is allowing boundary changes when the Districts feel the need. Since March, District 10A has joined District 20. District 10B has become District 10 and District 10A no longer exists. The Macomb groups are requesting to join the district for Galesburg in Northern IL. When this happens the map will be redone. Is there someone who can help with this when needed? My skills don't cover this. GR-1 Registration/change form, is available at [www.al-anon.alateen.org/members](http://www.al-anon.alateen.org/members). Just a reminder, all changes go through the Southern Illinois Al-Anon Family Groups (SIAFG) Group Records Secretary. The e-mail address is located at [siafg.org](http://siafg.org) under the contact information for Group Records. A request was made to add past delegates to our contacts information sheet, and it was also suggested to change the title to: SIAFG Area World Service Committee Members.

Delegates Report: Cathy B will present her report on Sunday.

A question was asked: Can the News-O-Gram be printed in black & white (to help save printing costs) when being mailed to members who do not have an email address? The answer: Yes

A comment was made to be careful of Bridge meetings. These are telephone meetings found on the WSO members' website under Group Meetings.

A question was asked if there is a policy for handling pyramid sponsorship. The answer is no, however there is a handout available that Betsy C., past delegate, presented to the membership a few years ago. Copies will be made available to those who want them at the Area Assembly meeting tomorrow.

District Reports

**District 10** District 10A sent an email to District 10B letting them know that District 10A (after their meeting and discussion) will become District 20. This means that 10B will now be District 10. There was also discussion if Group Reps are going to the web site and taking advantage of all the information available to them to be informed at the Area level. Information is also available by US mail and email. Our next meeting is Thursday, August 8, 2013.

**District 14** is redistricting, and will be moving the Williamsville, Pinkneyville, and Nashville meetings from District 17 to District 14.

**District 17** has a new DR and Alternate DR

**District 20 (Formerly 10A)**

District 10A's (now District 20) Spring meeting was held on April 28<sup>th</sup>. A number of items were discussed and decisions were made that will have an impact on our district. A series of Alateen Sponsorship classes (AMIAS) are being presented in Peoria. This came about partly because of a group in Canton who approached our leadership wanting to start an Alateen group there. There is now an Alateen group in Canton that has been meeting for several months. There is also interest in starting an online Alateen meeting. The group in Canton, which meets at the same time and place as the Alateen meeting, joined District 10A (now District 20) at the beginning of this year. We welcomed them. It has been suggested that District 10A and District 20 merge. After a lot of discussion we decided to pursue that idea with Mary S. contacting the Delegate Cathy B. The switch was made after they talked. Mary S. visited all District 20 meetings, including the two meetings in Macomb, to inform them of the change and also reminded each group to support District 20 elections on September 8, 2013. The Western Boundary of District 20 may change because both of the Macomb groups feel they should join the Northern Illinois Area and join the district at Galesburg. This is being worked on now. In other areas, our Public Outreach chairperson, Jane P., distributed *Al-Anon Faces Alcoholism* and other brochures to the police departments in five area towns and cities. She asked them to share the information with any family that experience trouble such as domestic violence or abuse. The District voted to order 100 more copies of the 2014 *Al-Anon Faces Alcoholism*. There was a garage sale in June that raised approximately \$800.00 to support the Peoria Area Answering Service. There was discussion about the new online Al-Anon discussion forum KBDM (Knowledge Based Decision Making) on the SIAFG web site. We are encouraging all members to log on and review the discussions found there.

Coordinator Reports

Those with information to share will present at the Area Assembly meeting tomorrow.

Other Business

A motion will be presented to the GR's at tomorrow's Area Assembly meeting for vote to add a co-coordinator to the Webmaster's position description. Jan and Nicole will decide the exact wording when presented.

A suggestion was made to send a third person (a past delegate) to the Regional Delegates Meeting in March 2014. This will require additional funds, suggesting instead of \$700 (to send the Delegate and Alternate Delegate), to make the total funds available of \$900. This will be added to the proposed budget and presented to the GR's for vote at the November 2013 Area Assembly.

The meeting closed with the Al-Anon Declaration at 4:00pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Ramona B  
Acting Secretary (for Marty H.)