

SIAWSC (SO ILLINOIS AREA WORLD SERVICE COMMITTEE)
MEMORIAL MEDICAL CENTER, SPRINGFIELD, ILLINOIS
MEETING MINUTES
JULY 12, 2014

The meeting was called to order at 9:10 a.m., by Cathy B., Chairperson, followed with a moment of silence and the Serenity Prayer.

There were 26 members present (18 voting members) at this regular meeting.

Everyone was welcomed; introductions were made and District #10 was thanked for hosting.

The 12 Steps, the 12 Traditions, and the 12 Concepts w/Warranties were read. Cathy B. reminded everyone of the SIAFG Policy Guidelines, and also reviewed the policy for recording motions.

Lyri M. stated that our Area's Policy & Courtesy Guidelines are not part of our by-laws; and that they are always evolving, to be reviewed and updated when needed.

RECORDING SECRETARY'S REPORT: SIAWSC Minutes, Saturday, November 2nd, 2013, motion to accept the minutes as submitted by Becky R., Betsy C. seconded the motion, the motion carried. The corrected minutes will be sent to the webmaster to be posted on the website.

SIAWSC Minutes, Saturday, March 22, 2014. A motion was made to accept the minutes as corrected by Lyri M., Ron R. seconded the motion, the motion carried. The corrected minutes will be sent to the webmaster to be posted on the website.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Helen B. reported the period January 1, 2014 thru March 30, 2014. Beginning balance was \$4,492.42; total receipts were \$2,566.30, making total cash available of \$7,058.72. Total disbursements were \$2,503.64, leaving cash on hand as \$4,555.08. Our Savings/Reserve Fund on hand balance as of March 30, 2014 is \$2,286.72. Motion was made by Rowena A. to accept the treasurer's report as presented, Jan T. seconded and the motion carried.

A question was raised about having copies of all reports available during the meeting. A consensus was reached that each responsible party giving reports make just a few copies for any newcomers. Otherwise everyone else in attendance should bring their own copies to the meetings.

GROUP RECORDS SECRETARY REPORT: Mary S. stated that all group changes, whatever they are, be submitted to the Group Records Secretary (Mary S.). Any needed forms are on the siafg.org website, along with Mary's email address. If you pull the forms from the WSO website, please do not follow their instructions to send to WSO. Please send the form to Mary S. Mary will then update the SIAFG records, WSO, website, etc.

DELEGATES REPORT: Lyri M. said she will be visiting districts during the coming year, she has \$257.00 left over from attending the WSC, and would like to use this money to help with expenses while traveling to the districts. Discussion ended in consensus that the left over money may be returned to the Area treasurer and she can ask for reimbursements for actual expenses incurred when traveling to the districts.

DISTRICT CONCERNS:

District #17 - Kay W. mentioned they are having attendance problems at their District meetings, and getting newcomers to keep coming back. She requested to hear ideas from the group. Discussion included; create a fellowship coordinator position that helps encourage more participation; call members just to say "Hi", ask people in person for help on a particular project/committee; start with small requests for help such as set up the meeting, make coffee, etc.; have position descriptions for each position so there is a complete understanding of the responsibilities (these can mirror Area's).

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Debbie O. – talked about Answering Service for Districts, land line vs. cell phones. Lyri M. stated that it's up to the Districts to decide, but warned to be careful with anonymity and check to see if your physical address could be identified.

Another concern mentioned treatment center invitations for Districts to visit and present information about Al-Anon. Lyri M. suggested to check on the WSO website on how to do that.

All other District Reports, even the ones not presented today, should be submitted to the News-O-Gram Coordinator to be published in the next issue. Next deadline is September 10, 2014, and Marge E. said she will send out a reminder.

ALATEEN COORDINATOR REPORT: Becky R. said that AMIAS recertification forms have been received. Those that have not returned their recertification forms have been deactivated. Make sure you contact your D.R. if there is a problem with your recertification.

CONVENTIONS LIAISON COORDINATOR REPORT: Betsy C. reminded everyone of the 2014 Illinois State AFG Convention it will be from October 17-19, 2014, at the Marriott Hotel & Convention Center, (1 block from train station), Normal, IL. Theme is 'Letting Go – Falling into Recovery' and volunteers are still needed; signup sheets are available.

BY-LAWS COORDINATOR REPORT: Jan T. reported for Cathy S. that the wording throughout the entire document needs to be updated for consistency. Jan said she will contact Cathy and help with that process.

WAYS & MEANS COORDINATOR REPORT: Kathy H said that all 250 each of the highlighters are sold. Do we want to reorder more? Will ask the Assembly for their opinion, and talk about ideas for the 2015 fundraiser.

WEBMASTER COORDINATOR REPORT: Nicole R. said she will be working on updating our SIAFG map as some district boundary lines have changed, along with the district numbers (20, 10A/10B).

OTHER BUSINESS:

It was suggested that the Chairperson talk about the meeting format at the end of the Area Assembly meeting today, and ask if the November meeting can be changed to a one-day meeting as well. If so, then the membership needs to know the meeting date, start times, etc., and wants that announced at the close of today's meetings.

Paralea R. still has packets available regarding pyramid sponsorship. There is a really good article in the April issue of the *FORUM*, and encourages you to read it.

Helen B. asked that all expense forms be turned in as soon as possible. Then we can decide on a more realistic meeting start time for the Assembly meeting.

The meeting closed with the Al-Anon Declaration at 11:10 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

MaryBeth Sandegren
Recording Secretary

MINUTES WILL NOT BE READ AT MEETING