

Accepted with Correction 3-2-19

Southern Illinois Area World Service Committee
(SIAWSC) Meeting
Memorial Medical Center, Springfield, IL.
November 3, 2018

The meeting was opened at 9:05 a.m. by Chairperson Rowena A 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 19 was thanked for hosting today's meeting. The Al-Anon 12 Steps, 12 Traditions, and the 12 Concepts of Service were read. There were 22 members present (13 voting members) at this regular meeting. Susan B was designated timekeeper.

Rowena A informed the members that Cheryl N had resigned as Alternate Delegate. She stressed it is important to have that position filled. Full description of the job can be found on page 148 of the manual. Being an Alternate Delegate includes learning the job of Alternate firsthand, working alongside the Delegate, and visiting Area Groups and Districts. Rowena stated that an interim Alternate Delegate should be found by the end of the day.

MINUTES:

The July 14, 2018 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 May 1, 2018-August 31, 2018. Beginning balance was \$12,046.17; total receipts were \$2,654.96; total expenses were \$1,075.75; leaving total cash on hand before reserve donation \$13,625.38; Reserve Donation for 2017 was \$0 since we have attained our goal of \$6,000. That leaves the ending balance of total cash on hand \$13,625.38. Savings/Reserve fund for the same period; beginning balance was \$6,010.18(goal \$6,000): We received \$.17 in interest, leaving the Reserve fund at \$6,010.35.

Carol then reported on the proposed 2019 Budget. She explained that she used the 2017 data as a template and increased or decreased categories with estimates. Carol stated the only change she made since the July 14 meeting was a deduction in the mileage from \$1350 to \$1000 because there didn't seem to be as much need this year.

Questions were then raised concerning the North Central Regional Delegates Meeting. (NCRDM). This is a meeting held every March for Delegates, Alternate Delegates, Past Delegates, and interested members that help prepare them for the ~~WSO~~ WSC (World Service Conference) meeting later in the year in April. It's an important meeting that many members felt should allow for more money since mileage, food, lodging, and registration for one person could be used up quickly and only \$1,000 was allotted in the budget. **After much discussion, the consensus was that we would bring this discussion to the afternoon meeting with the reminder that it is just a budget.**

Along with the increase in funding for the ~~Meeting~~ NCRDM, Tim E explained that SIAFG has not hosted this North Central Regional Delegates Meeting for ten years. We are being asked to host the 2020 meeting. It usually includes around 40 people. **This would also be brought up in the afternoon meeting.**

Carol then reminded us that an annual check is sent to WSO for ~~our delegate's expense to attend the the WSO~~ WSC (World Service Conference.) The full amount this year is \$1,972 ~~is an equalized expense that aids Districts that do not have sufficient funds.~~ **A motion was made to the full amount of \$1,972 to WSO for the Equalized Expense for the WSO Convention for our delegate to attend the WSC – and have the Area vote on this in the afternoon. The motion was seconded and voted unanimously.**

Carol then reminded all Districts to clarify which District and Group was sending checks with donations to Area. All donations are appreciated.

GROUP RECORDS SECRETARY REPORT:

Susan reported that she is revamping the contact list and trying to simplify some chair emails to aid in transitions. This is an ongoing task. She is training an Alternate to insure there is backup during this time.

Susan is willing to give 10-30 minute workshops during or after the SIAFG meetings. She realizes repetition is necessary in learning new facts. She encourages DRs to send information about coming events to her via email or snail mail. She will then disburse to Area DRs. Her email is siafg.group.records@gmail.com. Her snail mail is Susan Ballard, 11716 Catatoga Drive Plainview, IL 62685 Please contact her with any contact changes.

DELEGATE'S REPORT/DISCUSSION:

Tim E. reported he is halfway through his term as Delegate. He has grown immensely in the position and is thankful for it. He also knows he's had a busy year (congratulations, Tim, on your marriage.) He is a servant to his Group, his Area, and Al-Anon World Service. He would appreciate an Alternate volunteering today to help out. He also encourages members to attend the North Central Regional Meeting in March.

WSO TRUSTEE VISIT:

At the March 10, 2018 SIAFG Meeting, it was reported that the World Service Office had contacted SIAFG to ask if we would be interested in a visit from Board of Trustees member. After much discussion between the members, Rowena summarized that Spring would be the best time for the group. At the July 14, 2018 meeting it was decided that Tim E and Rowena A would contact the WSO and invite a Trustee to the March 2019 Area meeting. As of today, WSO has not returned the call. Discussion transpired about what workshop we would have if a Trustee did not attend. Sandy W has offered a workshop either in person or teleconferencing on service. Susan B volunteered chairing a technology workshop to help members get the basics of sending reports, receiving reports, and technology questions. **These options would be discussed in the afternoon session.**

COORDINATOR REPORTS:

ALATEEN: Becky R reported that she would have a longer report this afternoon, but at this time wanted all to know that she has had 10 AMIAS (Al-Anon members involved in Alateen Service) turn in paperwork to go through background checks. She also has 2 Alateen meetings starting this fall. The Background checks cost \$20 each, so her budget will increase for this year.

Archives: Fern brought the Archives binders to display. She thanked Tim E for bringing the archives to the Convention. But because of last minute problems, the Archives were not able to be displayed. Fern was applauded for all her hard work. Discussion about archives reaching next year's Convention were tabled at this time.

WAYS AND MEANS: Suzanne spoke for Theresa and stated she will sell raffle tickets for the holiday baskets today. She also brought Al-Anon medallions. There are 42 Blue "Let it Begin With Me" bags left over that cost \$3.

FORUM & LITERATURE: Kathy H said she will sell Forum raffle tickets this afternoon. She reported that District 10 ordered 50 of P-94 Hope & Understanding for Parents & Grandparents. **There They** are 75 cents each and she has 5 left. Kathy also mentioned that laminated inspirational bookmarks would soon be available through WSO.

WEBMASTER: Susan repeated that she would be willing to offer 10 -30 minute workshops at Area meetings to help people with technology issues.

NEWS-O-GRAM: The deadline for the News-O-Gram is January 10, 2019. Please send information to siafnog.org@gmail.com or Jan Tucker, 105 Susan Ct, East Peoria, IL 61611. Personal submissions are limited to 75 words or less. Remember that this is your publication. There was so little submitted last quarter that Jan had only a one page edition.

CONVENTION LIAISON: Cathy B has no formal report at this time. But there will be a wrap up CPC meeting on November 11. The Convention Resource Committee meets Dec. 3, 2018. Cathy encouraged any Convention Chairs or coordinators to check guidelines and make note of any changes to report at either of those meetings.

Cathy also reported that she had attended the Wisconsin second annual **State** Al-Anon Convention. Rather than raffle a quilt, they raffled Forum subscriptions, baskets, and items from a Recovery website. Their theme was "Unlocking Possibilities, One Day at a Time". They had 15-18 Alateen members attend and need more AMIAS to sign up. They have contracted with a hotel for 3 consecutive years to get a discount.

DISTRICT REPORTS:

DISTRICT 10: Kathy H gave thanks to Becky R and Megan D who started an Alateen meeting on Sept. 6, ~~2018.~~ 2018. Cindy S distributes a District newsletter quarterly which is well recieved. The phone service is still getting calls and requests so it will continue as part of District 10 public Outreach.

DISTRICT 14: The new DR for District 14 is Katie G. **The next meeting will be held March 2, 2019 at Memorial Medical Center.**

The next meeting will be March 2, 2019 and District 20 will host.

The 2019 meetings are planned for March 2, July 13, and November 2, 2019.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:55 with the Al-Anon Declaration.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Pirtle, Al-Anon Member

MINUTES WILL NOT BE READ AT THE MEETING