

SOUTHERN ILLINOIS AL-ANON FAMILY GROUPS, INC
SIWSC MEETING
MEMORIAL MEDICAL CENTER
SPRINGFIELD, ILLINOIS
March 9, 2013

Meeting was called to order at 1:00pm with the Serenity Prayer.
The Steps, Traditions, and Concepts w/Warranties were read.
The minutes from the October 13, 2012 were approved with corrections as noted.

Noted: Nicole R will act as Recording Secretary at the July 2013 meetings as Marty H will be unable to attend.

Treasurers Report – Rowena A. reported the period from July 2012 – Dec. 2012. Beginning balance was \$3,041.73; Total receipts were \$3,084.54; Total disbursements were \$3,392.46; making total cash on hand at year end \$2,741.73. For period Jan. 2012 – Dec. 2012: Beginning balance was \$2,324.47; total receipts of \$6,663.98; total disbursements of \$6,118.75, having a year end balance of \$2,741.73. Rowena also reported that the savings/reserve fund balance is \$1,646.00 as of Dec. 31, 2012. Financials were approved as presented. Discussion followed to include a line on the financials to reflect the background check expense.

Group Records Report – Mary S reported that 16% of SI Al-Anon family groups are not connected to the Group e-news communication though their CMA. Two suggestions: 1) Have a member of the group submit their e-mail number as a connection and that person could print off and bring to GR or CMA communications to be shared with the group during the business part of the meeting. 2) Create a group e-mail and decide which persons can access it. If either method is used, please submit information to Mary S. via email at: siafggprep@gmail.com who will add it to the Group Information at the Area and WSO level. Discussion was held as to who was to update the addresses, etc of Officers and Coordinators. Motion made and carried that this would be done by the Group Records Sec. Remember that all changes, registrations, DE-activations go through the SIAFG Group Records Secretary.

Delegates Report – Cathy B said she doesn't have much to report as she wants to allow plenty of time for the discussion regarding Area Inventory results and about the workshop on the Area Job Fair. There are leftover 2012 Conference Summary books for those needing one. They are also available on the WSO website. For anyone interested in having a copy of the WSO's by-laws, last amended on January 27, 2012, an electronic copy is available. The North Central Regional Delegates Meeting is the weekend of March 15-17, 2013 in Brookfield, WI [near Milwaukee]. Lyri is meeting me near Champaign and we will go on together. Meeting starts on Friday at 7pm and ends around noon on Sunday. The 2013 World Service Conference will be in Virginia Beach April 14-18. Theme is: *Our Legacies: The Spiritual Journey of Changing "Me" to "We"*. I will be flying out of Midway Airport on Saturday (4/13) and flying home after the annual open board of trustees meeting on Friday (4/19). Cathy then asked how you like the way the mailings are being sent. Group Records Secretary, Mary S, has done an awesome job of sending out minutes and other correspondence. We made this change to help streamline mailings, eliminate duplications, and to help save on postage.

District Reports

Dist 17 – Alberta as DR spoke of lack of participation at District Meetings and needed to know how to disband the district. Various suggestions were made and it was suggested to call a district meeting for vote. If no one had any interest to step up into service, then she would announce that she would no longer continue as DR and the District would need to disband.

Dist 10A – A meeting in Canton will join 10A as there are no other meetings in that district (Dist 20). It was discussed to join 10A and 10B (making it Dist. 10), but the overall feeling was that the Districts should remain separate. The topic was tabled until the next district meeting.

Dist 10B – Serenity Day was well attended. Dist has 2 new GRs, next meeting is May 2, 2013 at 5:30pm

Dist 11 – No report; however, there will be a flyer available tomorrow about an upcoming work shop.

Dist 14 – Had a very successful "Al-Anon Day" at the December 27, 2012 Alkathon in Belleville. The event fed over a 100 people and had AA and Al-Anon speakers. There is a new Alateen meeting on Monday night at 7:00pm. A committee is working on the annual Spring 2013 workshop "Spring into Action" on April 20, 2013. We are partnering with Dist 18 on an Al-Anon "FunFest" workshop to be held Sept 21, 2013 in Maryville IL. Our

district would like the World Service Conference to know they would like the \$5.00 paperback version of the book How Al-Anon Works to be available indefinitely. This will be Lyri's last report as her term is up.

Dist 17 – Now has an Alateen meeting.

Dist 18 – Public Outreach is putting books in various libraries in the district.

Dist 19 – City of Lincoln now has a meeting on Monday at 7:00pm

Coordinator Reports

Convention Liaison – No report.

Alateen – Dottie Y said, in February she traveled to visit with the Champaign Alateen group who are known now as the “Trustful Alateen” meeting and they meet at 7:00pm. They are at the point of shifting meeting nights, so check with www.siafg.org for current meeting information. There was a workshop for the Alateen Sponsors Sally S, Kim K, and Carie H sponsored. We next went to visit the Pinckneyville Alateen group, doing a seminar with leaders Fern T, Rick N and AMIAS Alberta W. The Alateen group meets on Friday at 8pm, at the Pinckneyville Hospital on 101 N Walnut St. We also visited Dist 10 A's Alateen group, “Top of the Hill”, meets at 8pm at the lower level Hilltop Club, 115 S Western Ave, Peoria; and also visited the “Courage to Be Me” (Alateen), meets at 7pm, St Matthew United Methodist Church 1200 Moreland Dr. in Belleville. I am now able to submit group record changes, new registrations, approved applications for Sponsors/AMIAS electronically or by fax, quite a time saver. I will present to the Area Assembly the updates to the Sponsor Candidate Profile form and the two pages that precede it for approval.

News O Gram – Rita C said the deadline for articles and DR reports will be May 10, 2013.

Ways & Means – Kathy H said the July Area Assembly fund raiser will be a Bake Sale. Kathy also presented proposals for the 2013 Area Fund Raiser, to be presented to the Area Assembly tomorrow. Suggestions include a key chain with LED light, in two different colors and slogan of choice as allowed by supplying company, to be sold at \$2.00 each.

Public Outreach – Cindy P said that PSA's have been sent to various TV stations. Please call the station or send a thank you note if you see the PSA. Cindy also said she was part of conference call in regards to methods which members may distribute 2013 Al-Anon Faces Alcoholism.

Literature/Forum – JoEllyn P reported that the first e-book is now available for purchase on line. You can purchase through the internet (i.e.: Amazon, etc.). Pieces of literature are also available in PDF and are downloadable free of charge from the WSO website.

Archives – Fern T said she will give her report tomorrow.

By-Laws – Cathy S – No report.

Web Master – Nicole R showed a graph of statistics and number of visits on our website. There are new footers at the bottom of each page. Nicole said she needs meeting lists from several districts in order to complete the updates. Flyers of AA events can be posted to the website, but only when there is Al-Anon participation. The time frame for keeping postings on the site by officers/coordinators will be 3 years; showing only current information with prior information in an archives tab on the page. Nicole demonstrated Talk Forums and how to use them. They are password protected.

Other Business

Lyri presented the proposed Policy Guidelines for SIAFG Area Assembly. After some discussion these will be presented to the Area Assembly for vote.

Meeting closed with the Al-Anon Declaration at 5:30pm

Respectfully submitted,

Marty H, grateful servant

MINUTES WILL NOT BE READ AT MEETING