

3/20/10 AWSC

Chair: Connie D.

APPROVED

- 1) Call To order: 11:19 AM by Connie D.
- 2) Moment of Silence and then the Serenity Prayer by all.
- 3) Traditions: read by Jane D5
- 4) Concepts: read by Walt D15
- 5) Welcome and Information items: Connie D.
 - No new DRs or visitors
 - 2 minute rule, 1 time per topic, Gina time keeper.
 - Please turn phones and pagers off or on vibrate.
- 6) Roll Call:
 - Districts present: 1, 3, 5, 6, 7, 8, 10, 14, 15, 18, 21, 22, 23, 27 & 29
 - AIS reps: Rochester and Syracuse
 - Coordinators: Alateen, Archives, Convention, Group Records, Homepage, Public Outreach, Literature, Newsletter, NYNAC
 - Officers: Delegate, Alt. Delegate, Immed. Past Delegate, Secretary, Treasurer & Chairperson.
- 7) Minutes: 9/26/09 AWSC meeting read by Ruth S. Q: Names of persons who read Traditions and concepts not on minutes on website. A: this was an error. M: accept Bob C Immed. Past Delegate. 2nr George GR passed by voice vote
- 8) Treasurer's Report: read by Louise F. Most of report appears in Hi-Lights. Since the last report in Hi-Lights. The Fall Assembly has given NYN \$3653.81, proceeds from the 2009 Fall Assembly. The reserve fund has \$5378.09; the mutual fund has \$2148.36. The tax return has been completed. Also the Financial Statement completed by accountant, copies to officers and coordinators.
 - Q: What was the original amount of mutual fund? It was originally \$2800.00
 - Q: What were total income and expenses for 2009? It appeared in Hi-Lights article.
 - Q: What is the balance in the checking account? Forgot checkbook, don't know off the top of my head. \$6270.00 on reconciliation. M: accept George GR, 2nd Elaine Delegate passed voice vote.
- 9) Delegate's Report: Elaine read, copy online.
 - Some discussion around the idea of joining with NYS for a public outreach project to be done jointly with OASIS. More information to follow with discussion at the Spring Assembly and Convention.
- 10) Coordinators Reports:
 - a) Alt. Delegate: Gina read report, copy attached.
 - Q: Many years ago the coordinator would bring subscription forms to assemblies. Can this be done again? Yes
 - b) Alateen: Shirley read report, copy attached.
 - Q: Do you bring AMIAS forms with you to meetings? Yes, I have then with me now. Note, when you have a name change need to complete new forms.
 - C: DRs, officers and coordinators need to complete AMIAS forms. If you have not done so need to start process.
 - C: We have a lot of AMIAS but not sponsors, how do we get people to transition to sponsors? Shirley has a conference call this afternoon with WSO, will bring this up.

- c) Archives: Kari read report, copy online.
Q: Do you have plans to make information digital? Am making current info digital.
C: Gina converted about 10 yrs of minutes to external hard drive. Working on more to digital.
- d) Conventions: Summer read report, copy online.
Q: What was the total number of attendants at the Fall Assembly? There were 108 registered, 66 banquets. Did not get a room count.
- e) Group Records: George read report, copy online.
Q: How many AMIAS? There are 154
Q: Could you send NYNAC coordinator info on AMIAS? Yes
Q: There are 27 groups in district. Any easy way to condense report? Can do this yourself, just copy and paste the one page needed and print.
Q: Could you make a list of groups the same as DRs? All info needs to be on GR1 Just to change a name with WSO.
- f) Homepage: Kathi read report, copy online.
- g) Public Outreach: Sherry read report, copy online. Comments on upcoming movie by Hallmark, "When Love is not Enough". Not conference approved but movie is not about Al-Anon but about Lois. WSO feels may bring more people to Al-Anon, raising awareness.
- h) Literature: Jean read report, copy online. Q: Daily readers are for personal use. How do we approach cutting down on the use of these readers in meetings? There are suggestions from WSO on the use of literature in meetings, also website material. Could also use group conscience or format meetings so literature is included.
- i) Newsletter: Nancy read report, copy online. Q: There was an ad in Hi-Lights from Syracuse AIS. To some it appeared the only place to get CAL. Didn't let people know about other LDCs in area. Connie read letter from Syracuse LDC about problems of trying to find where LDCs were in Area. Suggestion is to compile a list of all LDCs in NYN and post in Hi-Lights.
- j) NYNAC: Diane read report, copy online. C: Alateens that went to last year's NYNAC thought it was fantastic. C: WSO puts all financial information out, for NYNAC to put on website no problem also long as no names. Need to have awareness, maybe some further discussion. Q: Can I go to NYNAC? Must be either a sponsor or AMIAS to attend. Can't come just to observe.
- k) Connie commented on 2009 total income and expenses. They need to be added to the minutes so that they are part of the record
1. As of 1/1/10 balance in accounts.
Checking: \$3238.94
Reserve Fund \$5010.51
 2. 2009 Expenses.
Income \$16,183.21
Expenses \$15,343.12
- l) Spanish Contact: Cira has been in contact with Connie. Due to health issues she is no longer able to attend meetings, she can still respond to emails and phone calls. Is there

anyone who would like to stand for this position? No response. Should this be listed as an open position?

- m) Syracuse AIS: Pam A. reported 3 positions have been filed, Service Center Coordinator, Secretary and Alateen Coordinator. Working on goals for the year and updating website.
- n) Rochester AIS: George reported there are new meetings in Rochester and that their Tureen Supper is tomorrow. Flyers are on their website.
- o) Chairperson: Connie read report, copy online.

Break 1:15 – 1:30

11) Linda D8 – Joan s. was in a car accident in Florida. She is currently in a nursing home doing rehab. Linda has the address for those who wish to send a card.

12) Agenda items: There is a change, the Action Committee discussion will be held first.

- i. Action Committee Discussion. Marion W. led this discussion. It had been suggested to read the essay by Bill W. found under Concept 9 in the Service Manuel. Discussion followed about leadership and thought people had after reading the essay. Looking at others leadership, how people look at your leadership etc.
- ii. Host for 2010 NYNAC – While the host is already working on this year’s NYNAC still need approval of Assembly. The Wednesday Night Hustlers from Rochester are this year’s host. M: George GR 2nd Gina Alt. Delegate passed voice vote.
- iii. Communication – Connie has been looking at how to improve this area that we struggle with. There have been conference call with WSO and area chairs using www.instantconference.com. If have unlimited long distance can set up an account which will provide a phone number and access number so that could have up to 150 participate in up to 6 hour conference call. These could also be recorded and transferred to MP3. It has worked well with area chairs. Possibly could work in our area with action committees. There is no charge; anyone could set up an account. Connie will be experimenting with some members. A number of areas have used this successfully. She will bring more information to the Spring Assembly. Note: One quick thing, there are areas that when the Delegate gives their report nothing else is going on at their convention. All come to hear the delegate. Connie would like to look at this in the future.
- iv. Chants – Connie stated that at the Fall Assembly she had said she hoped there would be discussion about closings and chants that go on and on. When an Assembly is held we are in a leadership role, closing with just the “Al-Anon Declaration”. We don’t want to tell people how to close their meetings. Discussion was opened regarding this issue many members commented on this. This is the issue of chants, not whether a prayer is used at closing. Will this be on the agenda for the Spring Assembly? This is to get information out to the membership. Will lead to further discussion. M: Put chant information in a handout form for distribution at the Spring Assembly. George GR 2nd Jane D5 Passed voice vote with 3 abstentions
- v. Action Committees – no reports due to earlier Action committee discussion.
 - a. Membership Outreach did want some feedback about the DR luncheon. Comments, questions and concerns can be given to Summer. The Dr Luncheon will be turned over to host committees of Conventions and Assemblies. Would a Friday night or Saturday morning meeting be better than a luncheon?

- b. Public Outreach: See Pam after AWSC, needs info for Spring Assembly.
- c. Fellowship – Fact sheets for use of and encourage the use of Forum and CAL.
- vi. Ad Hoc committees
 - a) Newsletter - Nancy noted that report is online. Recommendation is to “go green” by the end of 2010. Will be put on as a motion at the next AWSC at Spring Convention and Assembly.
 - b) Policy – Committee includes Connie, Ruth, Heather, Gina, Linda, Pam, Kathy and Marion. Connie has reviewed past minutes of AWSCs and Assemblies. Noted policy changes or possible changes. Asking others on committee to review. Ruth will sort current minutes for review. Will hopefully meet before Spring. Will put forth what polices have been voted on but not placed in policies.
- vii. Other items:
 - a) At next year’s Election Assembly possibly using a resume for position up for election. Would be posted on website. Include experience in Al-Anon/Alateen, service etc. Will put out form for AWSC for the Spring. Use to encourage others to service.
 - b) Will work on LDC information for the area. Give information to Ruth so that complete list can be compiled.
 - c) Is the Ad Hoc committee for the Action Committees ongoing? Probably
 - d) NYN Alateen Guidelines and Requirements were on website at one time, no longer there. Kathi will develop a new page called “Policies” will be included there.

13) District Announcements

14) Closing:

- M: close meeting Gina Alt. Delegate
- 2nd George GR
- Passed by voice vote
- Closed 3:34 PM

Respectfully submitted Ruth S., Secretary

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As Forum Coordinator:

Each registered group with a Current Mailing Address (CMA) is continuing to get a free subscription to the Forum. Drs please check your CMA lists to determine if the Forum is actually getting to the group itself. If that is not the case, I would encourage having someone from the group contact the WSO to rectify that. The WSO has a goal for each group to have two copies going to the group. Only three states meet that.

The New York numbers are in. There has been an 11 % increase in Forum subscriptions from September to December. With the NYN area accounting for approximately 42% of the total groups in the state, a 42% increase may be a NYN area goal. There is a 15% increase in personal subscriptions in general. The WSO is very excited about that since the personal subscriptions have been in decline in recent years.

We need to keep up the good work.

Gratefully Submitted, Gina C

Alateen report.. 3/20/10...

My process is just getting ready to really get a hand on where my job is really is taking me. I'm not good at writing reports so I'm much afraid of the whole idea. I'm asking my HP to help me.

When people ask me to email the addresses of Alateen sponsors I tell them I am not comfortable to give out that information. I asked Valerie at world service and she said they do not give out that information. I am still learning all the parts of the job and believe me it is a big undertaking. I sometimes think I'm not qualified, but I am always learning and that is the best part of my job. A lot of people have put their faith in me and that my friend is a valuable source of confidence. I can do all things through my Higher Power. One of my former Alateens now in Al-Anon has helped me in making contact with the counselors in North Tonawanda High School. We have another meeting in April to meet with more of the counselors and they are very interested in learning about the Alateen Fellowship and where meetings are held so they have a resource for troubled teens. That was very uplifting and hopeful.
Love in Service, Shirley Conley. . . .AAPP. . . .Alateen Coordinator