

APPROVED

1. Call to Order: 9:20 AM
2. Moment of Silence and the Serenity Prayer by all.
3. Traditions: read by Eileen D29.
4. Concepts: read by Theresa D8.
5. Welcome and information items:
 - a) New GRs: Katie D2 Ellen D2
 Kathy D2 Harold
 Stephanie D 22 Cathy
 Deb D3 Marie
 Mary Jane D25
 Carol

New Drs: none
 - b) Cartoons on front table are to remind us to keep on task.
 - c) 2 minute rule is in effect. 1x per topic. Line up at mic. Gina is timer.
 - d) Turn off all cell phones or pagers.
 - e) No side conversations. Stay on topic and be respectful.
 - f) Kari – Archives is the only one who can take photos.
 - g) The hotel has breakfast and lunch buffets available.
 - h) Gina has Forum subscription forms. You can submit to her with payment and she will process.
 - i) There are 4 folders for the following districts who have not picked up materials in a while. They are 4, 11, 13 & 28.
6. Roll Call:

1) 10	15) 2
2) 6	17) 5
3) 4	18) 2
4)	19) 2
5) 5	20) 1
6) 4	21) 4
7) 1	22) 4
8) 3	23) 1
9)	24) 2
10) 4	25) 4
11) 1	26) 2
12) 2	27)
13)	28)
14) 3	29) 2 Total: 74
7. Delegate's Report: Elaine read, copy online. There are index cards on tables, please write your questions on these. During the lunch hour will review questions and answer in the afternoon.

11:03 break for Action Committees followed by lunch. Will resume at 1:30.

8. Call to order at 1:36.

9. Skit lead by Elaine From workshop on “Embracing the Croup Conscious”. The skit will appear on website for districts or groups to use.
10. Secretary’s Report: Minutes from 2009 Fall Assembly read by Ruth S. M to accept with corrections Jane D 5 2nd Diane C. D15 passed voice vote.
11. Treasurer’s Report: Read by Louise F. copy online. Reminder that donations should be sent to NY North, PO Box 3602, Syracuse, NY 13220. The proceeds from the 2009 Fall Assembly were \$3,653.81. You can check all figure on report posted on website. \$750 is seed money for 2011 Spring Assembly and Convention not Spanish contact.
M: accept Stephanie D22 2nd Linda D5 passed voice vote.
12. Coordinator’s Reports:
 - a) Alternate Delegate: read by Gina, copy attached.
 - b) Alateen: read by Shirley, copy attached.
Q: Where can we get table signs? From WSO
Q: These are used in Al-Anon meetings? Yes.
Q: The Alateen meetings are closed? Yes, Many Al-Anon meetings are open. We encourage Alateens to move on to Al-Anon, Alateen is Al-Anon. Meetings being closed is to protect teens.
C: The cards can be a good reminder if there is no Alateen in your district.
 - c) Archives: read by Kari, copy online.
Q: Is there redundancy on materials that are stored? On ITB hard drive, also on my hard drive, back up on a flash drive. May need a second hard drive.
C: Kari helped Diane C. to determine the original start date of her home group.
 - d) Chairperson: read by Connie, copy online.
 - e) Convention: read by Summer, copy online.
 - f) Group Records: read by George, copy online.
 - g) Homepage: read by Kathi, copy online.
 - h) Public Outreach: read by Sherry, copy online.
 - i) Literature: read by Jean, copy online.
 - j) Newsletter: read by Nancy, copy online.
C: Concerned about the use of email for communication, will exclude a large number of people.
C: A lot of people have no access to computers due to economic factors. There will be more discussion on this later.
 - k) NYNAC: read by Diane, copy online.
 - l) Syracuse AIS: Pam reported, revised website and navigation on website. There is a new phone system with mailbox. The Center is staffed daily. On weekends the officers and coordinators retrieve messages and return calls.
 - m) Rochester AIS: George reported, They are doing well. The tureen supper was well attended. They will be listing all LDCs on their website.
Q: How much did you make on tureen supper? About \$600.
 - n) Western AIS: Lynn reported, Working with Alateens. Held a workshop in January. Alateens have been attending Al-Anon meetings since then. They are working on their website. D12 will hold a One Day and Women’s weekend. Tonawanda is holding a picnic on 8/15
13. Action Committees:
 - a. Fellowship Communication: Sally reported, short term goal use of Forum. Long term goal to increase sales and use of CAL. Will email minutes to committee members and post online.
 - b. Public Outreach: Pam reported, short term goal is their present project to be presented to the assembly; they have been working on for the past year. The long range goal is to encourage all groups to participate in Public Outreach. Let people know that information

is on website. Gwen and Sherry presented project using feet. Symbol walking the path of Al-Anon. Asking each GR to come up with an outreach project that groups could do and bring it back to the 2010 Fall Assembly.

- c. Membership Outreach: Summer reported, short term goal is how to get more members to participate. To make at least one contact per week with an Al-Anon member. Long term is to contact Alateen groups to get Alateens involved at the area level. Maybe use a conference call this summer. Project we are working on, more to come.
- d. Group Records: Joanne reported, their short term goal is to get all GR and CMA information correct. Their long term goal is to improve participation; our responsibility is to teach what a healthy group is. Project is a secret.

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7) 1	22) 4	
8) 3	23) 1	
9)	24) 2	
10) 4	25) 4	
11)	26) 1	
12) 2	27)	
13)	28)	
14) 3	29) 4	Total: 78

15. Agenda Items:

- a) NYNAC: Host for 2010 Wednesday Night Hustlers. M: Helen D3 2nd Diane D15 passed voice vote.
- b) Host 2013 Spring Assembly and Convention. Districts 5 and 22. M: Gina D22 2nd Linda D5 passed voice vote.
- c) Host 2012 Fall Assembly Districts 3 and 21 M: Maureen D21 2nd Bob D7 passed voice vote
- d) Spanish Contact: Cira B. is not able to travel to meetings. She is able to answer phone calls and emails. Looking for someone to work with her. There is a new Spanish speaking group starting in Buffalo.

16. Additional Items:

- a) Discussion on use of “chants to close meetings, Connie to lead. There is a copy of WSO statement on chants on website. When we are here in a business meeting we are in a leadership position. Carry the message with the Al-Anon Declaration. Will open the floor to comments, the 2 minute rule will apply.

C: Good enough to take a group conscience. No reason for groups to feel it is wrong to close with a chant.

C: This is a group conscience issue and should be left to groups.

C: It is important to include KBDM when making group conscience. To look at all factors.

C: Need to take back to groups, to give them a voice.

C: 4th Tradition, this is an individual group decision.

C: A group conscience using KBDM.

C: A group conscience should be held here in the assembly.

C: Hearing “It works if you ...” is an affirmation. Chant is a prayer.

C: Lois said that we should close in a spiritual way. What I hear with a prayer, I don't understand how a declaration fits in.

C: I'm confused talking about groups and autonomy and then switching to here in the assembly. This is a business meeting.

C: Close with a chant, spiritual not religious.

C: A group conscience is healthy for the group.

C: Don't see it as a chant but an affirmation. This is what we do. Would like more discussion in the future.

b) Presentation/ Discussion on Electronic Newsletter. Nancy P. read report, copy online. Committee members, Kari, Gwen, Summer, Diane, George and Louise. Discussion will follow the 2 minute rule. Will discuss the pros and cons. There will be no vote today, maybe in the Fall. Using KBDM to hear all concerns. "Slow down, don't hurry, don't worry and trust the process."

C: Some organizations allow for options. The bulk might be by electronic method with maybe hard copies mailed at an extra fee.

C: I hate this electronic stuff. Back to the beginning.

C: I'm not computer literate. I am willing to an additional fee for a hard copy for myself and group.

C: I understand the all these comments. I had to make a decision to get involved. I need to get all the facts. Look at options for those people who cannot get electronic.

C: Another organization I am involved with did this a couple of years ago. It was phased in slowly, it was an opt in thing. There was no increase of cost for hard copies. Suggest not go wild with colors etc., still costly to reprint.

C: The committee was charged with seeing how best to deliver the newsletter, the least costly. This committee or another will then look to best practice.

C: Suggest very carefully take way paper, don't make the assumptions for those not electronically connected. Poll membership.

C: Group members are not interested in newsletter. Web idea is great, not wasting paper.

C: Concept 4, "Participation is the key to harmony" learned we have to help trusted servant be that trusted servant. There are millions of people who do not have access to computers. Think will this keep people out of service because they don't have access to a computer.

C: As a prior editor make sure newsletter gets to meeting whether or not there is an interest. Love getting it via email. A hard copy is important too. Think it's too soon.

C: I'm a tech geek etc. might not have gotten into service if I hadn't found past HiLights.

C: I hear this all or nothing theme. It won't happen like that. We are in the discussion phase, we are moving forward as an electronic society. Other areas have moved to electronics.

C: Pushing for a transition period. There are 221 groups that haven't paid subscription. That is part of the problem. We are spending more than we are taking in. Rochester groups would like to get electronically.

C: All for choice, can't we canvas the groups.

C: On the computer a lot, enjoy reading. We're trying to do one size fits all, need to be able to provide for all.

C: 320 groups of which 221 have not paid for subscription. We send a lot of money to reach a lot of people. We need to get out and remind groups of the need to pay for their subscription. We don't have the money to reach out to the public.

C: Are has 2 functions, 1 for members and 1 for public outreach. What area will do for groups have to realize we may have to lose some money to reach out to groups. In future will move into electronics

C: Reminded to remove last page of newsletter for anonymity. What happens when online? A: the website does not have personal information. The newsletter is proof read to remove all last names.. When emailed it does have the last page. It is being sent to a member. Also is secure when emailed.

C: I like electronic delivery but need to address those not getting it this way. Not everyone is able to.

C: I like both ways.

Connie closes discussion Thank you for staying on topic.

c) Ask It Basket: Elaine will answer questions submitted on Delegate's Report.

- 1) What are the dates the group donation sheet represents? 1/09 – 12/09 or some other dates? All of 2009, January through December.
- 2) Is there a protocol for the closing and/or opening of group meetings? Is there an option for each group? There is a closing and opening suggestion in the group handbook also in the small book, Al-Anon and Alateen Groups at Work.
- 3) Is the Conference Summary considered CAL and suitable for use at meetings? No the Conference Summary is not CAL. It is a summary of what has taken place at the conference. Can use in groups.
- 4) Is it possible for Al-Anon/Alateen to be put on Facebook for contact information and awareness? Don't believe so, will check. Concern of anonymity.
- 5) Thank you, Elaine, for all of your service. I can support everything you reported except part 2 (I think) of the Board's Strategic Plan. What were some of the points in the discussion of why Al-Anon needs to be the leader responsible for defining Family Recovery for everyone inside and outside Al-Anon. I understand why we need to define it for inside but in defining it for outside, we are violating principles of diversity, aren't we? As universal definition as possible. Will look into more.

17. Announcements and Sharings

18. Closing

- i. M: close meeting Denise D1
- ii. 2nd Connie D10
- iii. Passed voice vote
- iv. Closed 4:30 PM

Respectfully submitted Ruth S., Secretary