

NEW YORK NORTH AREA ASSEMBLY

AWSC MEETING AUGUST 18, 2012

Call to order 11:15am by Chair Pam A.

1. Moment of silence followed by Serenity Prayer
2. Traditions: Dei G. Dist. 6
3. Concepts and Warranties: John Dist. 2
4. Welcome and Information:
Please turn off or silence all cell phones and pagers.
Please adhere to the 2 min. rule when at the microphone
Please remember who is able to vote at AWSC meetings,
Officers, coordinators, district reps. AIS reps. Past NYN
Delegates and trustees who remain active at area level.
5. ROLL CALL: Districts present: 1, 2, 3, 5, 6, 7, 8, 10, 15, 17, 18, 19, 22, 24, and 29.
A.I.S. Reps: Rochester, Syracuse
Coordinators: Alateen, Conventions, Group
Records, Literature, Newsletter, NYNAC, Web.
Officers: Delegate, Alter. Delegate, Immed.
Past Delegate, Secretary, Treasurer, Chairperson
Past Delegates 2, Trustee 1.
6. Secretary's Report:
Minutes from May 18, 2012 AWSC read by Marge R.
M. to accept with corrections,
Lynda A. 2nd Linda R.
7. Treasurer Report :
Prepared reports handed out, corrections as needed.
Balance in checking, \$7,191.66.
The proposed budget for 2013, \$20,390.00. It will be updated with revisions and discussed at the
next AWSC meeting, then voted on at Assembly.
Proposed budget to be posted prior to Assembly.
Accepted: Elaine R. 2nd Diane C. passed voice vote.
8. Delegate's report:
Anne F.'s resume was accepted, now to the next part of the process.
WSO Conference summary is available, can be downloaded. International Convention will be
posted on line in September. A new piece of literature has been approved.
Ruth spoke about the difference in a "Thought" Force and "Task" Force.
She encouraged the use of our Service Manuel.
Entire report available on line.

9. Two Minute Hot topic reports :

Coordinators:

Alateen: Lynda S. announced she will not be able to attend the Fall Assembly, as she will be recovering from knee surgery.

The Area needs to consider the possibility of having an on line Alateen meeting.

Full report on line.

Immediate Past Delegate: Elaine apologized for her part in any misunderstandings at the Spring Convention.

Full report on line.

Convention: Maureen reported the committees are getting ready for the Fall Assembly.

She explained that convention deadlines are essential and must be met.

Full Report on-line.

Group Records: George reported, no formal report.

List of groups on “no Mail” status given to DRs, a presentation on how to fill out The GR 1 forms will be given later in meeting. WSO expanded data base, now can be accessed by all DRs in our area. You need to sign in and whatever you can access is predetermined by WSO based on your position in the area. DRs are the only ones who can access automatic through WSO but changes can only be made by the Group Records Coordinator.

Question. Sue Dist. 15. Can she get DR list?

Answer. Yes. Already handed out.

Question. Diane C. Is there a way for the newsletter to give out reminders to DRs about info?

Answer. It needs to be signed up to get info.

Literature: Pat asked “What’s new?” check the 2012 catalog now available.

Full Report on Line.

Newsletter: Gwenne, PLEASE send all reports by the deadline so they can be posted. Cost of mailing and printing would change if less than 200 copies are sent. Newsletters mailed now 218.

Comment: numerous newsletters mailed, but unpaid.

Comment: Forum is sent to every group even if not paid.

Comment: The length of time something is left in PDF file is up to provider.

Full Report on Line.

Question: Could we send e-mail stating Newsletter is ready?

Answer: Complicated!!!!

Full Report on Line.

NYNAC: Lynda mailed all forms for NYNAC including some to Pennsylvania! Registration deadline September 17, they have had successful fund raisers.

Full Report on Line.

Web Page: Emily reported that the committee met today before the regular AWSC meeting.
Report on line.

AIS Rochester: Carolyn reported no August meeting. The book depot committee met in July.
Report on line.

AIS Syracuse: Kathy reported on Alateen activities to raise money for scholarships to NYNAC.
Report on line.

Alternate Delegate: Diane C. reminded us that she wears two hats

Alt. delegate and Forum information. She is happy to report a new group meeting in Buffalo.
Please use your Forum in your meetings.

Chair Report: on line

Reminder from the Chair person: please encourage all members to read the Northern Highlights
DR's please remind the GR's to educate the groups about the importance of the 7th tradition and
keeping their newsletter subscriptions current.

Break taken at 1:10pm. Chair asked all to return by 1:25pm

10. Ad hoc Committee Reports:

Updating Alateen Guidelines: Lynda reported: no process available to re-certify AMIS (Al-anon
Members Involved in Alateen Service). A letter of recommendation can be used. If you no
longer want to be on this list you need to notify coordinator. Training is needed for adults
interested, but will be held in the future. Alateen members should not put postings on line,
primary info should be word of mouth.

Question. I am confused about the difference in NYN requirements and guidelines?

Answer. The first six guidelines are from the WSO. They are a must.

Question. Is not meeting a guideline different from not meeting a requirement?

Answer. We, as an Area must meet requirements or we would lose the right to sponsor Alateen
Meetings, guidelines are just that, guidelines.

Comment: It is very important to have two sponsors per meeting.

There are forms which can be downloaded from www.nynafg.com.

NYN does not do background checks, some areas do.

There were many more comments raising more questions, many suggestions in changing the
wording of the forms used.

These are all original from WSO. It was suggested that all this info be taken back to the
committee for further discussion.

Tabled for further reports.

Convention Guidelines Committee: No report. Members needed.

Presentation Committee: Connie asked for input and members.

Suggested more education needed: do we use our Service Manuals. Group Services on line, how many have actually gone through the guidelines, do we need the submission of resumes for certain positions. Do we come prepared for AWSC Meeting, Assemblies/Conventions?

Clarification of voting procedures needed. Do we go back to our groups and share about the AWSC/Assemblies.

We need to make this service “attractive” to the new comer, show them about new things, using our “tools”. We must grow from our mistakes.

Chair, Pam asked the AWSC to consider the following:

- a. Review NYN’s voting policies, process and procedures: outline the process to account for all eligible votes and determine when to use majority vote vs. plurality vote vs. 2/3, and to determine best method for NYN to utilize.

A committee was formed:

Members: Elaine R. Immed. Past Delegate, Pam A. Chairperson, and George S. Group Records Coord.

- b. Forming a finance committee to assist the treasurer with the budget, reimbursement issues, etc. and periodically review financial reports.

A committee was formed:

Anne F. Trustee, more members are needed.

- c. Consider having breakout sessions at assembly for GR’s. As an Area we need to support our links of service, enabling them to succeed in their positions and to become ready for the next link of service.
- d. Determine what needs to be raised as a motion, and if all AWSC recommendations need to become separate motions for the Assembly – when can the AWSC institute something without taking to the full Assembly for vote.
- e. Form a Task Force to develop a policy to address: “Members involved in Service Work Who Are Unable to Effectively Fulfill the Responsibility of the Position”.

NOTE: Anyone interested in being a member of a committee?

PLEASE: notify Pam A., Chairperson.

11. Discussion items

Need for a Technical Support Coordinator.

Emily K. current Web. Coordinator read the guidelines of the Web. Page Coordinator. The web site needs to be up to date. Kathy (former Web. Page coordinator) has been assisting.

Motion: Add a Technical Support Coordinator position to NYN which includes a budget item of \$450.00

Connie D. Dist.22, 2nd Bob C. Dist.

Vote: passed voice vote

Apposed, 1

Presentation: Registration/Group Records change form (GR1)

All of this important info is on the NYN web site or Member site. George, Group Records Coordinator demonstrated, how to correctly fill out form. A suggestion was made that we might do a “break out” at the assembly and use the computer.

12. Voting items at the Fall Assembly:

- a. To fill Public Outreach Coordinator position.
Guidelines on line, if interested notify Pam A.
- b. Approve Web Technical Support Position
- c. Approve 2013 budget
- d. Approve donation to WSO,
- e. Approve 2014 Fall Assembly Host
Dist. 18 has expressed interest.

13. CLEARING THE AIR DISCUSSION:

Connie D. began this discussion by reading out of our Assembly Guidelines, and reminding us of Concept 3, “The Right of Decision makes effective leadership possible.” She asked us; to delegate tasks, think before we speak, is what we are saying helpful – kind – etc. Speak words carefully showing respect for all our trusted servants.

Anne F. continued, “what Connie said and more.” We are the business of Al-anon, make amends if we make a mistake, communicate, not chastise. Correction needed? Take to the chair. The House rules always need to be followed – agree to disagree- Higher Power saying we need more work?

Lynda C. shared, “I like our Al-anon meeting to feel SAFE-need principal above personality.”

Our delegate, Ruth S., I too, did not feel safe, but a learning experience. We are going to look at how to change.

Elaine R. asked us to take the time to read pages 237 and 354, from Many Voices One Journey.

Shirley, admits, she attended, but left with a heavy heart. But Al-anon has been there for us and she will continue to serve.

Pam A. Chairperson, ended this discussion with a personal note, I felt I had done something wrong and was not helpful. Now, I need to document the rules and then process what happened. I WANT TO CONTINUE TO GROW.

Motion to close: Maureen Dist. 22 2nd Harold Dist. 25.

Vote to close. Meeting closed at 4:30pm