

## **AWSC MEETING AUGUST 17, 2013**

Call to order 11:25am by Pam A. Chairperson  
Moment of silence, followed by Serenity Prayer  
Traditions: Shirley – Dist. 22  
Concepts and Warranties: Linda – Dist. 8

### **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 Representatives,  
    AIS Representatives, Past NYN Delegates and Trustees  
    Who remain active at the area level.  
Welcome to new DR of District 25

### **Roll Call:**

Districts Present: 1, 2, 3, 5, 6, 7, 8, 15, 18, 19, 22, 24, 25,  
Coordinators: Alateen, Convention, Group Records, Web. Page,  
Literature, Newsletter, NYNAC.  
Officers: Delegate, Alt. Delegate, Immed. Past Delegate, Secretary,  
Treasurer, Chairperson, Past Delegates, 3, Trustee, 1.

### **Secretary Report:**

Minutes of last AWSC read  
Motion to accept with corrections

### **Treasurer's Report:**

**Chairperson, Pam; announced the resignation of Loretta P. Treasurer  
For personal reasons. Thank you Loretta for your service to NYN.  
We need to fill the position and will put info in the Northern Hi Lights.**  
Balance in checking, July 31, 2013, \$7892.49  
Balance in reserve, July 31, 2013, \$7738.20  
Motion to accept: Ann F. 2<sup>nd</sup> George S.

### **Delegate's Report :** Full report on line

Ruth reported that the World Service Conference Summary is available.  
Copies have been distributed to area members.  
She reported that the Thought Force on Dim & Dark Districts is working on  
Getting in touch with the districts who have not participated at the area

Level in years. They will give a full report at the Fall Assembly. The “meet & Greet” committee is gathering info on the 2 cities selected to possibly host The event (Syracuse and Buffalo). They need to know how many members In NYN will be attending. They are thinking about 100.

She attended the International Convention in July, A wonderful experience. The next International will be held in 2018 in Baltimore, Maryland!!! She Hopes to see lots of us there.

Question: Will we be responsible for the publicity for the “meet and greet” in Our Area?

Answer: We will need to publicize and gather the info, but not plan the event.

### **Officer and Coordinator Hot Topic Reports: 2 minute limit:**

#### **Alt. Delegate: Report on line**

Diane announced that all of the NYN members who attended the International Marched in the parade.

#### **Immd. Past Delegate: Report on line.**

#### ***Chairperson: Report on line:***

The Finance Committee has been working to assist and support the treasurer. Pam had a problem with the delivery of the announcement of the AWSC Please, all DR's if you did not receive the info, there is a sheet being circulated update your info.

#### **Coordinator Reports:**

#### **Alateen: Report on line**

Lynda reports that she continues to work with other experienced Al-Anon Members to update our Alateen Guidelines and requirements.

#### **Archives: Report on line.**

Report read by Pam as Kathy M. unable to attend.

Question? Are all NYN archives in Syracuse.

Answer. Not sure, but will check and report at the Assembly.

Question? Can old note books from past assemblies/convention be Stored in Syracuse?

Answer. All note pads, notes etc. relating to a District, should be kept by That district. Policies, note pads etc relating to NYN can be stored at Syracuse All concerns should be referred to archivist.

***Convention: report on line***

The Fall Assembly is fast approaching; registration forms are available on line Or in the Northern Hi Lights. District 18 is looking for assistance with the Fall 2014 Election Assembly.

**Group Records:**

George announced he is presently working on a hard copy list for all, he Needs to have correct info from all the districts.

**Literature: Report on line.**

Pat announced our new workbook, Reaching for Personal Freedom— Living the legacies (P-92) is now available and the cost is \$15. She has copies With her and they can be purchased today.

**Newsletter: Report on line:**

The payment for the hard copy of the Northern Hi Lights should go to the Treasurer, you should make sure you say you want a hard copy. There is no Charge for the e-mail copy. Gweene suggested a committee be formed to Look at the content of our area newsletter. So we can gather more info and Make a recommendation on how to keep it relevant and useful. I think this Is important because the newsletter is the largest part of our budget and Is our main vehicle for communication.

Motion: Elaine R. Immed. Past Delegate: To form a Thought Force to look at Statement of Purpose for the NYN Northern Hi Lights. 2<sup>nd</sup> Bob C. Dist 7 Passed voice vote.

**NYNAC.**

Fund raisers are very important for the Alateens. It is a way they connect with Al-anon. To date Linda has collected \$318.02.

**Website: Report on line.**

John reported meeting with Kathi D. who gave him an impressive binder with Detailed instructions for the position. He has received requests from the Website and has referred them to various sites for further info.

Note: Meeting changes need to go to George, Group Records Coordinator.

**AIS and Committee updates:**

Finance committee has been working to assist and support the treasurer.

A new treasurer is now needed.

Dim and Dark Districts: Committee working on visiting/making contact with the

Districts. A full report to be presented at the Fall Assembly.

Alateen Guidelines: A work in progress Alateen permission slips completed. They will be used by the HMB convention.

**LUNCH --- 12:55PM PLEASE RETURN PROMPTLY BY 1:20**

**ROLL CALL;**

Districts Present: 1, 2, 3, 5, 6, 7, 8, 10, 15, 18, 19, 22, 24, 25,

Officers: Delegate, Alt. Delegate, Immed. Past Delegate, Secretary, Treasurer, Chairperson, Past Delegates 3, Trustee 1.

Coordinators: Alateen, Convention, Group Records, Web. Page, Literature Newsletter, NYNAC,

**DISCUSSION ITEMS:**

Convention/assembly guidelines will be on line, at News Flash

Proposed Assembly Procedure have been revised and changed as per discussion.

Any concerns/changes, please e-mail to Elaine,

Immed. Past Delegate before the assembly. NOTE this will be a voting item.

Approve 2014 budget: this will be posted on line before the convention and will be presented at the convention. NOTE this will be a voting item.

NYNAC, a discussion on donations to NYNAC. It was decided to table and will be looked at by the finance committee.

Host for the 2015 Fall Assembly is needed. A poll of all the Districts was taken.

Results: District # 2, will think about it. Districts 7, 8, 19, and 25, maybe. Will poll at the assembly.

Presentations for the 2013 Fall Assembly: Reminded that a presentation is part of the job description of all officers and coordinators. Several will present including, Group Records, Secretary, Convention, Literature, Chairperson, Delegate.

Alateen will present a half hour workshop, highlighting job details. The

AWSC notebooks which were given to all officers and coordinators should include updated by-laws and policies which are on the NYN web site.

A discussion resulted after Susan, District 15 presented a question about an Al-Anon meeting being listed on a church annual report. Does this constitute affiliation with this church? Other groups shared similar situations. It was decided

that this listing is only stating that we hold a meeting at that facility not an affiliation.

A letter was presented by District 5, about having a separate assembly/convention for business and one just for “fun” and to socialize. Cost would be a major consideration, Stated Ann F. Several members noted that we do have presentations, workshops and skits included at our assembly. Louise stated that we all do have fun and enjoy ourselves when we allow ourselves.

A discussion on the payment and distribution of the hard copy of the Northern Hi Lights. Result: this is a work in progress and we need to continue to pay the bills until we determine what to change.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

Susan District 15 noted baskets are needed for the Fall Assembly and that volunteers also welcome!!!

Motion to close: Shirley Dist.22, 2<sup>nd</sup> Dianne Dist. 6

Passed voice vote: Meeting closed 4:30pm

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