

NEW YORK NORTH AREA FALL ASSEMBLY

September 27, 2014

Call to order: 9:25am, by Chairperson, Pam A.

Moment of silence, followed by the Serenity Prayer

Traditions: Kathy

Concepts & Warranties: Mary

Chairman, Pam: Announced:

We are all here for the same reason, the business of Al-Anon, let Higher Power take over!

Welcome and Information:

Please silence all cell phones.

Adhere to the 2min. rule at the microphone, one time per topic.

The Archives Coordinator is the only one who can take photographs.

Group Representatives (GRs), Alternates, or Designee are the only ones eligible to vote.

One vote per group, one vote per person.

Cannot be a dual member.

Only GRs are eligible to make a motion, forms available from Secretary.

All new GRs asked to stand and be welcomed by the Assembly (7 new GRs)

All new DRs asked to stand and be welcomed by the Assembly (4 new DRs)

Reminded everyone this is the election assembly.

Everyone should have their service manuals.

The assembly rules were read

Reviewed the agenda.

Chairperson called for a consensus:

Allow the use of electronic devices for note taking, must be battery powered.

General Consensus; YES

ROLL CALL: 82 Voting members present (GRs)

1)10, 2)5, 3)5, 5)3, 6)3, 8)3, 9)2, 10)5, 12)4, 14)1, 15)6, 17)6,

18)5, 19)3, 20)1, 21)1, 22)3, 23)4, 24)1, 25)8, 27)1, 29)2.

COORDINATORS: Alateen, Archives, Convention, Group Records, Literature, Newsletter, NYNAC, Public Outreach, Website, Web Tech, Presentation

OFFICERS: Delegate, Alt. Delegate, Immed. Past Delegate, Secretary, Treasurer, Chairperson
Past Delegates (2), Connie D. & Mary G.

Secretary Report: Marge R. Minutes from the 2014 Spring Assembly were read: Motion to accept with corrections and changes: Karen, Dist. 9, 2nd Harold Dist. 5 Approved: voice vote.

Treasurer Report: Linda A. Report online - Balance in accounts as of this date:

Checking \$12,218.62 Reserve: \$ 8,237.90 Mutual Funds: \$ 2,762.71

The 2015 Budget was presented with copies to the assembly. Some changes were made.

Motion: Accept the 2015 proposed budget for \$23,050.00, Harold H. Dist. 5, 2nd Mary D. Dist. 10; Approved: Voice vote. The final budget is available on-line.

Delegate Report: Ruth S. - Entire report on line.

Ruth stated that copies of the World Service Conference were on the back table for all Officers, Coordinators, A.I.S. Reps. and District Reps.

The first "Meet the Board Event" was held in St. John's, Newfoundland. By all accounts it was a great success. There will be another "Meet the Board Event" in 2015. NYN has submitted our bid to the WSO.

The Board approved the 2015 WSO Conference theme, it is "Living Our Spiritual Principles: Expanding Our Vision." It will be held in Virginia, on April 20-23, 2015

The financial and policy updates are included in the full report on line.

Ruth brought some "love" gifts from the WSO Conference to share with the Assembly. They were all sent to the Conference with love from Al-Anon members throughout the areas represented at the Conference.

"I want to thank all of you for the past three years. You cannot imagine how important this service has been to me. I have been so blessed."

Alternate Delegate: Diane C. Entire report on line.

Hats have been a part of my reports over most of the years I have been in Service. These Hats remind me that Service is Fun!

It is the 60th anniversary of the Forum. There is a display with older copies of the Forum. Please stop and take a look at them. You are also eligible to sign up for a free subscription of the Forum, winner to be announced at the afternoon session.

It is also my responsibility to welcome new groups. I contacted one new Al-Anon and one Alateen group this summer, both in District 18.

It has been a privilege to serve, and as I move on to future service, I proudly wear the Hat of a Member of New York North.

Immediate Past Delegate: Elaine R. - Entire report on line. I handed out packets of materials to all the new GRs at the meeting this morning. I am prepared to offer a suggestion for the Voting Procedure document regarding the use of electronic devices at our AWSC and Assembly meetings. My suggestion is: Cell phones are to be silenced in the meeting. Computers and other electronic devices shall be used for note taking and viewing reports and other information pertinent to the meeting: members will have personal responsibility for maintaining power. This will be done on a three year trial basis. This will allow us to continue to be open to current technology, and how we can best aid participation of all of our members.

Alateen: Lynda S. - Entire report on line. Working on the usual information updates and the new Alateen Groups. I will be attending NYNAC this year with the person elected to take over this position. ***Alateen Ad Hoc Committee Report:*** Work continues on updating the Alateen Requirements and Guidelines. We need to work things out as we go, in the spirit of the program to eventually have a document we all can live with.

Archives: Kathy M. reported that we had to vacate the “old” place. She now has 27 boxes in her garage. Not sure when we are going to be able to get into our new place. I intend to go over what I can and get rid of/sort over the next three months. It has been great being the keeper of our NYN history.

Convention: Maureen K. - Entire report on line. If you are hosting a Convention/Assembly review “How to Host a Convention/ Assembly Guidelines. Remember deadlines. The Convention Coordinator is now making reservations for the Officers and Coordinators. It’s important to get your roommate information to the Convention Coordinator in a timely manner. District 10 will be hosting the Spring Convention/Assembly at the Owego Treadway, May 29-30-31, 2015

Literature: Pat H. - Entire Report on line. The 2014 WSC gave conceptual approval for a new daily reader that will cover a wide range of topics from a variety of members throughout our fellowship. Check out the NYN website, www.nynafg.com for writing guidelines and info on how to submit sharings. The current CAL Fact Sheet is also on the NYN website. Sales of “Reaching for Personal Freedom” continue to be slow. Please consider using this piece in your meetings and workshops. Let’s see if “together we can make a difference.” Question: Is there literature available in Braille? Answer: Yes. Some, I will check at the next conference call.

Group Records: George S. – Thanked all for the privilege of serving. Several districts have e-mails that have bounced back. They need to be corrected and re-sent to WSO. 6 groups are in a NO MAIL STATUS. There are 23 Alateen Groups in active status and 297 Al-Anon Groups. 35 hard copies of the Northern Hi Lights are mailed and over 460 electronic copies sent.

Newsletter: Gwenne R. – Continues to pick a topic for the month and thanks all for their sharings. She suggested instead of a fee for the hard copy we send a donation to NYN.

Question? Can the topics from the Newsletter be used as topics for meetings?

Answer: Ruth, our Delegate stated, yes we are encouraged to use them as topics. It is not conference approved, but written by Al-Anon members.

NYNAC: Lynda C.- Entire report on line. This year's NYNAC will be held at Vanderkamp on October 10-12. The host groups are Camillus, Fulton and Liverpool. Thanks to all who sent in their registration by the cutoff date. As of now it looks like we will have funds leftover thanks to the hard work of everyone. 60 will be attending, including Alateens and adults.

Public Outreach: Sherry S. - Entire report on line. NIAAA National Institute of Alcohol & Abuse Alcoholism director was interviewed by Pamela Walters (Marketing Information Analyst for Al-Anon headquarters) Log into al-anon/alateen.org for the interview. People minimize how seriously a drinker's behavior has affected them. The new "Al-Anon Faces Alcoholism 2015" magazine offers ways to evaluate whether Al-Anon can help people cope with the drinking behavior of a relative or friend.

Website: John O. - reported he had 46 contacts from the website and he added a new meeting to the website. He is trying to maintain the events calendar. There are misgivings about putting a link to e-mail. More discussion needed.

Chairperson Report: Pam - Not a lot to report. I have had a lot of personal growth these last 3 years. Thank you for your patience. Recapped what assembly has done since 2012 - Purchased a projector to use for reports and presentations. The electronic delivery of the Northern Hi Lights realized a significant savings. Established AWSC & Assembly procedures. We have been making a big effort to reduce paper copies of reports. "Panel 52, it's been a pleasure working with a great bunch of people".

Syracuse AIS: The Syracuse AIS has moved to the new location. There are some changes that will take place as a result of a survey: 1.) There will now be 6 meetings a year. 2.) The AIS will be opened until 6:30pm one day a week. Elections will be held on October 11, 2014.

Rochester AIS: No August meeting. Planning a Tureen Supper event in the spring. Elections will take place in November 2014, with half of the officers elected every other year.

Western AIS: Kelly stated that there are about 60 groups in their area, but only 4 contribute to the AIS. She asked all to encourage your groups to donate to the AIS in your area.

Presentation Committee Coordinator: Connie D. - entire report on line. This is a new position and Connie created a notebook for the incoming coordinator. Every officer and coordinator should be passing on the notebook created by Elaine R.

The presentation was about various things to consider prior to standing for a Service Position in NYN. Copies of the Service Resume, NYN Area Assembly Expense Guidelines, NYN Service Position Descriptions and the Assembly Room request form were available on all tables.

Reviewed the Service Resume: Anyone standing will be expected to fill out the Service Resume and read it to the Assembly. If you sent one to the Area Chairperson, it will be returned to you at the time of the Election. Resumes will not be posted anywhere. This is a personal tool intended to help you decide if you are ready to step up to an Area service position. Come to the Election portion of this Assembly prepared to read your completed resume.

NYN Area Expense Guidelines: states that all NYN Officers and Coordinators will be reimbursed for lodging, transportation and meals – details are covered in the Guidelines. NYN reimbursement forms are available from the Treasurer & online and should be submitted to the treasurer with all receipts attached.

NYN Trusted Servant Room Request Form: NYN Convention Coordinator books hotel rooms for Area Officers and Coordinators. Each Officer & Coordinator is responsible to communicate lodging needs well in advance with their roommate information to the Convention Coordinator and send the roommate's portion of the cost to the Treasurer. A form was created for Area Officers and Coordinators to fill out concerning his/her rooming needs. We try to share rooms with others to keep the cost down for the Area.

NYN Service Position Descriptions - Take some time prior to the Elections this afternoon to review the requirements and responsibilities of any position you may be interested in standing for.

New WSO Literature Update: Helen H- At large member of the WSO Literature Comm. reviewed plans for a new daily reader. The WSO took the word "diverse" out of their description of new daily reader. The hope is the daily reader will be for everyone. Each of us is different but not unique. No deadline for submission.

NY State Fair Task Force: Full report online - Should NYN be an exhibitor at the 2015 New York State Fair? The application process begins in April of 2015. If NYN wants to participate a motion must be passed at this assembly. The task force presented costs including required liability insurance. The task force felt the volunteers should have their ticket provided. The State requires all booths to be manned 10am to 10pm for the full 12 days of the Fair. Estimated budget -\$4,000.00. Discussion followed. Members expressed concerns/asked questions. Consensus - NYN hasn't participation in a Public Outreach project in some time and we have the funds to participate. It was agreed to present a motion for a vote.

Break for Lunch: 12 noon till 1pm. Chairperson reminded all that elections will take place this afternoon; please return to the Assembly promptly.

Afternoon Session:

Roll Call: 83 Voting members (GR's)

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Voting Items:

1. Motion: To accept District 22, as Host for the 2016 Fall Assembly:
Karen W. Dist. 9 2nd Cindy, Dist. 22 Approved: voice vote
2. Motion: To donate \$600.00 to World Service Office:
Ellen R. Dist 25, 2nd Nancy H. Dist. 25 Vote: 82 approve 1 no Passed majority
3. Motion: To continue the Presentation Committee for a 3 year period.
Maureen K, Dist 24 2nd Harold H. Dist. 5 Approved: Voice Vote
4. Motion: Cell phones are to be silenced in the meeting; computers and other electronic devices shall be used for note taking and viewing of reports and other information pertinent to the meeting; members will have personal responsibility for maintaining adequate power. This will be done on a three year trial bases.
Cynthia C. Dist. 22 2nd Debbie D. Dist. 3 Passed: Voice Vote 82 approve 1 no vote
5. Motion: To submit application to participate in the 2015 New York State Fair as a Public Outreach opportunity. Paris H. Dist. 1 2nd Sarah R. Dist. 3 Passed : Voice Vote

ELECTION OF OFFICERS AND COORDINATORS, PANEL 55

1. 2/3 majority required

Delegate: Diane C. unanimous

Alternate Delegate: Gwenne R. unanimous

2. Plurality wins (2 candidates: simple majority)

Chairperson: Susan A.

Secretary: Pam A.

Treasurer: Linda A.

Alateen: Walt S.

Archives: Kevin M.

Convention: Nancy H.

Group Records: Lynda S.

Literature: Cindy C.

Newsletter: John O.

NYNAC: Bridget C.

Public Outreach: Pat H.

Presentation: Sarah R.

Web: Molly C.

3. Immediate Past Delegate: Ruth S. Not an elected position.

Motion: To Adjourn the 2014 Fall Assembly Richard: Dist.19 2nd Tim G. Dist. 1

Meeting closed with Al-Anon Declaration.