

NEW YORK NORTH AWSC MEETING

MARCH 29, 2015

1. Call to order by Susan A at 12:25 pm
2. Moment of silence followed by the Serenity Prayer.
3. Traditions: Sarah R – Presentation Coordinator
4. Concepts & Warranties: Walt S. - Alateen Coordinator
5. Welcome & Information:
 - Chairperson Susan A. welcomed all to Panel 55 and explained the 1st WSC was called Panel 1 and each WSC since is a new panel. This year is the 55th panel.
 - Susan went over housekeeping items and Assembly rules.
 - Reminder – Officers & Coordinators, DR's, AIS & prior NYN Delegates have a vote at AWSC.
6. Roll Call: 30 voting members - Note: some present were representing a district & Officer or Coordinator position.
 - Districts present: 1, 3, 5, 6, 8, 9, 10, 12, 14,15, 18, 19, 21 ,22, 23, 25, 27, 29
 - Coordinators: Alateen, Archives, Convention, Group Records, Literature, Newsletter, Presentation, Public Outreach and Web.
 - Officers: Delegate, Alt Delegate, Secretary, Treasurer, Chairperson
 - Past Delegates: Elaine R. & Connie D.
 - AIS Reps: Syracuse and Rochester
7. Secretary's Report: Minutes from 9/24/14 AWSC meeting read by Pam A. M: to accept as read: Cindy C. Literature, 2nd Tim G. Dist. 1. Passed: Voice Vote
8. Treasurer's Report: Read by Linda A. – report online
 - 2014 Tax return has been completed by the accountant, was signed by Officers today and ready to be mailed.
 - Reminder – include Group Number and registered Group name on all donations.
 - Account balances: Checking \$13,403.91 / Reserve \$8,822.90 / Mutual Fund \$2,736.40.
9. Delegate Report: Read by Diane C. – report online
 - Attended NERD – North East Regional Delegate meeting in Conn. in preparation for the World Service Conference.
 - There was a presentation at NERD about “The Universal Understanding of Recovery” that will be discussed at the WSC.
 - Diane receives emails almost daily to prepare for the WSC, April 21-25 in Virginia Beach, VA.
 - Q - What is NERD - A - North East Regional Delegate
 - Q - What is KBDM - A - Knowledge Based Decision Making
10. Two Minute Hot Topic Reports: Officers & Coordinators
 - Immediate Past Delegate: Ruth S. - Report online
 - ✓ Not present - Susan read Ruth's report
 - ✓ Ruth is looking forward to leading the new GR meeting at the Spring Assembly.

- Alateen Walt S.- report online
 - ✓ Established a work group of Alateen Sponsors & Alateens with a focus on growing Alateen as well as educating Sponsors, AMIAS, Alateens and the community on Alateen. The group is currently reviewing the WSO Alateen guidelines prior to updating NYN Alateen Guidelines.
 - ✓ Attended a WSO Conf. Call regarding AAPP.
 - ✓ 22 Alateen groups are listed as active in NYN - not sure how many have teens attending
 - ✓ 241 active AMIAS in NYN.
- Alternate Delegate: Gwenne R – report online
 - ✓ 4 new groups in NYN since January
 - ✓ Researching the WSO website and past Conference Summaries
- Archives: Kevin M. Report online
 - ✓ Items to add to archives should be area related & conference approved.
 - ✓ Questions about district archives – contact Kevin directly
- Convention: Nancy H. report online
 - ✓ Need a host for 2017 Spring Convention/Assembly
 - ✓ Most answers to hosting a Convention/Assembly or Assembly can be found on the area website – “How to Plan a Convention/Assembly” document
 - ✓ 2015 Spring Convention/Assembly May 29-31 Owego
 - ✓ 2015 Fall Assembly Sept 18-20 Syracuse
 - ✓ 2016 Spring Convention/ Assembly- Dist. 7& 8 venue not confirmed
- Group records: Lynda S.- report online
 - ✓ 304 active Al-Anon & 22 Active Alateen Groups in NYN – active means they are on the records with WSO & receiving mail.
 - ✓ Participated in a WSO conf. call.
 - ✓ Important to have a group contact phone number and if possible an email address. Some groups have started using a group email. Example: yourgroupname @gmail.com.
- Literature: Cindy C - report attached
 - ✓ Attended a WSO conf. call on 3/28/15 – Less than 50% of literature coordinators participated
 - ✓ CAL update -now have 2 Audio & 3 E-Books
 - ✓ ODAT was written in 1968 as a representation of the 1968 membership. WSO is looking for contributions from our current membership to make our “New Daily Reader” more inclusive of the current membership.
 - ✓ Tom C from WSO stated the most important message in Al-Anon is: “I’m not alone unless I want to be.”
- Newsletter: John O. - report online
 - ✓ Has 2 proofreaders & a helper from Dist. 2
 - ✓ Has completed 3 issues of the Northern Hi-Lights

- NYNAC: Bridget C. – report online
 - ✓ Not present- Walt S read report
 - ✓ NYNAC will not have a designated host group; all groups attending will split responsibilities. This was decided at 2014 NYNAC.
 - ✓ Has been sending out monthly communications to the Alateens regarding planning NYNAC.
 - ✓ Reached out to other Areas to let them know about NYNAC
 - ✓ Contract signed with Vanderkamp for 2015 – reserved 2 cabins with option to add or cancel up to 1 month prior to event.
- Presentation: Sarah R.- report online
 - ✓ Presentation for Spring Assembly - “What’s So Scary About Service”
 - ✓ Did a trial run at the Dist. 9 Day of Sharing.
 - ✓ Looking for volunteers to work on Presentation Committee
- Public Outreach: Pat H. - report online
 - ✓ Application for the NYS Fair to be submitted in April
 - ✓ 2016 Al-Anon Faces Alcoholism (AFA’s) order by 5pm Wed July 8,2015
 - ✓ April is Alcohol Awareness Month
 - ✓ Flyers to post in public places with local number to contact are on the NYN website – you can download these, however; it’s very important not to alter as the WSO has specific guidelines to adhere to.
- Website: Molly C. - report online
 - ✓ Training to project reports for the AWSC & Assembly meetings.
 - ✓ Created a log to track “Contact Us” inquiries.

11. AIS Reports and Committee Reports:

- AIS Western: Not represented
- Syracuse AIS: Kathi D. – report online
 - ✓ Created some goals for 2015
 - ✓ Changed meeting to bi-monthly
 - ✓ On-going discussion regarding Dual Members serving at the AIS level
- Rochester AIS: Kathy S.- report attached
 - ✓ Tureen Supper was March 22nd 85-100 people attended
 - ✓ Serenity on Saturday meeting will have an interpreter for the Deaf the 1st Sat of the month.
 - ✓ New Alateen meeting starting on Tuesdays at a youth activity center.
- NYN Committees: Susan stated she polled the committees prior to AWSC – nothing to report.

12. Host of Spring 2017 Assembly/Convention – host district needed

- No districts volunteered
- Dist. 19 will take back to the District meeting & advise at the Spring Assembly
- FYI- 2017 will be NYN’s 50th anniversary

13. Discussion Items

- Need for Liability Insurance for all NYN events
 - ✓ The venue for NYNAC is requiring liability insurance for this year's NYNAC.
 - ✓ The New York State Fair also requires liability insurance for booth renters. The Committee that gathered info for the Fair was quoted by the insurance company a price anywhere from \$.01 to \$500.00 for liability Insurance for the duration of the Fair.
 - ✓ Formed a committee to look into liability insurance for all NYN events. Members include Nancy H, Sarah R & Tim G.
 - ✓ Committee will report back at the Spring AWSC meeting
 - ✓ It was discussed this is something that the AWSC can act on without bringing to a vote at the Assembly – Insurance is something we must have as many places require proof of liability insurance prior to allowing an event to occur.
- KBDM Re: Stand Alone AWSC meeting – Led by Elaine R.
 - ✓ Discussion centered around having the AWSC meeting on a Sunday.
 - ✓ The majority of people that spoke on the subject stated they would prefer to have AWSC on Saturdays, due to church commitments, travel time to and from AWSC (some members travel great distance and are able to rest on Sunday following an AWSC meeting before going to work on Monday).
 - ✓ People also spoke about the other venues we have used in the past and the availability of those locations.
 - ✓ Chair stated she would take the discussion into consideration when calling the stand alone AWSC meetings.

14. Additional Items

- Set agenda for the Spring Assembly
- The presentation "What's So Scary About Service?" will be @ 1:00pm so it can be open to all and will be put in the program under 1 pm for both the Assembly & Convention programs.

15. District Updates & Announcements – Districts had various announcements regarding Days of Sharing, anniversary celebrations, picnics, etc. All were reminded to send information to: John O. to be put in the newsletter and Molly C. to put the information on the Web.

16. Motion to close the meeting: by Walt S. 2nd by Nancy R. Dist. 22. Closed with the AI-Anon Declaration at approx. 3:15PM.