

**NEW YORK NORTH AREA 39
Assembly Meeting
Sept. 23, 2017**

1. **Call to Order:** By Susan A. at 9:17 AM with a moment of silence followed by the Serenity Prayer.
2. **Traditions:** Helen D3 **Concepts & Warranties:** Dianne D6
3. **Welcome & Announcements:** Assembly Guidelines Power Point reviewed. Use the Ask-It-Basket for questions. They'll will be answered later in the day. Only Group Reps vote. One vote per group. Motions need to be submitted in writing, forms are available.
4. **Set Substantial Unanimity by taking a general consensus:** For matters of importance not routine matters. Motion by Tim D1 and 2nd by Jeremy D1 to set Substantial Unanimity at 2/3 of voting members that are voting on the matter. Show of hands for 2/3 = 44 and for majority = 10. Substantial Unanimity was set at 2/3 for matters of importance.
5. **Roll Call:** When District # is called all GR's from the district are asked to stand. The District Rep. will announce the number of voting GR's from their district.

65 voting GR's were present as follows:

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4	4	6	0	3	1	0	4	2	1	25
Dist .11	Dist.12	Dist. 13	Dist. 14	Dist. 15	Dist. 17	Dist.18	Dist. 19	Dist. 20	Dist. 21	
0	2	0	4	7	2	3	3	1	3	25
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6	2	0	2	1	0	0	4			15
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6. **Announcement by Chairman:** Change/Addition to the Assembly Agenda.
 - Elections will be the last voting item.
 - Add - Discussion regarding NYNAC funds - immediately following the Secretary Report.
7. **Secretary's Report:** Minutes from May 20, 2017 read by Pam A. M: to accept as presented: Harold Dist. 5, 2nd Walt Dist. 15. Passed by voice vote.
8. **Clearing of the Air/Discussion Session Regarding NYNAC Funds:**
 - At the 2017 Spring Assembly the following motion was passed: **New York North to pursue legal action in Buffalo Small Claims court to recover \$1,500.00.** Motion by Connie D and 2nd by Ruth S. Consensus to approve was a simple majority. Simple majority would be 40 in favor vs substantial unanimity requiring 52. Written ballots were counted: 40 yes and 38 no. Motion passed.
 - **Invalid vote:** After the vote at the Spring Assembly the Chair was informed that the actual votes did not correspond to the actual number of voting members.
 - **The Chairman reviewed the following:**
 - After the 2017 Spring Assembly she received a minority opinion statement regarding pursuing small claims court to recover unaccounted for NYNAC funds.
 - List of questions received from District 1 that related to motion at Spring Assembly to pursue small claims court.

- Chairman recently received communication from former NYNAC coordinator stating she is willing to make monthly payments and to send her a payment plan. Chairman created a contract in case the Assembly would like to pursue this method.

➤ **Finance committee announcement: Elaine R.** It is important to share with the assembly that between the Spring Assembly and the August AWSC meeting an anonymous donation to cover the loss of the NYNAC funds was received by the Treasurer and earmarked as such. At the August Finance Committee meeting prior to the AWSC meeting a decision was made regarding the anonymous donation to cover the loss of these funds, that this donation would be returned to the donor as this was “earmarking of funds” which is in accordance with the policy regarding funds, found on page 95 of the Service Manual. NYN Area does not currently have a policy on this matter so we follow the recommendation of our Service Manual. This was announced at the AWSC meeting. Note: (earmarking in also in the policy changes which were approved by the 2017 WSC. See page 105 of the Conference Summary.)

➤ **Floor opened for discussion** and continued until approx. 11:00 AM.

9. After the discussion a motion was made regarding next step in the unaccounted for NYNAC funds: **Motion by Tim G D1 and 2nd by Sandy A D23.** *I move that the Assembly direct the New York North Area seek other options beside a lawsuit as a means of restitution for missing funds. That the Assembly take a 1 minute moment of silence to pray for those that have injured us and pray that we may not be distracted from our primary spiritual aim by matters of money, property or prestige.*

➤ A Roll call was taken with 69 voting members - when numbers were repeated back it was reported that some GR’s were uncertain about the roll call process and what district they were representing. The voting procedures were reviewed and new roll call was taken. Resulting in the below.

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- 73 Voting GR’s = setting Substantial Unanimity at 49.
- Results of vote: Yes = 65 No= 6 Abstain = 2 Motion passed:
- Chairman to arrange for contract for repayment with former NYNAC coordinator.

10. **Minority Opinion:** Was heard on the results of the motion to seek options other than legal until lunch break at approx. noon.

11. **Treasurer’s Report: Linda A.**

- **Balances are:** Checking \$22,035.10 - Reserve \$10,375.20 - Mutual fund \$2,994.17
- **Proceeds from the Spring Assembly Convention:** \$6,284.94.
 - 10% of proceeds from the Spring Assembly/Convention = \$625.00 was moved to the Reserve account per NYN policy.
 - Typically 10% is also donated to the WSO. In recent years NYN has exceed the 10% in their WSO donation. This will be a voting item later this afternoon.

12. **Motion** brought to the Assembly by Debbie D. D3 and 2nd by Walt S. D 15. **To accept the vote to pursue action other than small claims by seeking repayment by the former NYNAC coordinator, however would like to get a notarized signature that the funds will be repaid. Contract should be signed by 3 months and to be brought to the Spring Assembly. If not signed we need to revote at Spring Assembly.**

- Discussion occurred for 10 minutes; some comments were:
 - No money out of teens pocket/ I said the Serenity Prayer when we had the moment of silence, we can't control action of person.
 - As an Assembly the decision was made.
 - Can't control, it's crazy/having something notarized doesn't mean anything.
 - Person is willing to pay/Not comfortable haven't seen what the contract would say.
 - Supports the vote/ if this is affecting the Alateens where are they today/ Finance committee will be presenting guidelines to prevent future occurrences as the assembly asked.
 - Looking into insurance/ Continue to show love and the choice is theirs to make
 - Hold them accountable and let them hit their bottom.
 - Roll call for vote was taken:

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- 75 Voting GR's = setting Substantial Unanimity at 50.
- Results of vote: Yes = 23 No= 50 Abstain = 2
- Motion did not carry.

13. **Delegate: Diane C. report on website**

- WSO has new Executive Director, Vali F. over 15 yrs. as active Al-Anon member and panel 53 delegate.
- New WSO website design - Led by Digital Strategies Team.
- New 2018 Service Manual available beginning of 2018. Will no longer be free to groups.
- WSO is at full staffing
- 2018 Int'l Convention. Baltimore, MD July 6-8 with "A Day of Connecting" on July 5th. Separate registration fee.

14. **Immediate Past Delegate & NY State Fair: Ruth report on website**

- 899 visitors at the State Fair booth.
- Needed 104 volunteers to man all shifts - 5 shifts had no one manning the booth.
- Cost up a little this year because of the added day. Ran for 13 days.
- Total spent was \$1,345.66.

15. **Two Minute Hot Topic Reports:**

- **Officers and Coordinators** – Report were given by the following: available online.
 - Alateen & AAPP – Walt & Mary Beth
 - Archives –Kevin

- Alternate Del/ Forum & Literature - Gwenne
- Convention – not present
- Group Records - Lynda S
- Newsletter - John
- NYNAC - Leslie

- Presentation –Sarah – lead the Assembly in the Service Hokey-Pokey!
- Public Outreach – Pat
- Web – Molly

➤ **AIS Reports:** - updates were given by Syracuse, Rochester and Western AIS's

16. **Ad-Hoc Committee Reports:**

➤ **Insurance:** Walt S.

- Quote of \$665 for annual premium for General Liability coverage to include 2 AWSC meetings, 2 Assembly/Conventions and the NY State Fair and terrorism coverage.
- Looking at improper sexual coverage
- Bonding not included in quote
- Q. What about individual meetings. A. Groups need their own coverage. Can't add on to policy

➤ **Web Committee:** no report

➤ **Improving AWSC:** Tim G.

- Preparing a turnover document so committee can continue at least another year to complete stated goals.

➤ **AMIAS:** Nothing to report

➤ **Newsletter Committee:**

- Newsletter originally setup to communicate service messages
- Added monthly sharing in recent years.
- Look at purpose of the newsletter and is it serving intended purpose
- More to report in the spring.

➤ **Finance Committee:** Connie

- Created NYNAC financial guidelines, they are posted on the website
- Please review and provide feedback by the 1st of the year to any member of the Finance Committee.
- Committee works via emails.
- Members of committee stood and introduced selves.

17. **Review of 2018 Budget: Presented for \$22,650.00**

➤ **Motion:** By Walt S. Dist. 15 by Patti M. Dist. 3: **To accept the 2018 budget in the amount of \$22,650.00.** Passed VV. (3 opposed)

18. **The following motions were made and passed by VV.**

- By Molly C. Dist. 12 2nd by Danae K. Dist. 7: **To make a donation of \$1,000 to the WSO.**
- By Susan J. Dist. 22 2nd by Tim G. Dist. 1: **To make the Electronic Device Usage policy permanent.**
- By Sandy A. Dist. 23 2nd by Helen H. Dist. 3: **To make the Presentation Committee a permanent position of the Assembly.**
- By Kristine Dist. 29 2nd by Pat H. Dist. 29: **To approve District 29 to host the 2019 Spring Assembly/Convention.**
- By Kevin B. Dist. 21 2nd by Kathi D. Dist. 21: **To approve District 21 to host the 2019 Fall Assembly.**

19. Elections of Panel 58 Officers and Coordinators:

Roll Call – 68 voting members as follows:

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Chairman reviewed the eligibility and procedures for election of Officers and Coordinators.

- **Election: of Delegate and Alternate Delegate**
 2/3 majority required (46 votes)
 - Delegate: Molly C. unanimous
 - Alternate Delegate: John O. unanimous
- **Election: of Chairman, Secretary & Treasurer**
 Simple majority (35 votes)
 - Area Chair: Ruth S.
 - Area Secretary - Kathleen M.
 - Area Treasurer -Pam A.
- **Election: of Coordinators**
 Plurality of votes wins (person with most votes wins)
 - Alateen: Sandy A.
 - Archives: Susan J.
 - Alateen Area Process Person: Mary Beth G.
 - Convention: Kevin M.
 - Group Records: Patti M.
 - Literature: Michael R.
 - Newsletter: Nancy O.
 - NYNAC: Leslie C.
 - Presentation: Danae K.- R.
 - Public Outreach: Connie C.
 - Website: Nancy P.
 - Immediate Past Delegate: Diane C.

20. **Adjournment:** Motion to close at approx. 5:45 PM Passed: VV.

Closing: Al-Anon Alateen Declaration – Let it begin with me. When anyone, anywhere reaches out for help, let the hand of Al-Anon and Alateen always be there and let it begin with me.