

New York North Area Assembly Panel 61
ZOOM Spring Assembly Meeting
Saturday May 15, 2020

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Call to Order at 9:05 am by Chair

Moment of Silence followed by Serenity Prayer

Traditions read by Sandi D. GR 29

Concepts and Warranties read by Maggie G. Rochester AIS

Welcome, Info Items, Zoom Protocol

- Mike R. - E-Host, Vote Tabulator
- Ellen V. - Co-Host Zoom Questions
- Mary S. - Co-Host Attendance
- Kathi D. - Time Keeper

Please keep the screen on and mute audio.

Raise Hand to speak

Voting by "hand raising feature" Green check mark = Yes, Red X = No, Abstain = No Mark

Only Group Representatives can vote. Dual Members are not eligible to vote.

We will have an "Ask it Basket" for Delegate Emily.

Roll Call

- 30 voting Members
- Attendance taken of Officers and Coordinators

Secretary's Report from Fall Assembly September 26,2020 read.

- Motion to approve Secretary's Report made by Anne F. District 12, Seconded by Pat H. District 14.
- All in Favor 30 Yes. Motion Passed.

Treasurer's Report. Total balance of all accounts \$38,977.07.

- The Treasurer asks that all donations should be sent to:
 - NYN Area Assembly, PO Box 64176, Rochester, NY 14624-6576
- Please see Treasurer's Report on-line for Financial details.
- Motion to accept Treasurer's Report made by Betty G. District 23, Seconded by Ellen V. District 19.
- All in Favor 30 Yes - 1 Abstaining. Motion Passed.

Point of Order being made - A new Roll Call should have been taken.

10:23 am Break for 5 minutes

Call to Order 10:30 am

Delegate's Report

- Emily shared her report through a PowerPoint Presentation. You can find her full report on-line on the NYN website.
- After her report the full Assembly used a new feature and separated into four Break Out rooms. Each group was tasked with a different question and the session lasted 15 minutes. Each group then shared their suggestions to the entire meeting.

Forum drawing for Group Subscription will be held by Kathi D. and results will be shared by Co-Host.

Lunch Break 12-1pm

Call to Order 1:02pm

Two Minute Hot Topics - All Reports On-line unless otherwise noted.

- Alternate Delegate - Kathi D.
- Alateen Coordinator - Mary S.
- Al-Anon Alateen Process Person (AAPP) - Mary D.
- Archives - Maria S. No Report
- Chair - Carol C. - John O. would like to hand-off printing of Highlights Newsletter.
- E-Meeting Host - Mike R.
- Immediate Past Delegate - Molly C.
- Literature Coordinator - Cathleen B.
- Newsletter Coordinator - Position is vacant but temporarily published by Pat H.
- Presentation Coordinator - Patti M.
- Group Records Coordinator - Joan L.
- New York North Alateen Conference Coordinator (NYNAC) - Leslie C. No report on-line. Planning for in-person event with a minimum of 25 people at a cost of \$157.13 each. Total conference cost \$3928.25 which includes a \$100.00 deposit. If groups wish to help fund individual Alateens, donations can be sent to the "There's Always Tomorrow Alateen" group. A question was asked about Covid. Susan F. District 1 stated that we have a "hold harmless" statement for Alateen.
- Public Outreach Coordinator - Lynn S. New Posters are available to download through the WSO Public Outreach.
- Web Coordinator - Ellen V.
- AIS Rochester - Maggie G.
- AIS Syracuse - Patti M. standing in for Chair
- AIS Western NY - Alex M.

Presentation

- Patti M. presented a quiz on the history of Al-Anon using Lois Remembers and Many Voices, One Journey. We used the on-line poll feature.

2:08 pm break for 5 minutes.

Call to Order 2:13 pm

Roll Call - 31 voting members ($\frac{2}{3}$ = 21 votes)

Discussion and Voting Items

- Election of Newsletter Editor Coordinator and Conventions Coordinator. Pat H. has stepped in to temporarily fill the position. Chair is calling for both positions to be filled.
- Jim M. District Rep 18 would like to stand for Conventions Coordinator. He has been in Service Positions for almost 30 years. He is DR for District 18, worked with Alateens, since 1996 he has worked on planning and organizing Fall Assemblies, also he is active with Syracuse AIS. Jim shared he enjoys working and meeting other Al-Anoners. He will work for the best pricing possible as he has done in the past.
- Jim is nominated by pole vote for Convention Coordinator. All in favor 30 yes, 1 abstaining. Motion passed.
- Question raised about Dual Members. Chair read Tradition 5 and Tradition 6.
- Betty G. would like to speak with John O. about newsletter printing and mailing. She will contact him directly.
- Need hosts for 2022 Spring and Fall Assemblies.

Web Committee - Ellen V. will reach out for volunteers.

Finance Committee - Meets four (4) times a year. The sitting members are Pam A., Carol C., John O., Ruth S., Emily K., Betty G., and Lynn S.

Thought Force for Assembly Format - Lynn S., Pam A., Pat H., Ruth S., Molly C.

Road Trip Hosting - Hosting entails our area (NYN) to provide in 2022 the WSO Board with a place to meet (Syracuse) and places to stay (2 or 3 Hotels with contact information). WSO would then take care of their needs from the information provided. NYN would fill out an application to host the Board. The WSO Board would pick from all the applications sent in.

- A motion was made by Pam A. District 15 for NYN to submit a bid to host the 2022 "Meet the Board" event. Seconded by Anne F. District 12. All in favor 29, 2 abstaining. Motion passed.
- Emily K. will follow through with the application.

District Updates - District 10 picnic. See NYN website for details.

Announcement - None

Electronic Meetings - Discussion with Delegate Emily K. as presented in her Panel 61 report.

- How to bring Electronic Meetings into AI-Anon Family Groups and the WSC structure.
 - This pertains to newly established Electronic Meetings, not established meetings going to temporary electronic meetings.
- All questions can be found on Delegate's Report.
- Question One - What are the potential benefits of welcoming non-geographically based groups.....?
 - Broadening local views
 - Create a Virtual District that is non-geographic, that has full benefits of belonging to that local Area. How to organize?
 - More members virtually - not enough to go back to regular meeting. Possibly stay virtual?
 - How does virtual participation in face to face Assembly/Convention work if virtual is non-geographic?
 - Shift in base people that started virtual meeting.
 - Register with WSO - specific to AI-Anon Family Groups
 - Access to Resources.
- Question Two - Groups which meet electronically often attract members who do not reside with geographic boundaries of the Areas.Impacts?
 - Some comments from Question 1 pertain
 - Forced to have Hybrid events?
 - Somethings might be bigger than we can handle
 - Meeting at the same time but separately ; ie. face to face and virtually (not hybrid)
 - Even more challenging to find members for Service work
- Question Three - Groups which meet on electronic platforms and seek to participate in the local structure may have trusted servants who reside in different locations. How would the Area determine in which District(s) these groups participate?
 - Strictly electronic virtual meeting - has a group conscience been taken?
 - We want diversity, budget for virtual with physical location for Assembly/Convention?
 - Where do virtual meetings establish themselves - base from which to start
 - Use Steps, Tradition, and Concepts. Keep it Simple.
- Time constraints prevented the discussion of the last two questions.
- Should a Thought Force be established?
- Motion made by Ellen V. District 19 to create a Thought Force to discuss Electronic Meetings becoming a part of our NYN Service Area. Seconded by Betty G., District 23.
- All in favor 24 yes and 7 abstaining. Motion passed.

- Thought Force Members - Kathi D. District 21, Molly C., District 12, Cindy R., District 14, Betty G., District 23, Cheryl R., District 14, Mary S., District 12, Emily K., Delegate, Danette District 19, Ellen V., District 19, and Carol C., District 14
- Members please email your contact information to Chairpersonafg.com .
- Ask It Basket for Emily
- The winner of a Forum subscription goes to Ogdensburg AFG.
- Motion to adjourn made by Pat H., District 14. Seconded by Mary D., District 10.
 - All in favor 21 yes. Motion passed.
- Closed with Al-Anon Declaration
- Adjourned at 4:14 pm

Respectfully submitted,
Carla K.
NYN Secretary