

UNAPPROVED

1. Call to Order: 11:15 PM by Pam A.
2. Moment of silence followed by the Serenity Prayer
3. Traditions: Linda D5
4. Concepts & Warranties: Michael D17
5. Welcome and Information;
 - Please turn off or silence all phones and pagers
 - New Officers and Co-coordinators introduced selves
6. Roll Call:
 - 1) Districts present: 1, 3, 5, 6, 7, 8, 10, 15, 17, 18, 19, 22, 24, 25, 29,
 - 2) AIS Representatives: Western, Rochester
 - 3) Coordinators: Alateen, Conventions, Group Records, Public Out Reach, Literature, Newsletter, NYNAC, Web
 - 4) Officers: Delegate, Alt. Delegate, Immed. Past Delegate, Secretary, Treasurer, Chairperson.
7. Secretary's Report: minutes from the 9/24/11 AWSC meeting read by Marge R. M: to accept as read George S. 2nd Lynda S.
8. Treasurer's Report: read by Loretta P.: Reported Balances: Checking Account, Feb. 29, 2012 = \$9097.08, Reserve Fund Feb. 29, 2012 = \$6686.26, Mutual Fund Balance (est.) Feb. 29, 2012 = \$2418.73. Loretta noted to be sure to send funds to correct address posted on web page. Loretta asked if there is an expense incurred by the treasurer how should it be handled. It should be taken up by the finance committee. M: to accept report Sally S. 2nd George S
9. Delegate's Report: Ruth S. World Service Conference Date April 15 – 19th. Since beginning of the year 2 new Al-anon meetings have opened in NYN and 1 Alateen meeting. Entire report on Web.
10. Items to be placed on the Agenda for the Spring Convention:
 - Motion to Approve appointment of Coordinators: by Lynda S. (Dist. 22), second by Linda A. (dist. 5) Gwenne R. Newsletter
Pat H. Literature,
Summer D. Public Outreach
 - Motion to Approve submission of Anne F.'s name and resume as North East Regional Trustee: by Connie D. second by Summer D.(Public Outreach Coordinator)
 - Motion to Approve the updating of the expense guidelines to include the payment of expenses of the incoming NYNAC and Alateen coordinators to attend NYNAC in an election year by Summer D. (Public Outreach Coordinator), second Mary (dist. 10).

- Motion for district to Host the Fall 2013 Assembly, by Gwenne R., (dist. 22, Newsletter Coordinator), second, Harold H. (dist. 5) All districts polled. District 15 considering hosting, but could not commit at this time. Loretta commented that the Comfort Inn on Buckley Rd. in Liverpool has hosted us for the last 4 years and are very cooperative. There is a notebook available to help planning. All others said no.
- Motion for district to Host Spring 2014 Convention by Gwenne R. (dist. 22, Newsletter Coordinator), second by Harold. Dist. 5. Buffalo, dist1, was willing to take it back to their groups for discussion/commitment. Need to ask again at the AWSC in the spring.
- Motion to the recommendation to go to electronic delivery of the newsletter (Northern Highlights) with an “opt” in for hard copies. If you “opt in” you would pay the actual cost to print and mail. (to be determined) Start date, October 1st 2012, by Summer D. (public Outreach Coordinator, dist.22), second Shirley T. (dist. 22)

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Snack Break – 1:00 – 1:20

11. Two minute hot topic reports: Officers and Coordinators:

- Dianne C. Alt. Delegate / Forum Coordinator: Report available on Web.
- Lynda S. Co Report available on Web.
- Elaine Immed. Past Delegate: Concerns expressed about improper use of Al-anon Logo. It was noted that two different groups having Days of Sharing altered the Al-Anon Logo on their flyer by adding wording around the logo. Be sure to always refer to Service Manual (page 104) Report available on Web.
- Maureen K. Convention Plans for the Spring Convention in progress. She discussed the need to revise the Assembly/Convention Guidelines. A committee was formed, if you would like to participate, please notify Maureen. Report available on Web.
- George S. Group Records: WSO print out sent to all DRs. Presented info on Newsletter. The Newsletter is being delivered electronically too many of our GRs. Anyone who does not have a computer should consider getting an E-buddy. Report on Web.
- Pat H. Literature: Be sure to check catalog about pamphlet, “Lois’ Story” Report available on Web.
- Gwenne R. Newsletter: Report available on Web.
- Lynda C. NYNAC: New venue for next NYNAC. All info in report available on Web.
- Summer D. Public Out Reach: Sharing sheets for professionals available on WSO website. Report available on Web.
- Pam A. Chairperson: Report available on Web.
- Nancy O. AIS Rochester, Report available on Web.

12. Discussion: Chairperson noted we no longer have action committees, need suggestions/ideas to be used at the Spring Convention. We need members to be involved! A committee was formed for this purpose.
13. Discussion: George S. Groups Records Coordinator stated that the topic of electronic delivery of the Newsletter has been brought up for discussion in recent years as a possibility. Information was gathered on the cost of the newsletter versus receipts from subscriptions, the number of paid subscriptions, the number of groups with e-mail contact info, and the number of groups receiving only the electronic version of the newsletter. Financial info for 2003 thru 2011 is: Receipts from Subscriptions = \$10,184.00 versus the cost to publish and mail = \$34,058.70. NOTE a difference of \$23,874.70. Subscription stats are: 186 e-mail subscriptions at present, 3 complete districts using E-mail delivery. Group Records has 297 total e-mail addresses – 240 are groups. There are 32 Groups without e-mail. For the April newsletter – 250 hardcopies were sent out – of those - Groups Records has e-mail addresses for 145. 173 subscriptions are not current – 68 have paid – 14 individual subscriptions are paid. The AWSC recommends Electronic delivery of the newsletter (Northern Highlights) with an “opt” in for hard copy. If you “opt “in you would pay for the actual cost to print and mail. (to be determined) October 1st. 2012. The plan would be to publish the “opt” in method in 3 consecutive newsletters.
14. District Announcements and sharing: George S. noted that WSO is using electronic delivery of the newsletter. We need to recognize how the money being spent for the present mailing of the newsletter could be used in other areas. Also if we drop below a certain number of mailings we lose the third class mailing status. CMA (contact mailing address) m the most important address for WSO to have.
Anne F. noted how getting an e-buddy could be done in your groups if you do not have a computer.
Question was asked, can we participate at the New York State Fair. Answer AA does participate and we can provide literature to them at no extra cost to us.
15. Closing: M. close meeting, George S. Group Records, 2nd Gary Dist. 29. Passed voice vote. Closed 3:45pm
16. Host for the spring