

AWSC MEETING APRIL 5, 2014

Call to order 11:20am by Pam A. Chairperson

Moment of silence, followed by Serenity Prayer

Traditions: Gwenne R. Newsletter coordinator

Concepts and Warranties: Tim, Dist. 1

Welcome and Information

Please turn off or silence all cell phones

Only the Archives Coordinator can take photos

Please adhere to the 2min. rule when at the microphone, 1 time per topic

Please remember who is eligible to vote at AWSC meetings,

Officers, Coordinators, DRs, AIS Reps, Past Delegates and Trustees

Roll Call:

Districts Present: 1, 5, 6, 8, 10, 12, 17, 18, 19, 21, 22, 24, 29.

Coordinators: Alateen, Archives, Convention, Group Records, Literature, Newsletter, NYNAC,

Officers: Delegate, Alt. Delegate, Immed. Past Delegate, Secretary, Treasurer

Chairperson, past Delegates, 2, Trustee/Past trustee

A.I.S. Representatives: Western, Rochester, Syracuse

Secretary Report:

Minutes of last AWSC read.

Motion to accept with corrections: Harold, District 5, 2nd Maureen, District 24.

Treasurer's Report

Amount in checking account: \$10,968, Spring Convention, \$2300

Amount in Reserve Fund: \$8203.85

Amount in Mutual Funds: \$2882.

Motion to accept: Diane C. Alt. Delegate, 2nd Harold, District 5. ,

Delegate's Report: on line

Ruth shared she had attended NERD on March 7, 8, and 9 in Fort Washington, Pa

There were 45 current and past delegates in attendance. The World Service

Conference will be held in April. A full report will be presented at the Spring Convention.

Officer and Coordinator Hot Topic Reports: all reports are available on line

Alateen: Lynda S. read report as presented on line. No questions of the report.

Lynda will present the changes to the Alateen Guidelines later in the meeting.

Archives: on line

Kathy M. reported that the archives are now located in their new home, but

It is undecided as to whether they will stay there permanently. She asks anyone

donating to the Archives please contact her first. Jim informed us that the 50th anniversary of the split of NYS and NYN will be coming in 2017.

Chairman: on line

Pam shared she has been working with the finance committee on the transition

Of the new treasurer, and directly worked with Linda our new treasurer during

the transition, also with the NYNAC coordinator to ensure a successful 2013 NYNAC. Pam has been working on updating the Service Position Descriptions She made all the arrangements for today's AWSC meeting.

Convention: on line

Maureen announced that the room reservations for the Spring Convention have been made for all officers and coordinators. Total cost of the rooms is \$112.82. per night, as there is a 3.5 % room destination marketing fee that everyone must pay (it is not tax exempt) $\$109 + 3.5\% = \112.82 .

District 10 will be hosting the Spring Assembly at the Owego Treadway, May 15, 16, 17, 2015.

Group Records:

George announced there are 303 active Al-anon groups and 21 Alateen groups

Literature: on line

The current Service manual is available. Pat brought several to the meeting and can be purchased today.

Newsletter: on line

Gwenne shared that there has been a significant savings in the delivery of the Hard copy of the Newsletter. There are over 400 email subscriptions and 30 Hardcopies. She has suggested a few changes to the Mission Statement and subscriptions information for Northern Hi Lights. The following is the suggestion of how the Mission Statement and Subscription information should read, Northern Hi Lights is the publication of the New York North AFG Assembly Area.

It is intended both as a member outreach tool and to keep the Area informed of all service related projects and activities at the District, Area Information Services (AISs), and Area levels in between Assemblies. Content of each issue Will include service reports from the Delegate, Officers, and Coordinators of the Area and pertinent service topics from the World Service Office. Reports from Districts and AISs will be included as space allows. A topic of the month may be Chosen by the editor for as a focus for reports . Northern Hi Lights is not copyrighted. It is not Conference approved literature

Suggested changes to back page: There is no specified charge for NHL subscription However, in keeping with the Seventh Tradition of being fully self-supporting, a Donation of \$10 per year is suggested when possible, to help pay for production Costs. Make checks payable to NYN Area Assembly, PO Box 398, Morrisonville, NY 12962. Mail address changes and updates to Group Records.

A motion was made that the rewording of the Northern Hi Lights front page Mission statement and changes to back page be accepted as read by Gwenne, Northern Hi Lights coordinator.

Motion made by Anne F. Trustee, 2nd by George S. group records coordinator.

Passed: voice vote

NYNAC on line

Lynda announced the 2014 Alateen Conference will be hosted by Camillus, Liverpool and Fulton. The current funds on hand \$175.79. Money will be saved At the next NYNAC in several ways, a projected funds sheet is attached to the

On line report. Questions were asked about donating to NYNAC. Alateen donation
Go to Alateen then on to NYNAC. Lynda is hoping that attendance will go up
Next year. There were questions about funds. The finance committee is working
On solutions to these problems.

Public Outreach:

Sherry S. from District 6, has volunteered to fill this position till the next election.

Presentation Comm. on line

Connie D. past Delegate is the chair of the Presentation Committee. A resume
Form has been created for members wishing to stand for Area positions. A
Presentation will be made at the Spring Convention, with a workshop to
Follow.

Alternate Delegate & Forum Coordinator: on line

Diane announced she welcomed 5 new Al-anon meetings this past year.
The Forum is available electronically through Nook.com.

Immed. Past Delegate on line

Elaine has been assisting the finance committee in completing the
Transition of funds. She attended the NERD meeting with our delegate
Ruth.

AIS Syracuse:

Kathi D. stated that many of the service positions for AIS remain unfilled.
Some people are currently holding two positions to ensure critical tasks

And services are fulfilled. Additionally they must find a new office location. They have undertaken an online member survey seeking feedback from All area Al-anon members. We want to know if the things we are doing are of Value to the local community. We are asking for input on how to make AIS Better and hope to learn why few members participate in service. The results Of this survey will help shape our future and aid us with the task of finding a New location.

DISCUSSION Items:

1. Host for the 2016 Spring/Convention is needed

District 8 is considering with possible help from District 7.

Members were asked to consider hosting Fall Assembly 2016.

2. A discussion on the use of personal electronic devices at AWSC

And Assembly meetings. Should the use of tablets, texting, lap tops be allowed At these meetings. It was noted that only photographs can be taken by the Archives Coordinator. Our Delegate, Ruth, stated that no cell phones, lap tops Or tablets can be used at the World Service Conference. No decision could be made at this time. This will be put on the agenda for discussion at the Spring Convention

3. Lynda S Alateen coordinator, presented the revised Alateen Requirements & Guidelines. There was much discussion by members present including Alateen. It was decided to take the suggestions back to committee for further revisions And put this item on the agenda for the Spring Convention.

4. Maureen, Convention Coordinator, announced the new convention Guidelines are available on line under, Newsflash. She suggested the members Check it out and remember these are to help host committees with the Details of planning a convention/assembly.

5. Ruth, our Delegate, announced that NYN had been contacted about Participating at the New York State Fair. There would be much planning Involved and it is actually to late for us to participate at the fair this year. Ruth suggested a committee be formed to study if we can participate. Several members wanted to be a part of this committee. Members were asked to take this idea back to their districts and then it will be placed on the agenda of the Spring Convention for discussion.

Announcements

Molly, District 12 displayed a piece of art designed by an Al-anon member. It will be raffled off at the Spring Convention for \$5.00 per ticket.

Announcements of coming events were made by several members.

Motion to close meeting: Harold, Dist. 5, 2nd George, Group Records

Passed, voice vote.

