

NEW YORK NORTH SPRING CONVENTION/ASSEMBLY

MAY 17, 1014

Call to order: 9:20am, by Chairperson, Pam A.

Moment of silence, followed by the Serenity Prayer

Traditions: Noah

Concepts and Warranties: Kevin

WELCOME AND INFORMATION

Please: silence all cell phones, Consensus, just for today, was electronic devices can be used to

Type notes only, must be battery powered

Adhere to the 2 minute rule at the microphone, one time per topic

The Archives Coordinator is the only one who can take photographs

Group representatives (GRs) their alternate or designee are the only ones eligible to vote

One vote per group, one vote per person

Cannot be a dual member

Only GRs are eligible to make a motion, forms available from Secretary

Members reminded a 2/3 majority needed for any motion to pass.

All new GRs asked to stand and be welcomed by the Assembly. (25 new GRs))

All new DRs asked to stand and be welcomed by the assembly. (2 new DRs)

ROLL CALL: GR's present 96

1)16, 2)7, 3)8, 5)2, 6)2, 7)1, 8)3, 9)2, 10)4, 12)3, 13)2, 14)1, 15)8, 17)8

18)1, 19)5, 20)1, 21)3, 22) 4, 23)3, 24)1, 25)5, 27)1, 29)5.

COORDINATORS: Alateen, Archives, Convention, Group Records, Literature, Newsletter,

NYNAC, Public Outreach, Website, Presentation.

OFFICERS: Delegate, Alt. Delegate, Immed. Past Delegate, Secretary, Treasurer, Chairperson,

Past Delegates 2.

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

Secretary report: Read. Motion to accept with corrections and changes.

Cindy, District 22, 2nd Harold, District 5

Approved. Voice vote.

TREASURER REPORT: Linda announced that contributions continue to come in. Please note the new Address, posted in the Northern Hi Lights. She continues to list all donations Expenses and the current balances in the Northern Hi Lights.

2014 figures to date 4/30/14: checking,	\$ 6,498.22
reserve fund,	8,220.86
mutual fund,	2,700.20

Motion to accept: Harold, Dist. 5, 2nd Louise, Dist. 18.

Approved. Voice vote.

DELEGATE REPORT: Entire report on line. Ruth attended the WSO Assembly held in Virginia Beach, Va.

On April 24, to 29th. She thanked NYN members for the beautiful arrangement of Yellow roses sent to her room. She has a breakdown of contributions made to WSO In 2013, it is available on line.

This year she served as a mentor for the Delegate from Nevada.

The auditor's report was presented. Group contributions from NYN showed in 2012 57.9% Of groups were contributing. The average contribution of all groups was \$112.78. Groups Need to increase their donations to WSO by \$8.00. This would help with rising costs And the decrease in the sales of literature. It is suggested we look at the entire report Print sections we wish to share with our group and take them to our meetings. Good Leadership is essential to the fellowship of Al-Anon.

Ruth noted the use of electronic devices at the conference was limited to computers, And only to take notes, no internet.

Resumes are available for the Northeast Regional Trustee, it is not too early to be Considering it.

At this time memorial contributions are only accepted from Al-Anon members.

The question of dual members holding office is under discussion and is being revised. We Still need to refer to our Service Manuals, pages 82 & 83.

A new daily reader is being developed, this process takes about 3 to 5 years.

NYN was not chosen for the Meet and Greet Event.

There is a new tool for Alateen on members web site.

Ruth thanked all for the opportunity to serve as Delegate, it has been a very rewarding Experience. The entire report is available on line.

TWO MINUTE HOT TOPIC REPORTS: OFFICERS & COORDINATORS & AIS

IMMED. PAST DELEGATE: Entire report on line. Elaine continues to write

Articles for the Northern Hi Lights. She has assisted with the transition of materials to The new treasurer. She attended the annual NERD meeting on March 7-9 in Fort Washington, Pa.

She conducted the meeting for new GRs and 25 new GRs in attendance.

ALTERNATE DELEGATE & Forum COORDINATER: Entire Report on line: Diane announced that there were

No new groups this year.

The Forum will be 60 years old this year. GRs should be ambassadors and bring the Forum To their meetings. The Forum is now available electronically.

CHAIRPERSON: Entire report on line: Pam continues to work with the finance committee to help with the

Transition of our new treasurer. She has been working on feed back for the revisions to the Alateen Guidelines, and continues to write articles for the Northern Hi Lights. She continues To serve on committees as she is needed. Pam shared that the Service Resume are complete And available on the web.

The Area inventory has been completed and will be reviewed in the Fall.

It is available on the Web.

PUBLIC OUTREACH: Sherry S. has been appointed to serve as coordinator for the rest of the term.

LUNCH 12NOON TO 1:20PM

ROLL CALL: 93 GRs present: 1.17), 2)7, 3)8, 5)2, 6)2, 7)1, 8)3, 9)2, 10) 4, 12)2, 13)3, 14)1, 15)7, 17)8,
18)1, 19)5, 20)1, 21)3, 22)4, 25)5, 27)1, 29)5.

ALATEEN: Entire report on line. Lynda announced that the recertification of all AMIS needs to be completed By June. There is a new Alateen Group in District 10. A reminder that all teens are welcome at Al-anon meetings.

ARCHIVES: Entire report on line. Kathy M. announced that the Archives must be moved. What kind of things Do we need to keep – what is appropriate to keep! She has been reading up on this from the WSO And finds that different levels save different things. She is working on a form for the Archivist.

CONVENTION: entire report on line: Maureen announced that the finishing touches will be done on the Guidelines for planning a convention/assembly. They will be put on the NYN web site. Fall 2014 Assembly is the Election Assembly. Confirmation for rooms has been e-mailed to Officers and coordinators.

District 10 will be hosting the Spring 2015 Assembly/Convention at the Owego Treadway

GROUP RECORDS: Entire report on line. George reported there are 21 active Alateen groups in our Area, And 298 active Al-Anon groups. 443 Northern Hi Lights are sent by E-mail and 32 hard Copies are mailed. A reminder: GR 1 forms must be filled out to make changes.

LITERATURE: Entire report on line. Pat just received a page called CAL Electronic Fact Sheet. It is a list Where members can find electronic literature. It is available on our NYN website. Pat Received a communication from Tom Coffey, Associate Director of Communication--- Literature. The new daily reader that is being developed would be about diversity. That is the writings for this book need to reveal members differences as well as what we have In common. For more details check the 2014 World Conference Summary, pages 23-25. They are also asking for sharing's from parents and grandparents of young problem drinkers. There has been a significant drop in the sales of Reaching for Personal *Freedom*. WSO has Asked all literature coordinators to bring attention to this workbook. If you have any Comments or suggestions, please email me.

NORTHERN HI LIGHTS: Entire report on line: There has been a significant savings for the printing and mailing of the last three issues of the NHL. WE are down to about \$1.00 a copy thanks to the help of John O. I have a request into our Technology Coordinator to see if the NHL can be out sent From newsletter@nynafg.com. I am asking for all District Representatives to send me their Updated e-mail address also Alateen groups. This will help me alert them of the NHL deadline In hopes that they will share some of their District and Alateen doings.

WEB PAGE: Entire report on line. John reported that he answered 144 NYN e-mails.

NYNAC: Entire report on line. Lynda reported that the Alateen groups from Camillus and Fulton will host Theme being, Acceptance Is The Answer. The registration packets will be sent in July, cut off for date For registration is September 15. We have signed the contract for 3 cabins, this can be changed, but Not after September 15. It is very important that you register on time, in past years we have fewer In attendance.

WESTERN AIS: Kelly shared that she is new to AIS. They are working to make sure the Alateen meetings All have the required Sponsors, and they are trying to better organize the literature distribution . She asks all groups to continue to support the AIS.

ROCHESTER AIS: Kathy S. announced they meet the first Sunday of the month, a number of vacant positions Have been filled. She hopes to attend all the meetings in the Rochester Area. They are Planning a tureen super as a fund raiser. They invite Districts to attend the AIS meeting.

SYRACUSE AIS: Entire report on line. Kathi D. reports that there are several vacant positions, additionally, The building they presently occupy is up for sale and they must vacate by August 1, 2014 They conducted a member survey. The overwhelming felt that the AIS provides a beneficial Our immediate concern is finding a new location. This is a challenge. Once we have relocated we will begin to look at other changes needed.

AD HOC COMMITTEE REPORTS:

PRESENTATION: Entire report on line. Connie continues to work on various committees. Job descriptions

For all Officers and Coordinators is complete and on line. She continues to write articles for NHL
And continues to be a proof reader for the web copy.

Alateen Requirements and Guidelines brought great discussion to the April AWSC meeting. This
Continues to be a work in progress that needs awareness and involvement from both Alateen and
Al-Anon members.

The resume form has been completed and is available on the web for members wishing to serve
As officers and coordinators. Can be sent to Chairperson by e-mail or snail mail. Presentation
notebook is available and can be used by any member.

WEB : The committee reported that they are working on putting a monthly calendar of events
On the web, also looking into the need for written permission from WSO before using a quote.

ALATEEN: Lynda S. Alateen Coordinator announced that they needed and Alateen member on the committee.

Noah, volunteered!!!! She shared a list of bullet items brought up at the last meeting, reminding
All members that this continues to be a work in progress.

- Further consolidations to make document flow smoother
- Background checks
- Overnight events, if there are male teens that want to attend and not enough male AMIS, then what?
- Minimum age to attend
- Time attending Alateen before being permitted to attend NYNAC
- Smoking issue
- Self-supporting ---- NYN provides seed money

DISCUSSION ITEMS: ALATEEN GUIDELINES: Many members shared including members of Alateen.

It was noted that this document is not yet ready for a vote. It was decided to

Return it to committee. It will be on the agenda for the next AWSC meeting.

USE OF ELECTRONICS AT MEETINGS: The committee suggested we continue with the

Silencing of cell phones at meetings, can check a text, if needs to be addressed, leave
And take care of problem. We need to be able to focus what is happening in the meeting.
Recommends we **only** use electronic devices for taking notes. They must be battery
Operated. Consensus agreed, but only for next meeting. Then would be placed on the
Fall agenda.

VOTING ITEMS: Need for Host for 2016 Spring Convention.

Districts 7 & 8 have volunteered.

Motion: Accepting Districts 7 & 8 to Host Spring 2016 Convention/Assembly

Noah, District 15, 2nd Karen, District 9

Approved: voice vote.

Motion: To place Alateen meetings on the Website.

Lynda S., Alateen Coordinator, 2nd Connie D., Presentation Coordinator

Approved: voice vote

NOTE: All ask it baskets questions will be answered in the next issue of the Northern Hi Lights.

Motion: To close meeting, 5pm.

Harold, District 5, 2nd George, District 19

Approved: voice vote

