

NEW YORK NORTH AREA 39
AWSC MEETING
August 20, 2016 Noon

1. **Call to Order:** By Susan A. at 12:00 PM with a moment of silence followed by the Serenity Prayer.
2. **Traditions:** Lynda S. – Group Records **Concepts:** Mike D26 & **Warranties:** Susan A. Chair.
3. **Welcome & Information:**
 - There is no microphone so please speak loud enough for all to hear and stand when speaking.
 - Susan will act as time keeper in Gwenne's absence.
 - Susan asked for and received a consensus on: when reading the minutes today from the last AWSC meeting and there's a reference to, Defer to Assembly, that we can skip reading that.
 - Susan appointed 2 new coordinators, Leslie C. - NYNAC and Nancy R. Literature.
4. **Roll Call:** Note: Some people were representing more than 1 position.
5. **Districts present:** 1, 2, 3, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 12, 15, 22, 23, 26 and 29.
 - **Coordinators:** Alateen, Archives, Convention, Group Records, Newsletter, NYNAC, Presentation, Public Outreach and Web.
 - **Officers:** Delegate, Immediate Past Delegate, Secretary, Treasurer, Chairperson.
 - **Past Delegates:** 2 = Elaine R & Bob C.
 - **Trustee/Past Trustee:** none
 - **AIS Reps:** Western
6. **Secretary's Report:** Minutes from May 13, 2016 read by Pam A. M: to accept as corrected: Walt S. Alateen, 2nd Mike D26. Passed by voice vote.
7. **Treasurer's Report: Linda A.**
 - Account balances: Checking \$11,112.25 - Reserve \$9,215.40 - Mutual Funds \$2,822.49
 - Working with new NYNAC Coordinator to setup a new NYNAC account
 - Will be giving Service Position presentation at the Fall Assembly.
 - Proceeds from 2016 Spring Assembly/Convention approximately \$5300 plus original seed money of \$1000 will be turned over to NYN soon.
 - Motion to accept the Treasurer's report – Elaine R. 2nd Pam A. Passed, Voice Vote.
8. **Delegate Report: Diane C.**
 - Asked Dianne R and Marge R from D6 to lead the Dim and Dark Task force. - Encourage members to visit groups in district 4, 11, 13 & 28 and invite them to the Assembly.
 - Needs assistance gathering information on a few hotels in the Syracuse, Buffalo or Albany area for possibility of the Oct 2017 Meet the Board Event. Only need the hotel name, location and contact info. No bids, pricing or contracts needed. WSO takes care of that when the Area is chosen. See Diane if willing to assist.
 - New title for Meet the Board is: **Road Trip! You and Your Board Connect**
 - Gave updates from the July 2016 Chairperson of the Board of Trustee letter.
 - The 6th International Al-Anon Convention will be July 6-8, 2018 in Baltimore, MD. The theme is: #ODAT2018, with the intent of building anticipation by trending on social media. The web page with info is: <http://al-anoninternationalconvention.org/>

9. **Two Minute Hot Topic Reports: Officers & Coordinators:**

- **Alternate Delegate/ Forum: Gwenne R.** not present
- **Immediate Past Delegate: Ruth S.** – Provided NY State Fair Committee update.
- **Chairperson: Susan A.**
 - ✓ Will be out of state the weekend of the Fall Assembly.
 - ✓ Gwenne (Alternate Delegate) will chair the AWSC meeting. Ruth (IPD) will chair the Assembly.
- **Past Delegates:** Nothing to report.
- **Alateen: Walt S.** Deferred until assembly.
- **Archives: Kevin M.** Deferred until assembly.
- **Convention: Nancy H.**
 - ✓ District 12 – Host for 2017 Spring Assembly/Convention wants to invite Alateens from other Areas to attend.
 - ✓ Making sure AMIIAS from the other areas meet or exceed NYN Alateen Guidelines.
 - ✓ Walt, Alateen Coordinator read from the Service Manual pg. 90, 2nd paragraph from the bottom. It is a WSO requirement.
- **Group Records: Lynda S.** Hot Topic from the WSO
 - ✓ New status added to WSO database - “Reported Not Meeting”
 - ✓ Due to newcomers and members reporting they went to a meeting and no one was there the WSO will flag the meeting & temporarily remove from toll-free meeting information line and the Public Outreach Web-site until status of the meeting can be verified.
 - ✓ Raised many questions -Lynda to research and advise at the Fall Assembly
- **Literature: Nancy R.** Not present had prior commitment. Report on-line.
- **Newsletter: John O.** Reported on the last few editions of the Newsletter.
- **NYNAC: Leslie C.** – Verbal report –see attached. There were many questions about NYNAC
 - ✓ Q. Why location was moved from Watson Homestead – A. Health reasons, due to mold and Watson stated they had another group that wanted to use the entire facility the date NYNAC was always planned for.
 - ✓ Is the T-Shirt fundraiser to reduced registration fee? A. Yes
 - ✓ C: Is it ok to sends funds directly to NYNAC? Always told to help within your district or help a group directly. Can we have clarification on fundraising?
 - ✓ Jim Dist. 18 worked on a committee in 1994 to raise funds to help the kids go to NYNAC. The aim was to get the kids to NYNAC. Never had a problem in the past with how it was done.
 - ✓ Response - All current fundraising \$ is going directly in the NYNAC account.
 - ✓ Walt is looking into Alverna Heights for next year. Will need to arrange for groceries and cooking.
 - ✓ Keep it simple this year - groups and districts can send funds to NYNAC account this year due to the current circumstances. Going forward we need to look into how funds are given.
 - ✓ Suggestion- form a committee with Alateen input to look at the future of NYNAC in NYN.
 - ✓ Q. How much money short for the bill? A. Unknown at this time
 - ✓ Q. How many people have committed to attending? A. 23 at this time.
 - ✓ Fundraising request has gone out electronically to Alateen groups, putting together a request to send to Al-Anon groups.

- ✓ Solicit for members to let Susan know if they want to be on a committee to look at NYNAC.
 - **Presentation: Sarah R.** - Actors and actresses needed for Fall Assembly presentation- you will get to wear a costume.
 - ✓ **Public Outreach: Pat H.**
 - ✓ Dear Abby column on August 23, 216 will discuss Al-Anon. Sept is National Recovery Month.
 - ✓ New York Recovery Conference & Celebration taking place in Troy, NY Aug 31 & Sept 1. Bob C. DR -District 7 and Past Delegate secured a table at the event for \$25 versus \$600.
 - **Website: Molly C.** - 47 Contact Us Message since the beginning of year.
10. **AIS Reports and Ad-Hoc Committee Reports:**
- **AIS** - no reports
 - **State Fair: Ruth S.**
 - ✓ Booth setup will be day before fair. 85% of slots filled.
 - ✓ Poster will have "QR" that can be scanned with smart phone, will take user to the WSO Home Page.
 - **Insurance: Walt S.** – no report
 - **Finance: Elaine R.** – Susan announced NYNAC funds were misappropriated. Unable to discuss further as investigation is ongoing.
 - **Web: Kathi D.** – not present
 - **AWSC Restructure: Tim G.** – asked if the committee could meet @ 4:30.
 - **Dim & Dark: Dianne R.**- Contacted 18 groups in Dist. 4,11,13 & 28. None have DR. –report attached.
11. **Voting Items:** New Roll Call: Districts Present: 1, 2, 3, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 12, 15, 18, 22, 23, 26, 29. All others remain the same
- **2017 Budget:**
 - ✓ Presented at \$21,350.00. \$100 increase from 2016 budget. The \$100.00 increase was for Del. Eq. Expense. Prior NYN decision was to increase the amount of this line item by \$100.00 yearly to eventually contribute the full amount for a Delegate to attend the WSC.
 - ✓ Elaine R. (past Delegate) suggested raising the Del. Equalized an additional \$100 to bring the line item for 2017 to \$2,150.00 to compensate for a recent year when the amount sent to WSO did reflect the \$100 increase.
 - ✓ Diane C. (Delegate) read the letter from the WSO regarding the cost to send Delegates to the 2017 WSC. Equalized Expense \$1,260 (U.S.). Full Amount \$1,909 (U.S.).
 - ✓ Ruth S. (IPD) referred to the Service Manual pg. 145-146 to explain the Equalized Expense and the Full amount.
 - ✓ Discussion occurred on the Del Equalized amount: Some felt the goal of increasing by \$100 each year to reach the full amount to send delegates was reached. Other's felt NYN can afford to send more than the actual cost to send a Delegate to the WSC to help compensate for areas that struggle to send the equalized amount.
 - ✓ Motion by Pam A and 2nd by Sarah R.: That the AWSC discuss the Delegate Equalized line item amount each year at budget time. Voice Vote = 20 yes, 2 opposed. Motion passed.
 - ✓ Discussed line item of \$200.00 for Directory Publishing. Directory publishing via hard copy has not occurred in recent years due to availability of electronic records. Hard copy is obsolete due to constant change in group and meeting information. Districts and groups can request an

electronic directory at any time by contacting the NYN Group Records Coordinator. Consensus was to eliminate the directory publishing line item.

- ✓ Raised Del Eq. to \$2,150.00 and decreased directory publishing to zero.
- ✓ Motion: By Tim G. D1 and 2nd by Walt S. Alateen: That the 2017 budget in the amount of \$21,250 be recommended to the Fall Assembly. Passed by Voice Vote.
- **Host of 2018 Fall Assembly:** District 15 with possible help from Dist 29. Dist. 29 will discuss with the groups at the next District 29 meeting. Place on the Fall Agenda.
- **Ask It Basket**
 - ✓ Q. Does NYN have a procedure for destroying old records, specifically old AMIIAS records?
 - ✓ A. Don't know. This is something will need to be looked into. Suggestion put record retention/destruction on the agenda for discussion at a future AWSC meeting.
 - ✓ Q. What is the process to bring up an item for vote at the assembly? A. Bring it up at the AWSC meeting or contact Susan via email.
 - ✓ Q. Would like to have a discussion regarding the item that Nancy H, put out there about proceeds from Assembly/Conventions related to finances and fundraising.
 - ✓ Discussion followed:
 - C: Majority of incoming funds to NYN occurs from the proceeds of the Assembly & Assembly/Convention not from group contributions.
 - C: District 8 (co-host of spring 2016) expressed feeling like a sales person taking fundraising items to every meeting they attended.
 - C: Most committees don't actively solicit in their groups and district. They fundraise at the Assembly level as a whole as proceeds benefit NYN as a whole.
 - C: Some districts get creative with fundraising efforts. Groups and individuals are not pressured to fundraise.
 - C: Keep it simple. Do what you feel is right.
 - C: Show your gratitude by being spiritually responsible. To keep it you have to give it away.
 - C: Some committees feel stressed to meet expenses like cost of travel and other expenses for the speaker they chose.
 - C: Should NYN raise the seed money for the Spring Assembly/Convention?
 - C: Take look at Convention/Assembly guidelines to possibly define better.
 - C: Feel there might be a disconnect with the goal of the proceeds.

12. **Announcements:**

- ✓ Districts announced Public Outreach activities and Day of Sharing dates.
- ✓ Alateen Outreach meeting – Sept 10th. Noon - 3 pm in Camillus. Contact Walt S.
- ✓ District 18 would like to talk with District 12 regarding plans for NYN's 50th anniversary, so they don't duplicate efforts.

13. **Adjournment:** Motion to close by Linda A., Treasurer, 2nd by Walt, Alateen Coordinator. Passed by Voice Vote.

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.

Dim and Dark Committee Report 08/20/2016

4 Districts are considered Dim & Dark. They have no DR and none of the groups in any of these districts attend the assembly.

District # 4: All of Jefferson and Lewis Counties; Herkimer County north of route 28.

- 6 groups
- 1 Group Rep is interested in standing for the DR position
- Left message for 2 groups to return call- no response
- 1 group has been looking for a GR for many years and meetings are better attended in summer months.
- There are many double winners in the district who are frustrated over the fact they cannot stand for GR. Discussed other positions they can stand for. There is a huge Military population who move around. Work schedules hinder attendance. There are several who are shy and timid. A GR gave up taking the key. The group records are not correct in one group. I will review them with the Area Group Records coordinator. Another GR will not be available and has offered to get someone to attend the Fall Assembly.

District # 11: 3 groups located in Steuben, Chemung, Schuyler and Yates Counties below the Town Of Penn Yan.

- Left message for 2 groups to return call - no response
- 3rd group has no GR. The CMA cannot attend due to personal messages. The group will order the Northern Hi-Lights. They already get the FORUM .

District #13: 5 groups located in Niagara Co. West of RT 425 with the exception of the City of North Tonawanda.

- 2 GR's did not return the calls and 2 Groups have no GR.
- Placed a call to 2 CMA's but did not get a response
- 1 Group has a new GR who will try to come to the Fall Assembly.

District # 28 - 4 groups located in Seneca & Cayuga Counties not including Geneva.

- One GR has been holding the position for 8 years. Discussed Letting Go and Letting God.
- There are many seniors coming to the meetings who have many years of experience doing service.
- One GR was recently placed in a nursing home.
- They feel the younger members should step up-to-the-plate.
- One GR with many years will go back to his group and to get some interested in volunteering.
- There are almost six people attending with several personal problems.

NYNAC COORDINATOR REPORT 08/20/2016

This year's NYNAC theme is **COURAGE**. The theme for Saturday night is Masquerade Ball.

Contributions are beginning to come in. Funds have come in from individuals, groups, bookmark sales, bottle returns and previous fundraising. Samples of the bookmarks are here.

The artwork for the tee shirts is at the printer's. We are also taking orders for the NYNAC tee shirts. (This is a fundraiser.) Any pre-orders have to be paid at the time of the order, and are \$10.00 for S, M, L and XL and \$12 for XXL.

A contract for Vanderkamp has been negotiated for 30 attendees (adults and children). This was the smallest number we could negotiate and keep it affordable. We can add more if we need to. (I hope we need to.) The cost this year is \$125.00. This did not include the cost of the nurse or the office and art supplies needed to have this event. Fundraising done to date has covered the cost of the nurse. I am confident the donations from our members and groups will take care of the rest. Based on what has already come in, I am pretty sure this goal will be met.

There was a significant increase in price due to a new "linen policy" at Vanderkamp. They now supply all the linens, towels and washcloths, pillows and blankets. There was no movement on the part of Vanderkamp to charge us per set. They charge by the cottage, and it is non-negotiable, weather we use them or not. The total price for this year is \$3540.00

We have to send a \$700.00 deposit as soon as our checks get here. The rest of the money must be paid by September 25th, which is why the deadline for paid registrations is September 20th.

We are investigating other venues for next year.

Yours in service,
Leslie C.