

AWSC ACTION COMMITTEE REPORT – March 28, 2009 – Group Services

Cliff P. – Chair-----Joanne M. – Recorder

Cliff opened the meeting with the Serenity Prayer

The following were present: Cliff P.—District 15 , Joanne M.—Dist. 6 , Claudia —Dist. 17, Michael—Dist. 17, Glenda—Dist. 23, Sandy—Dist. 23, Diane C.—Dist. George S-- Dist.

The following agenda items were discussed:

1. Diane C. covered some of the issues included in her full NYNAC report. She reminded everyone that all sponsors for alateen groups, officers and coordinators need to be certified as an AMIAS in order to attend the Conference at Northwoods.
2. Claudia and Diane raised the question of accepting a group or groups outside of New York North. They would like a clear resolution to the question. It would be understood that qualifications both for leaders and teens attending would be as stringent as those requirements of New York North. An example of such a group would be one that is close to Claudia's group on the NY/PA border. The committee agrees that this question should be submitted and a decision made to cover any groups in the future.
3. Northwoods (site of the NYNAC meeting this year has 124 teens and sponsors registered. Any adults attending, if not sponsors, need to be AMIAS certified. The North Wing is for teens and sponsors. There may be some bunk beds, and some private baths. Diane will contact the host group to be sure that they understand the AMIAS certification requirement.
4. Michael inquired about the availability of updated information regarding start-up Alateen meetings. Cliff suggested that he check the Members' Website for this.
5. There was a question about an AA member sponsoring an Alateen meeting. The answer is yes—if the AA member also attends an Al-anon meeting regularly. Also, AA business must not be discussed in alateen meetings. www.al-anon.alateen.org. members can be referred to for further details.
6. George expressed a concern regarding alateen sponsorship qualification from different areas. Claudia reiterated that, of course, the requirements for both sponsors and the teens—paperwork, permission slips, medical information would have to meet NYN standards.
7. Michael suggested that we should check with WSO regarding sponsorship qualifications—background checks, etc.
8. George made a motion that we check to see if any alateen group with certification through the WSO can attend any of our NYN functions. Sandy seconded it. The motion was passed.
9. George brought up the question of how long he should keep the paperwork for group records. He has everything entered in the data base and would like to keep the paperwork for a period of one year, plus the working year and then dispose of outdated materials. The group agreed.
10. George reminded D.R.'s to bring to the G.R.'s attention that subscriptions for the newsletter need to be kept up to date. We are continuing subscriptions for groups even if not current.

However, George feels that individual subscriptions should be cancelled if not paid. The group agreed. Multi-mailings of newsletters should be eliminated-especially now that the paper is available on-line.

The meeting ended when all were called back to the conference room where all recorders would be asked to give a two-minute summary of each committee report.

Respectfully submitted

Joanne M. ,Recorder