

MINUTES OF AREA 17 ASSEMBLY 3/4/2023
Hybrid meeting, please mute yourself when you log in.

OPENING: Brenda K (8), Chair, opened the assembly at 10:15am Hybrid meeting with a moment of silence followed by the Serenity Prayer. Asked those in attendance via Zoom to rename themselves and their position. First-time attendees were welcomed.

Concepts of Service and the Warranties were read by Maureen H (D1). _____ won the drawing for 1 year of the Forum. There were 18 GRs in attendance in person and 16 GRs in attendance via Zoom.

SECRETARY REPORT: Suzette R. (4). Several changes were made to the November minutes. Motion to accept minutes as changed Linda S (8). Seconded by Christine W (12). Motion approved.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Denise S (1). Motion to accept treasurers report as presented. Darlene (1) first, Marilee (8) seconded. Motion approved.

January – December 2022	January 1, 2023– March 4, 2023
Income: \$19517.63	Income: \$ 2394.04
Expenses: \$21406.40	Expenses: \$ 2498.25
Net Income: -\$ 1888.77	Net Income: - \$ 104.21
Balance Sheet: \$46280.74	Balance Sheet: \$ 46,176.53

Denise sent a copy of the group contributions to the GR's so they can see what groups contributions. Thanked everyone for writing the group number on check and providing email address and be sure to send area contributions to Denise at Denise's address. Denise told us that it costs \$128.95 per group to cover our Area budgeted expenses for 1 year.

ALTERNATE DELEGATE/CHAIR REPORT: Konie H (5). 2023 Meetings: AWSC at Carvel Club: June 3 (in person); and September 23 (via zoom). Area Assembly at Crowne Plaza: July 15, and November 11. Audit for 2022 has been done. Audit for 2024 has not been done yet. Exchange of checkbook will be done soon. We discussed lunches at assembly and costs. Pre-orders need to be at least 25; at this time we are nowhere near that. We do not make money on the lunches.

DELEGATE REPORT – Maureen H (17) Panel 61, reported that Lois W. would have been 132 today. The theme of 2023 is Love, Laugh, and Grow Together. It was suggested that we could leave a piece of literature in different areas in memory of Lois. There will be a new book coming out at our International Convention in Albuquerque. It will be named "A Little Time For Myself".

OLD BUSINESS

2023 AFG Convention: Lori E (7) reported that there are 114 registrations. We need 200 registrations to pay for the facility. The main room is large in capacity, so there should be no issues.

2024 AFG Convention: Lynda F. (4) reported that we are going to be at Farmstead Inn at Shipshewana on May 17th through May 19th of 2024. The fees will also be available for a day or two before the convention as well as after the convention.

NEW BUSINESS

The Area 23 AA Station Convention needs an AI-Anon liaison. Ideally you would live in southern Indiana for this position.

Teresa (8) made a motion that \$2000 be placed back in the budget for NCRDM. Doreen (1) seconded. The vote passed. There were 34 voting GRs.

Peggy (Literature) stated that there will be a 4th Step Inventory Book available at the convention.

COORDINATOR REPORTS

Alateen: Candi B. had some Voices and water bottles from KOMIAC for sale. They spoke about outreach and they noted meetings closing during COVID.

Forum: Patti Mc reported that on February 28, 2023 Forty-five Area Forum Coordinators met on Webinar for a meeting hosted by WSO Carol. Attendees were from the US: Delaware, Florida, Georgia, Maine, New York, Oklahoma, Prince Edward's Island, San Francisco, South Carolina, and Texas and Canada: Saskatchewan, Ontario North, Newfoundland, and the Czech Republic were present. One 90 year-old Al-Anon has been active in Al-Anon for over 60 years and lives abroad now and continues her service to AFG. Many ideas were shared: To boost subscriptions to The Forum, sponsors give subscriptions as anniversary gifts to a sponsee. Collect past issues of The Forum from your District meetings and give them out for free at Conventions. Talk up Writing Workshops...there are handy formats online, see indiana-al-anon.org. Additional Documents & Resources: Forum Writing Workshop (PDF) Other ideas: Bring index cards to Assemblies and pass out. Ask attendees to write one sentence for a quote for The Forum, Christine O from Atlanta did this and got 50 cards back and sent them to The Forum. Look for a bound book called Forum Favorites....it a series and includes four bound volumes of Forum magazines dating back to the 1950s and one attendee found one in a thrift shop for a dollar. Look at the sales report regarding Forum subscriptions in your Area. Create a goal number of yearly subscriptions wanted and publish that in your Assembly minutes so members have a goal too. When you hear a strong speaker or story, encourage that Al-Anon member to send their story to The Forum. You can submit your story online, just look for The Forum online submissions. One last thing that came up: The term *Qualifier* is not Al-Anon language....I didn't know that. If used in a Forum submission, it will be changed yet you won't be corrected. I like knowing that bit of important info so I can stop using the word in meetings.

Public Outreach: Linda S: Banner is available for use for anyone who wishes to borrow it.

Archives: Cathy R. was not present. She will bring archives to the convention and a workshop in May.

Group Records: Beth B. reported there are 170 active groups, 11 in a "no mail" status (need a CMA), and 2 in a "not meeting" status.

Literature: Peggy D. reported having new service manuals.

Orientation: Janice G. reported there were no new GRs for orientation.

Website: Kimberly H: Updates need to be sent to Kim prior to March 24, 2023.

DR REPORTS

D1: Darlene reported on a new Spanish-Speaking meeting. Alateen is doing well. Valpo meeting has lots of new men in attendance. On July 9, 2023, there will be a picnic. They will be providing baskets for the convention and helping in the hospitality room.

D4: Lynda F. reported that she is the new DR from District 4. She reported on working on the 2024 convention. We will be in Shipshewana in May. District 4 has hybrid meetings and we want to go around to see how our D4 meetings are doing.

D7: Lori E. reported that meetings are still struggling and still doing hybrid, but want to get away from that.

D8: Barb reported about the WCIMC conference at Hendricks County Fairgrounds on April 1, 2023, with AA, Al-Anon, and Alateen. Baskets are needed for the silent auction. Baskets are also needed for raffle at the Al-Anon State convention on April 28 to 30, 2023. On March 18, 2023, there will be a book fair from 10 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

D10: Karen R. reported that the Franklin meeting is doing better. There are a lot of groups that are rebounding with newer members. Some of these are hybrid and are working. D10 is donating a basket for the upcoming state convention, as well as donating money to the hospitality room. D10 is alive and well.

D12: Christine reported that D1 is doing well and are excited about the upcoming state convention in Bloomington. There is only 1 zoom meeting, others are hybrid and face-to-face. Alateen is having growing pains.

D14: Pat – There are 2 zoom meetings; the rest are in person. There are several new GRs. There is a Spring getaway from March 31 to April 2, 2023. D14 is working on the welcome committee for this year. There will be a gratitude dinner with 2 speakers on May 13, 2023. There is a Spring getaway from March 31st to April 2, 2023.

CLOSING: The meeting was closed with the Al-Anon Declaration, and Brenda thanked everybody for attending.

Respectfully submitted by,
Suzette R. (4) Area Secretary

AWSC Meeting Dates: 6/3/2023, 9/23/2023
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