

Iowa AWCS Meeting
Marshalltown, IA
August 13, 2017

The meeting opened the meeting at 9:05 am. There were 19 in attendance, 18 were voting members.

All reports were previously emailed to all AWSC members and not read during the meeting, but were entered into record. Here are some of the highlights from the reports.

Secretary Report: A consensus vote was taken and approved for the March AWSC minutes.

Treasurer Report: The financial statement was submitted by the Treasurer from May 28, 2017 – August 1, 2017. Balance brought forward was \$24,430.19. Total receipts year to date were \$33,432.75. Total disbursements year to date were \$33,569.27. Balance brought forward was \$23,615.08. A consensus vote was taken and approved the Treasurer Report. The report will be filed.

Delegate's Report: Beth K.

The Executive Director position has been filled at The World Service Office (WSO). Vali F, Arizona, served as a Panel 53 Delegate. The transition will occur at the October Board meeting.

New website – this is a result of the \$2 million contributions from members made in 2016. It now combines the Public Outreach and the Member's websites into a single source for all information from the WSO. The website has a Newcomer's tab which includes a Teen Corner for Alateen.

“Could we be the ones to beat 1961?” Literature sales are a little over budget but contributions have fallen. In 1961 a group donation of \$26.82 had the same buying power today of \$217.29. The challenge – Could the Iowa Area at least match what the groups in Iowa gave in 1961, an average of \$217.29 per group? Let’s get the word out.

Area Serenity Weekend will be held September 22-24. 2017 at Twin Lakes Camp in Manson, Iowa. Registration is due 8/31.

2018 International Convention in Baltimore – July 6 – 8, 2018. July 5th will be a “Day of Connecting”. A bus may be available from Minnesota North and possibly Iowa members could ride along. Bring this up at your meetings asking for interest in attending and let Beth K. know. Registration information will be on the website and will also be sent to groups.

Please contact Beth if Districts would like her to visit to provide a workshop, give her Delegate's Report or attend your District meeting.

Alternate Delegate's Report: Katy P.

The 2017 Fall Assembly will be held in Sioux City on October 13-15, 2017 at the Convention Center. The theme will be “Progress, not Perfection”. Flyers are available on the website. The Luncheon Speaker is Dort M, from

Weeping Water, NE. Barb G from District 1 will be the Spiritual Speaker on Sunday morning. The Alateen speaker will be Patrick S.

The 2018 Spring Assembly will be held at the Best Western in Clear Lake, IA on June 8-10th, 2018. The luncheon speaker will be Mary H., Panel 55 MN South from Winnebago, MN. Gary B., from Indianola, IA will be the Sunday morning spiritual speaker. The theme will be “United We Recover”.

The 2018 Fall Assembly will be held in Davenport, IA. More details will be forthcoming.

The Forum: There is a new staff member, Mark S., who is the WSO Magazine Coordinator and the liaison for the Forum. Check out the new contemporary look in the August subscription.

The Forum needs sharings, especially writing on Steps Five through Twelve, Traditions and Concepts of Service.

WSO requests that we continue to “like” and “share” articles from The Forum on Facebook.

The revised Writing Guideline (F-1) is available on the Members website.

Please continue to encourage members and groups to purchase The Forum.

Coordinator Reports:

Since reports were emailed, they were not read, but were entered into record.

Alateen: Katy P – The AMIAS recertification deadline was reached. Currently there are 48 AMIAS’s, which is down from 60. A list has been sent to DR’s and Alateen Coordinators.

Communication has been sent regarding required AMIAS behavioral requirement training and is scheduled for October 13-15, 2017 at the Fall Assembly. This training is held at the first Fall Assembly of the each term.

The AWSC accepted Katy P’s resignation as the temporary Alateen Coordinator. She will continue to serve until after the Fall Assembly. If anyone is interested, please contact Katy P. or Beth K.

Archives: Lori R. - Still looking through the files to see what does not need to be in Archives. Attached a letter to her report of a letter to Lois regarding Alateen. WSO sent this letter out to Archive Coordinators for Alateen’s 60th birthday.

Group Records: Becky V. - Check your District group records to ensure they are correct. Ask yourself – can a newcomer find the meeting? Is there signage to direct newcomers to the meeting? Is child care available? These things can be listed about your group on the website.

Literature: Missy Y – What is happening with CAL in your District? Don’t forget about the literature contest. The winner will be announced at the Fall Assembly. Keep exploring our wonderful literature!

Al-Anon is now on Instagram in Spanish and French. Member are encouraged to “like” and “share”. Reminder to members to protect your anonymity on social media.

Don't forget to check out the website for downloadable literature. This is another great way to use CAL.

Newsletter: Mary S. - Many have requested personal copies of Iowa Reaches Out.

Thank you for being timely in submitting your reports to the newsletter.

Public Outreach: Lisa G. – Another record has been set! 191,275 copies of 2018 Al-Anon Faces Alcoholism have been printed. Thank you for your participation!

Remember to send thank you notes, emails or phone calls to all stations that you have heard an Al-Anon PSA. An electronic version of the PSA can be provided to TV and radio stations upon request.

Web Page: Hedi M – The Web Page Committee had their first conference call on June 11, 2017. Out of state flyers will not be posted on the website. Two items were presented at AWSC:

- Ask for vote on posting Newsletter on website.
- Ask for vote on adding a trivia feature on website.

New members have been reaching out and looking for meetings.

District Reports: Since reports were emailed, they were not read, but were entered for record. Reports were submitted from the following Districts: 1, 2, 4, 7, 8, 9, 11, 14.

Old Business:

Action Committee Survey using KBDM – Beth K. presented the description and information using KBDM (Knowledge Based Decision Making) regarding what the most effective use of the Action Committees at Area Assemblies. Discussed the six survey questions. Members ranked Alateen as the top subject of interest. The next two topics were the Service Manual and What are the Spiritual Principles. We have communicated with the member's desires and opened the door to more dialog. The Action Committee Chairs can use this information in future meetings.

ByLaws – Katy P. – Has the final draft of the Bylaws and will have the committee review and vote in January 2018. The Articles of Incorporation are yet to be completed for an approximate total of \$500 to complete. A consensus vote was taken and approved to allot \$500 to complete the Bylaws and the Articles of Incorporation.

Discussion of AWSC members who are absent from AWSC meetings or Assemblies. A consensus vote was taken and approved that the Officers would be in agreement of the absence and if the absence was presented to the Chairperson by the AWSC member as stated in the Area Policy and Procedure Manual, it would be considered a "planned absence". If so, it would be logged by the Secretary on the attendance sheet as a "planned" absence.

Anonymity – Jean L. – Presented the history of the anonymity charge. Discussion was held regarding using first names and last initials in the minutes and the newsletters. Not using first names and last initials has been found to be too restrictive. A consensus vote was taken and approved to include first names and last initials with the August newsletter, minutes and newsletters.

AMIAS Training – Katy P. – Reminded everyone that the required AMIAS training will be held at the Fall Assembly. She again stated that she will be stepping down as temporary Alateen Coordinator after the Fall Assembly.

Policy Manual – The Policy Committee presented another portion of the Policy Manual changes and will continue at the January 2018 AWSC starting with the section “Selected Committees of the Iowa AWSC”. A motion was made by Linda A: I move that all changes as amended and presented on 3/12/17 by the Policy Committee regarding the Iowa Area Policy Guidelines to be approved. The motion was not seconded. Vote: 18 yes, 1 abstention. A motion was made by Linda A: I move that all changes as amended and presented on 8/13/17 by the Policy Committee regarding the Iowa Area Policy Guidelines to be approved up to “Selected Committees of the Iowa AWSC section. Seconded by Jean L. Vote 18 yes, 1 abstention.

New Business:

Alateen Funds – Katy P. – Requested funds for water bottles for Alateen Serenity Weekend and possibly cupcakes or a treat to celebrate Alateen’s 60th birthday at the Fall Assembly. Katy P. made a motion requesting \$400 from the Area. \$350 for the water bottles and \$50 for celebrating Alateen’s 60th birthday at the Fall Assembly. The motion was approved and seconded by Jean L. Vote – 18 yes and 1 abstention.

You and the Board Connect – Beth K. – to be held at Aurora, CO on October 21, 2017. Asked if the Area was interested in submitting our Area for the 2018 event. A consensus vote was taken and not approved due to the 2018 International being held the same year. This event would be one week after the 2018 Fall Assembly.

Conference Summaries – Beth K. – Summaries are available and can be pre-ordered for \$5. An envelope was passed to purchase. They are also available to be downloaded free from the website. A consensus vote was taken and approved that a copy of the summary does not need to be included in the Archives.

Planning Area Service Workshop Agenda – Erika W. - Discussion was held regarding the agenda and workshops. The name of the Service Workshop will be “Go For The Gold In Service”, based on 2018 Olympics. The sessions are as follows: Registration - Opening and Introductions – Opening Ceremonies – All districts are to make a flag and inform everyone of what is going in your District, special events, what makes your District distinct. Playing By The Rules – Iowa Area Policy – District 7. Third Ring – Concepts - District 4. Team Support – 7th Tradition – Jean L./District 11. Get in the Bobsled – Slogans and Service. Passing The Torch -- Service Sponsorship – District 8. Closing and clean up. Dinner (6 pm) for those who wish to gather. The flyer will be on the website soon. Check the flyer for exact times of each workshop. Registration is \$5.

Sioux City AIC/Literature depot – Erika W. - A consensus vote was taken and approved for Sioux City to sell literature of the Fall Assembly.

Alateen Policy Committee – Beth K. - Changes have been made to consent forms, inclusive to all events and transportation of teens. The Committee is looking at other Area’s policies. FBI checks are \$27.50 and the Iowa background check is \$15.00. The Committee questions and will review if background checks need to be done more than once per term. If members have strong feelings toward these topics, please communicate your thoughts to the Committee via email.

Web Page – Hedi M. - Consensus vote was taken and approved asking permission to add trivia questions to the website. Consensus vote was taken and approved. Check out the website and bring the answers to the questions to the Fall Assembly!

Framing for Iowa AWSC Agenda/Meeting Format. A gallery walk was held regarding possible changes to the AWSC agenda. A great discussion was held and many ideas generated. Connie H. moderated. The officers will compile the comments. If members have more comments they would like added, please contact any of the officers.

The AWSC accepted Erika W's resignation as Area Chair. Anyone qualified and interested, please submit a resume to Linda A. by September 15th. A vote to select a new Area Chair will be take place after the business meeting at the Fall Assembly.

The meeting closed at 1:27 PM with the Al-Anon Declaration. Motion was made by Erika W. to close the meeting and was seconded by Jean L.

Respectfully Submitted,

Linda A. - Area Secretary

DATES TO REMEMBER

September 22-24, 2017 - Serenity Weekend, Manson, IA

October 13-15, 2017 - Fall Assembly, Sioux City, IA

November 1, 2017 - Newsletter Due

January 20, 2018 - Service Workshop, Marshalltown, IA

January 21, 2018 - AWSC Meeting, Marshalltown, IA

June 8–10, 2018 - Spring Assembly, Clear Lake, IA

October 12-14, 2018 - Fall Assembly, Davenport, IA

March 11, 2018 – AWSC, Marshalltown, IA

August 5, 2018 – AWSC, Marshalltown, IA

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