

**Iowa Area AWSC Meeting
Marshalltown, IA -- March 11, 2018**

Virginia B, Chairperson, opened the meeting at 9:00 am. Total attendance was 24 of which 22 were voting members of the AWSC.

Secretary Report (Linda A): The minutes from the 2018 January AWSC were mailed electronically earlier to be read before the meeting; they were not read during the meeting. One correction was needed to be made to the minutes. A consensus vote was taken and approved as amended. The minutes will be filed as amended.

Treasurer Report (Jean L): Read the financial statement from January 1 – February 28, 2018. Balance brought forward was \$22,894.38. Total receipts year-to-date were \$2,142.50. Total disbursements for the year were \$3,436.09. Balance brought forward on February 28, 2018 was \$21,600.79. A consensus vote was taken and approved for the Treasurer's Report and will be filed as read.

Delegate's Report (Beth K): 2018 World Service Conference will be held in West Harrison, NY on April 16th – April 20th, 2018. Stepping Stones will be visited by the Conference attendees. The theme is "AI-Anon – There Is No Standing Still", which is an excerpt from a statement made by Lois W.

If you would like to send a card to Connie H, Debbie G or Beth K, please send to: Renaissance Westchester Hotel, Attn: (name of recipient – hold for WSC 4/16-4/24, 2018), 80 W. Red Oak Ln., West Harrison, NY 10604. Using the CMA listing, use the name and home address of the recipient as the return address. The cards should arrive after April 13, 2018.

RDM (Regional Delegate's Meeting): Will be held March 16-18, 2018 in Duluth, MN. Three Officers and four Past Delegates will attend.

January 2018 Chairman of the Board letter was emailed to AWCS members. Highlights:

The Board of Trustees (BOT) has a great responsibility to ensure all vacancies within the BOT or its Executive Committees are filled. The letter listed nominees to be presented to the WSC for traditional approval.

Road Trip – You and Your Board Connect. Texas East will host this event on Saturday, October 20, 2018 in Houston, TX.

Finance Committee – Updated statistics were provided regarding contributions, literature sales, the Forum and expenses. The budgeted amount of contributions fell short and literatures sales were unexpectedly strong.

Policy Committee – Discussions have begun about revisions to the Digest of AI-Anon and Alateen Policies.

Electronic/Virtual Meetings – Will be discussed at the WSC. Email Beth K if you have any information you wish to share about electronic/virtual meetings. This information will be forwarded to the WSC.

Al-Anon's 6th International Convention: The convention will be held July 6th – July 8th, 2018 in Baltimore, MD. If attending, considering going to the Day of Connecting on July 5th. Minnesota North will not be taking a bus.

A 50th anniversary commemorative edition of One Day At A Time (ODAT B-6) will be available at the Convention and for the remainder of 2018. A limited number of books will be printed and available for \$15. This edition will include a ribbon bookmark and book plate. The book plate will only be available on the Convention copies.

Service opportunities available at WSO: Discussed minimum requirements to stand for Regional Trustee. See Beth's report for this information and also other available positions at WSO, including Committee openings for at-large members. You do not have to be a GR, DR, Coordinator or an Officer to stand for at-large positions at the World Service level.

Alternate Delegate's Report (Katy P):

The 2018 Spring Assembly – Clear Lake, IA – June 8-10, 2018. Theme: United We Recover. The Al-Anon luncheon speaker will be Mary H, Panel 55 Delegate MN South from Winnebago, MN. Gary B. from Indianola will be the spiritual speaker on Sunday. The Alateen speaker is yet to be determined. Note: The conference room will be small and may be warm. Display space is limited. The tri-fold brochure is in the final planning stages. Registrations are due by May 1st and can be made online.

The 2018 Fall Assembly – Davenport, IA – October 12-14, 2018 - Davenport, IA. Theme: Working and Growing Together. The luncheon speaker will be Sarah S., the current Missouri Delegate. Nancy H. from Davenport, IA will be the spiritual speaker. The Alateen speaker is yet to be determined. On-line registration is not available.

The 2019 Spring Assembly – Grinnell, IA – June 7-9, 2019. District 8 is hosting (with the help of District 7). Lisa G will chair the event. Co-chair is yet to be determined. Meetings will be held in Cedar Rapids.

The Forum – Our voice of recovery: Provided 1st quarter information comparing Iowa with the overall trends for US, Canada and Bermuda. Statistics do not include electronic copies (see Katy's report). 32% of Iowa groups subscribe to the Forum and member's subscriptions have increased. DR's, ask your GR's for their insights on barriers and deterrents to subscribing to the Forum and send the findings to Katy P.

Coordinator Reports: (Reports were electronically submitted to the AWSC and not read)

Alateen – Regina K - Celebrating 60 years! Alateen Serenity Weekend will be held April 27-29, 2018 at Wesley Woods in Indianola, IA. The theme will be Solutions to Serenity. Commemorative water bottles will be included with the \$100 registration fee. Tie-dying will be available, but participants will need to bring their own article of clothing.

Additional AMIAS training will be held during free time at the Alateen weekend. All AMIAS are welcome.

Archives: Lori R – Has gone through the rest of the items in the boxes and have most of the Iowa Reaches Out sorted by date and most of the financial papers. She will be asking for old newsletters to see if anyone has the ones yet needed. The Treasurer may have a disk of older financials.

Group Records: Becky V – Thanks to all for the updates from Districts. DR's, have you updated your information from last year?

WSO provided information about Al-Anon.org meeting search statistics which show an average of 3,650 meeting searches per day(!). At this pace, WSO expects to have over 1.3 million searches in 2018. During peak hours they are averaging over 250 searches an hour(!).

Literature: Missy Y – The 2018-2021 Service Manual (P-24/27) is available for purchase for \$5.00 or you may use the free downloadable version. The new Service Manual will not be sent to groups.

2019 CAL Catalog (S-15) and CAL order form (S-16) will be available this summer.

Intimacy in Alcoholic Relationships – A collection of Al-Anon personal stories: This highly anticipated new book is expected to be introduced at the International Convention.

Understanding & Hope for Parents & Grandparents (P-94): Is being translated into French and Spanish and hopefully will be introduced in April at the WSC and available to the fellowship in May.

New Daily Reader (working title): Still need sharings on Steps, Traditions and Concepts of Service.

Still need sharings for CAL Corner in the Forum on Discovering Choices, Lois Remembers, One Day at A Time in Al-Anon and Paths to Recovery Workbook. Keep sharings at or about 350 words.

Newsletter: Mary S – Thank you for all the timely reports submitted for the Newsletter. Please remember the guidelines for submitting – Arial Narrow 10 point font, do not format into columns, single space after end punctuation, single line spacing, use first name and initial only, if an event will have already occurred two weeks past the deadline, use past tense. The next Newsletter deadline is May 1st. A reminder will be sent.

Public Outreach: Lisa G – The 2nd printing of Al-Anon Faces Alcoholism concluded February 7, 2018. The copies will be shipped by April 1, 2018.

The 1st printing of 2019 Al-Anon Faces Alcoholism is ready and can be ordered July 11, 2018. The copies will be shipped by September 1, 2018.

The AFG Members Survey closed February 27th. Excited for the results.

Web Page: Please send responses to the Trivia questions posted on the Iowa website by the Spring Assembly. Each correct answer is eligible to win a prize.

Encouraged DR's to ask their District website chairs or GR's to verify that the information for their Districts matches the website. If not correct, let Hedi of know of the updates.

Sign up on the Iowa Al-Anon website to receive updates and information.

After the AI-Anon.org website was updated, several links became obsolete and have now been corrected with some minor adjustments yet to be made. Check the links to your District to ensure the links work correctly.

The old password protected site has been turned off. The content has been migrated to the new website under the Member tab. (See report for more details.)

District Reports: Reports were submitted electronically but not read by the following DR's: 1, 2, 4, 7, 8, 9, 11 and 14. There were no reports from 3, 5, 6, 10, 12,13 or 15.

Old Business:

2018 Serenity Weekend: Beth K - Wesley Woods – September 21-23, 2018. Registrations are due by 8/31/18. The theme will be "Mission Possible". The agenda was set. The flyer will be posted on the website soon.

USNCRT Candidate: Beth K – Discussed the procedure to stand for Regional Trustee.

Articles of Incorporation: Katy P – Viewed the Iowa Secretary of State website that includes the Articles of Incorporation – Katy will send the link to all AWSC members. Our attorney informed Katy that the Articles filed in 1993 are adequate and don't need to be changed and that the Articles from 1976 can be inactivated. A motion was made by Katy P – "I make a motion to remove the inactive Articles of Incorporation filed in 1976 from the Iowa Secretary of State website. These Articles were replaced by Articles of Incorporation filed August 30, 1993." Seconded by Beth K. 24 approved, none opposed and one abstention.

New Business:

2018 Fall Assembly Agenda: Virginia B - The agenda was set.

2018 Area Inventory: Area Inventory Committee/Katy P – The Committee has been working on the questions to be included in the Area inventory to be presented at the Spring Assembly.

2018 Alateen Serenity Weekend Update: Regina K – Weekend will be held April 27 – 29, 2018 at Wesley Woods. The registration deadline is March 30th.

Workshop: Connie H – Presented the history of the framing which resulted from an Area inventory. A new AWCS agenda was proposed. Information was compiled and summarized from a recent Gallery Walk. This would include the Traditions, Concepts and evaluation questions, Officer reports, Old and New Business, a workshop and a time for a presentation. A consensus vote was taken and approved to accept the new template for the agenda on a trial basis. The trial basis agenda will begin with the August 2018 AWSC and will include a presentation given by the Area Inventory Committee. A workshop will also be put on by Tracy HG, Beth K and Virginia B regarding the new Service Manual.

A motion was made to close the meeting at 1:15. Seconded by Tracy HG.

Respectfully Submitted,

Linda A.
Area Secretary

DATES TO REMEMBER:

April 27-29, 2018	Alateen Serenity Weekend, Camp Wesley Woods
May 1, 2018	Iowa Reaches Out Newsletter deadline
June 8-10, 2018	Spring Assembly, Clear Lake, IA
August 1, 2018	Iowa Reaches Out Newsletter deadline
August 5, 2018	Iowa AWSC meeting, Hampton Inn, 9am, Marshalltown, IA
September 21-23, 2018	Serenity Weekend, Wesley Woods, Indianola, IA
October 12-14, 2018	Fall Assembly, Davenport, IA
November 1, 2018	Iowa Reaches Out Newsletter deadline
June 7-9, 2019	Spring Assembly, Grinnell, IA

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