

IOWA AREA SPRING ASSEMBLY Virtual Meeting – June 6, 2020

Virginia B., Area Chairperson, opened the meeting at 1pm June 6, 2020 with a moment of silence and the Serenity Prayer. Linda A. read the Traditions and Sonja K. read the Concepts. This meeting was held virtual for the first time due to COVID 19 pandemic.

Members and guests were asked to register electronically. The voting members were to identify their position on the electronic registration. There were a total of 117 participants and guests that attended virtually.

Please visit the Iowa Webpage for all reports at www.iowa-al-anon.org. The reports are listed under the Members tab and then using the drop down box to the listing of Iowa Area Assembly.

Secretary Report -The minutes from the 2020 March AWSC were approved via virtual polling were approved. The minutes were posted on the Iowa Webpage for prior review to the Assembly. Please visit the Iowa Webpage for a complete copy of the minutes.

Treasurer Report – Linda A. presented the financial statement from March 1-May 26, 2020 via screen sharing and were posted on the Iowa Al-Anon website prior to the meeting. Balance brought forward was \$25,936.69. Total receipts for the period was \$3,106.42. Total disbursements were \$3,934.42 which brought the total balance forward on May 26, 2020 to \$25,108.69. The report was approved by consensus via a virtual poll.

There was some discussion on the appeal letters that went out and the low return of donations. Because of the COVID 19 pandemic, groups are not meeting face to face at this time which has made donations drop and groups are not able to share the appeal letter to their members. Please visit the Iowa Webpage for a complete copy of this report.

Delegate's Report: Katy P. presented her report via PowerPoint with screen sharing. Both her report and power point presentation are available on the Iowa Webpage. Please contact Katy directly should you want her to share her report with your district. Katy's email address is: iowadelegate@gmail.com

Alternate Delegate's Report – Missy Y. had her report posted on the Iowa Webpage for all to review before the Assembly. Please visit the Iowa Webpage for a copy.

Coordinator and DR Reports: All Coordinator and DR reports were posted on the Iowa Webpage before the Assembly. DR reports for Districts 1, 2, 3, 7, 8, 11, 13 and 14 were available on the Iowa Webpage. Please visit the Iowa Webpage for the reports.

Workshop: Lynette K., our guest speaker, presented a PowerPoint workshop on “KBDM (Knowledge Based Decision Making) and “Thought & Task Forces”.

Action Committees Task Force and Motion: Beth K. gave a PowerPoint presentation on the Action Committees Task Force.

Electronic Reports Task Forces and Motion: Connie H. gave a PowerPoint presentation on Electronic Reports for Assemblies Task Force.

After the above PowerPoint presentations, there were two motions brought before the Assembly by the Iowa Area Officers. Both motions, along with background information, were posted on the Area Webpage for review before the Assembly and they are as follows:

Motion 1

Date: June 6, 2020

Motion Originator: Iowa Area Officers

Second by: Maddie P., Past Delegate

That the Action Committees be replaced with a Workshop at the Spring and Fall Assemblies. This would be for a 2-year trial period, starting with October 2020 Fall Assembly.

Motion 2

Date: June 6, 2020

Motion Originator: Iowa Area Officers

Second by: Connie H., Past Delegate

That the Assembly Agenda, along with all reports written for the Assembly by Officers, Coordinators & District Representatives, be put on the Iowa Area Website as electronic documents and be available to all Area members prior to the Assembly.

This would be for a 2-year trial period, starting with October 2020 Fall Assembly. Reports will continue to be read during the business meeting at Assemblies.

Voting would be different than usual on the above motions as this is a virtual Assembly. A virtual poll would be presented on the screen for voting. Virginia B., Area Chairperson, reviewed the instructions on how the polling would work. All voting members were asked to vote on each motion using the virtual polling method.

Both Motions passed with the virtual polling percentages in favor to accept.

Alateen Serenity Weekend Update: Lorraine R. presented a report regarding the update for the Alateen Serenity Weekend September 25-27, 2020 and AMIAS updating. Please review the report on the Iowa Webpage.

Serenity Weekend Update: Katy P., Area Delegate, gave an update to the Iowa Serenity Weekend September 25-27th, 2020 and stated with COVID 19 that Twin Lakes Camp have guidelines in place to keep everyone safe. Members may go to the Iowa Webpage for the flyer and information regarding cost and the events for the weekend.

Our Area Serenity Weekend is an opportunity to gather for a weekend focused on recovery and fellowship. Topics will be focused on themes from our top selling book, *How Al-Anon Works*, hence our theme Hee H.A.W. We meet in Manson, IA at Twin Lakes Bible Camp on September 25-27th, 2020.

Registration prices vary according to the amount of time you can spend. A full weekend including two nights and three meals is \$100. One overnight with 2 meals is \$80 and Saturday only with 2 meals is \$30. Olive green T-shirts, Sweatshirts and tote bags with white lettering are available to purchase in commemoration of the weekend.

You may register by sending a check to our area treasurer, Linda A. OR you may register online. We'll have a link for online payment on the website in early August. The registration deadline is September 4th.

Speaker: Lynette K. from South Dakota was our speaker for the day and she shared her experience, strength and hope. Thanks Lynette for being willing to participate in our first virtual Assembly.

Closing: The meeting closed with the Al-Anon declaration at 4:30pm.

Respectably submitted,

Becky V. - Area Secretary

DATES TO REMEMBER:

August 1, 2020	Iowa Reaches Out Newsletter Deadline
August 9, 2020	Iowa AWSC meeting, Hampton Inn, 9am, Marshalltown IA
September 25-27, 2020	Alateen Serenity Weekend, Camp Wesley Woods
September 25-27, 2020	Serenity Weekend, Twin Lakes, Manson, IA
October 10-12, 2020	Fall Assembly, Coralville, IA
November 1, 2020	Iowa Reaches Out Newsletter Deadline

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