

IOWA AREA SPRING ASSEMBLY
Storm Lake, IA
Virtual Meeting – June 4-6, 2021

Virginia B., Area Chairperson, opened the Saturday hybrid meeting at 3:00 PM, June 5, 2021 with a moment of silence and the Serenity Prayer. The Traditions were read by Kathy H. and the Concepts of Service/Warranties were read by Heather H. and Virginia B. Virginia B. reviewed the etiquette of the meeting along with the evaluation questions for all members to think about throughout the meeting. This meeting was held hybrid for the first time due to the COVID 19 pandemic.

Members and guests were asked to register electronically and the members that attended the meeting in person sat with spacing according to the college requirements. The voting members were to identify their position on the electronic registration while the “in person” members registered at the registration desk. There were 22 GRs that were in person and 7 GRs that joined virtually.

Please visit the Iowa Website 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 2021 March AWSC were approved by a consensus Friday night at the AWSC meeting. The minutes were posted on the Iowa Webpage for prior review to the Assembly. Please visit the Iowa Website for a complete copy of the minutes.

Treasurer Report –The financial statement from March 14 – May 28, 2021 was presented via screen sharing and also posted on the Iowa Al-Anon website prior to the meeting. Balance brought forward was \$28,183.68. Total receipts for this period were \$1,036.95. Total disbursements were \$48.12, which brought the total balance forward on May 28, 2021 to \$29,172.51. The report was approved by consensus.

Please visit the Iowa Website for a complete copy of this report.

Delegate’s Report – The Delegate’s report was shared by using the hybrid platform earlier on Saturday. Katy shared her power point presentation “Unity, Courage & Perseverance” which was the theme for this year’s World Service Conference that was held April 12-16th virtually. There were many topics Katy shared that are happening at WSO and she would be happy to share her report and more with any District. The full report will be posted on the Iowa Website at www.iowa-al-anon.org for anyone that would like to review it.

Katy would like to thank all the districts that made “love gifts” for the Conference, and expressed how very grateful she was to be representing Iowa at Conference. The exciting news is the World Service Conference will be in person in 2022.

Alternate Delegate’s Report – Thanks to District 14 for hosting the Spring Assembly in Storm Lake, IA. The Fall Assembly in October 2021 will be held in Des Moines, IA at the Embassy Suites on the River October 8-10th. Our Al-Anon speaker will be Betty A. from Mankato, MN. The Sunday morning Spiritual speaker is Lisa S. from Pleasant Hill, IA and the Alateen speaker will be chosen at a later date. The Area Inventory is available on the Iowa Al-Anon Website to take the survey. The results will be compiled and presented at the Fall Assembly in October 2021.

The Forum: The Forum stays in print due to our submissions and subscriptions. Everyone is encouraged to do both. Currently WSO is looking for sharing’s on the Twelve Traditions and the Twelve Concepts. Please keep you sharing to 150-400 words.

The Alternate Delegate’s report was posted on the Iowa Website for all to review before the Assembly. Please visit the Iowa Website for a full copy of this report.

Coordinator and DR Reports: Coordinator and DR reports were posted on the Iowa Website before the Assembly. DR reports for Districts 1, 2, 3, 4, 7, 8, 9, 11, 13 and 14 were available on the Iowa

Website. There were some Coordinators and DRs that were not able to attend the Assembly in person and presented their reports virtually. Please visit the Iowa Website for the reports.

OLD BUSINESS:

ALATEEN SERENITY WEEKEND: The Alateen Serenity weekend is planned for September 17-19th, 2021 at Camp Wesley Woods. It will be a great time to reunite the Alateens again after the pandemic and many are looking forward to the weekend. A flyer is available on the Iowa Website for all the information regarding the weekend.

AREA SERENITY WEEKEND UPDATE: The Area Serenity Weekend will be November 5-7th 2021 at the Twin Lakes Christian Center in Manson, IA. The weekend theme is "HEE HAW (How Al-Anon Works). A power point presentation was given by the officers to encourage everyone to attend. The weekend will be held in NOVEMBER this year and it will be exciting to visit the camp in a different season. There will be buzz sessions and talk about Steps 10 and 11. Serenity Weekend is a wonderful way to better get to know our friends and to make new ones! There will be a new Gathering Hall to meet in and we hope to offer massages on Friday and Saturday this year. Pre-registration and payment in full is required by October 22, 2021 with no refunds, walk ins or late registrations please. Use your credit card or PayPal account to register for the package of your liking and to also order totes, t-shirts and/or sweatshirts by visiting our Iowa Website at www.iowa-al-anon.org Look for the "Store" on the home page.

AREA SERVICE WORKSHOP: The Area Service Workshop at the Iowa Valley Community College in Marshalltown on August 8th, 2021. The theme is "*What a Concept*". All 12 Concept workshops have been filled by different districts and the flyer is available on the Iowa Website. Go to the Calendar tab and find Area Events, click on Area Service Workshop link. There will be a Serenity Weekend Planning hour after the Area Service Workshop for all to participate in for the Area Serenity Weekend. Plan to attend!

NEW BUSINESS:

USNCR Trustee Candidate: Katy discussed the procedure for the Iowa Trustee Candidate. Jean L. had submitted a resume to the Delegate. A consensus was taken and approved to accept the resume to be sent to WSO.

IOWA AREA INVENTORY: The Area Inventory is available on the Iowa Al-Anon website. Everyone is encouraged to take the survey. This is **your** Assembly and we want you to get the most out of it as possible. Let your voice be heard. The results will be compiled and presented at the Fall Assembly in October 2021.

IOWA POLICY & PROCEDURES: The new Policy & Procedures guidelines booklet was printed and distributed to the DRs that had requested copies for their groups. Contact your DR for a copy or visit the Iowa Website to print off a copy.

IOWA AFG THOUGHT FORCE ON COMMUNICATION: A KBDM was done by the "thinkers" who presented their ideas. A charge was sent to the committee to develop a Thought Force, which has now been created. More information to come at a later date.

ELECTRONIC MEETINGS: Does our Area want to have an Electronic meeting? Are there any in Iowa at the present time? These questions and more were discussed by Katy and there was much discussion and questions. A Town hall is scheduled to discuss the details and ask any questions members have regarding Electronic meetings in Iowa on July 14th, 2021 at 7pm. This meeting will be held virtually to further discuss this important topic. Contact Katy with any questions or concerns at iowadelegate@gmail.com

Unanswered Questions/Review of Comments: The Chairperson reviewed the questions we were to think about throughout the meeting today. There were many members happy to be back at the Assembly in person and many members were grateful we had our first hybrid Assembly. There were ideas regarding how to improve the hybrid platform while others are concerned on the safety involved with a virtual platform.

The meeting closed with the Al-Anon Declaration at 5:25 PM.

Respectably submitted,

Becky V. - Area Secretary

DATES TO REMEMBER:

July 14, 2021	Town Hall, Virtual Discussion Electronic Meetings 7PM
August 1, 2021	Iowa Reaches Out Newsletter Deadline
August 7, 2021	Service Workshop/Serenity Weekend Planning Meeting
August 8, 2021	Iowa AWSC meeting, Hampton Inn, 9AM, Marshalltown, IA
September 17-19, 2021	Alateen Serenity Weekend, Camp Wesley Woods
October 8-10, 2021	Fall Assembly, Des Moines, IA, Embassy Suites on The River
November 1, 2021	Iowa Reaches Out Newsletter Deadline
November 5-7, 2021	Serenity Weekend, Twin Lakes, Manson, IA

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