

## **Minutes of South Carolina Area Assembly**

**SC State Museum, 301 Gervais ( Corner of Gervais and Huger Streets), Columbia, SC**

Saturday, – October 4, 2008 10:00 AM – 2:00 PM Chairman – Susan Lebhar

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10:00 AM to 10:45 AM

Welcome - Serenity Prayer - The Concepts and General Warranties were read by Vicki L.

Approval of Area Assembly Minutes June 7, 2008 were presented for vote by Susan L. were approved unanimously with motion to accept as submitted by Penny and seconded by Michelle.

**Treasurer's Report** given by Mary Ellen R. Beginning Balance is **\$9,561.09** Income for the period was **\$7,518.47** and expenses were **\$6,328.16** leaving an ending balance of **\$10,751.40** . Motion to approve treasurer's report was approved by Joyce H. and seconded by Melanie M.

**Chairman:** Susan L. – Talked to us about communication. Will appoint a Convention Ad Hoc committee/about looking at meeting at one site/pricing; Alateen about background checks; Agenda items/go to the districts with issues such as i.e.insurance then bring back to AWSC to discuss in January of 2009.

**Alternate Delegate's Report** by Wes B – He discussed the importance of how to make changes to the Group Change Form. He explained that the change form needs to go to from the Group Representative to the District Representative, then sent to him, and in turn he sends the information onto the Web Master and emailed onto the World Service Office. He will receive the next printout in November. He will be discussing this further in Group Services later this morning.

**Delegate's Report:** Linda R. October 4, 2008

The theme for the 2009 World Service Conference is Embrace the Legacies: Our Spiritual Bridges to Expand the Future". The conference will be April 18-23<sup>rd</sup>, 2009 in Virginia Beach, VA.

Communication between all levels of service is critical. If correct information is not conveyed by each service entity, we cannot as a fellowship provide an informed group conscience for our members. A group conscience based on incorrect or incomplete information can be more harmful than no group conscience at all.

South Carolina's Assembly has not had a visit from a Trustee since they came to the Assembly as part of Prescription Rx. I'd like to see SCAFG invite a Trustee to come to our Assembly to visit and do a workshop.

In the past month, I have done my Delegate's report in both District 3 and District 9. In the next six weeks, I will be doing my report in District 7 and District 8. If you want me to come to your District, all you have to do is ask; because I am available.

Old Business: None

New Business:

**Motion 1:** Increase the subscription rate for the hard copy of the Reflector to \$12.00 per year effective January 1, 2009 with renewals to be effective January 1 through December 31 annually. Groups to receive a free PDF file of the Reflector.

Rationale for Motion 1: Provide our state newsletter (The Reflector) in a more timely and cost efficient manner for Area 50 – South Carolina. The costs for printing of the state newsletter is more than \$2500.00 annually at this time which is becoming a financial burden to Area 50 – South Carolina. At this time, there are only 35 paid subscriptions to the Reflector and the rest are free copies mailed to every registered group in South Carolina.

Motion made by Nan M. and seconded by Joanna. Approved by 35 voting and 19 against. A total of 54 were eligible for voting.

**Motion 2:** To extend the hours of the Area Assembly from 10:00 AM to 4:00 PM at an additional cost; with the regular business hours being from 10:00 AM to 2:00 PM. The additional two hours would allow for Ad Hoc Committees, Convention Planning meetings, planning Alateen Conferences, meet with Alateen Sponsors, orientations of GRs and DRs, and other committees as needed starting January of 2009.

Rationale for Motion 2: To provide a forum for on-going issues and a flow of information.

Motion was made by Dennis V. and seconded by Carolyn D. Approved by 37 voting and 14 against. A total of 54 were eligible for voting.

**Motion 3:** To accept the proposed 2009 SC Area 50 Budget.

**Rationale for Motion #3:** To meet increased expenses incurred in doing business of Area 50 – South Carolina

Motion was made Misty S. and seconded by Nancy G. and was approved unanimously.

Breakouts sessions followed for one hour as follows: Group Services – Alateen, Group Records, Archives - Wes B. – Chairman; Fellowship Communications – Literature and The Forum – Dawn C. – Chairman; Public Outreach – (CPC, PI, Institutions, Web Page) – Dian R. – Chairman; Membership Outreach – (2008, 2009 Convention Chairmen, Newsletter Editor, and Spanish Liaison) – Linda R.

**Group Services – Wes B.** - This committee discussed the WSO printout of group information and the change forms for group. Discussion concerning the listing of Alateen meetings on the South Carolina website was reiterated that NO Alateen meetings are to be listed. Information on Alateen can be obtained from the Area Alateen Coordinator and Alateen sponsors.

**Fellowship Services – Dawn C.** – She has a case of the new book – Discovering Choices that are available for individuals. The purpose of the books she is making available is not for groups to come to purchase these, but rather individuals. Will have literature at Conventions and will also bring some to every assembly. She will also order literature for Alateens as needed. The conference call for literature following Area Assembly will be handled by Linda R.

**Public Outreach – Dian Russell** - Has business cards which are being distributed today and has received two reports for the Area Assembly Drawing Public Outreach Drawing. The conference call for public outreach on September 6, 2008 was handled by Jan C. Six Podcasts are available from WSO which can be found on the WSO

website. Press releases are available and may be used in local newspapers. Dian has a CD of the latest PSA which she copied for us to see, but reiterated that this CD is not the quality that can be taken to the television stations. The radio PSA's are not available at this time. Dian purchased 400 copies of the 2009 September issue of the Al-Anon Faces Alcoholism and does not have a project in mind as to where they will be used yet but distributed some of them to the district representatives. Dian attended all of the workshops at the Al-Anon International in Pittsburgh and learned how to do presentations regarding Public Outreach. Getting with Paula B. from North Carolina about having an area on Yahoo where all Public Outreach Coordinators could share with each other.

**Membership Services** - **Linda R.** - Plans are being made for a series of workshops focusing on problem solving which are to run concurrently. Our new Mission Statement and roster are in place. Our Mission Statement is as follows: In order to promote recovery we create, improve, and promote quality relationships and communications between all levels of contact and service. Today the bookmark you found on your seat is courtesy of the Membership Outreach Action Committee.

Literature Drawing for this Area Assembly – A copy of Al-Anon's New Discovering Choices was given to the winner. And a copy of the Forum was given to a new attendee at this Area Assembly.

Dates to Remember: AWSC – January 3, 2009

Area Assembly – January 31, 2009

Motion to Adjourn Area Assembly. Motion was made and seconded to close meeting.

Close with Lord's Prayer and Al-Anon/Alateen Declaration - "LET IT BEGIN WITH ME" When Anyone Anywhere Reaches Out For Help Let The Hand of Al-Anon and Alateen Always Be There and Let It Begin With Me

Respectfully Submitted, Nancy Bommer – Area Secretary – Area 50 – Panel 48