

SCAFG AREA ASSEMBLY MINUTES

January 25, 2014

The meeting opened at 10:05 am with The Serenity Prayer followed by Gayle E. reading T the Twelve Traditions. The reading of the Traditions was followed by the introduction of 1st time attendees at the Assembly.

The minutes approved unanimously on a motion by Susan H. with a 2nd by David T.

The treasurer, Dawn C., reported a balance of \$11,959.62. Jeri W. made the motion to approve the report, and Karen L. seconded the motion. The motion passed with 1 opposed.

Diane F.-- Alternate Delegate and Group Records Coordinator—I look forward to receiving all the Group change forms from our District Representatives. Our Group Representatives will update (or add for new Groups) all the Group information and pass your form to your District Representative. Your District Representative will pass the form to me and I will update the World Service Office (WSO) data base. The form is located on the WSO web site at the special “Members Only” side of the web site. www.al-anon.org/members Your password is your group name followed by AFG (Al-Anon Family Group) I attend Love Bunch so my password is **Love Bunch AFG** or **love bunch afg**. From the menu on the left side of the screen the first item is Group Services and under that selection will be direction to complete the form and the form itself. Further help can be found with any other member of South Carolina Al-Anon. It is a “we” program. This allows our WSO to send a free Forum to all our Groups in addition to other Al-Anon information. Our Groups will soon receive a new Service Manual. In a very special way,
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Jan R.—Area Chairperson—There have been some realignments in district lines to provide better links of service for some districts. District 10 and District 4 have agreed to combine to form a new district 4. District 1 has been unable to serve the groups in western South Carolina. Consequently the inactive district has been combined with the nearest active district, District 9. (Tom C. raised a question of assembly vote on the consolidation of the districts from the floor.) It was explained that the districts involved mutually agreed to the consolidations. Russ G. has news about our new website. Following lunch there will be an open mike which can address among other things--Assembly, group or district problems or filling service positions.

Joyce H.--Delegate—This is my first official report as Delegate panel 54. Since this is early on not much to report. My wishes for this panel in the next 3 years is to continue with unity as we started with on Panel 54. I strongly believe that without Unity we will surely fail. We had began to grow again, understand again, recover again. That is my wish. I want SC area 50 to be strong together, bind together as one. I would like to see all districts represented here and all groups represented here during this Panel. I will do my best to do whatever it takes within this Area to accomplish this within the next 3 years. I hope that we can all work together in unison to solve whatever problems or issues that arise. I will be there to help in any way. I am now looking forward to March for Delegates get together in Jacksonville FL. and April for Conference in Virginia Beach. This past month has been a difficult one for me personally. The loss of my husband at times have been almost more than I can bear. With the help of all my Al-Anon family, yes I still struggle but know that all of you are there with me. I am looking forward to this next journey in my life whether that be here as Delegate of Panel 54 or my personal life as I move on both mentally or geographically. Love in Service, Joyce Hord Panel 54

COORDINATOR'S REPORTS

Liz W.—Alateen Coordinator—introduced herself and talked briefly about the convention and the Alateen conference.

Bob C.--AAPP--as your new AAPP i have been learning some new procedures these first few weeks of January. i have received some welcoming emails from wso, one with instructions for logging onto ecommunities, and two regarding our first conference call. i was able to successfully log on to ecommunities, but look forward to some help navigating the site. i have also received lots of emails from our last AAPP, Susan O, with contact lists, forms etc, and will be going through those soon. Thank you for the opportunity to serve. Bob Colborn

Danny—Area Alateen Representative—no report

Russ G.—Website Coordinator—Great things are coming for the website with a new service provider.

Jeri W.— Newsletter Editor--I am looking forward to the next 3 years of producing the Reflector with the help of each Panel Member, Coordinator, and District Representative. But that's only a part of the publication. I will be contacting Group Representatives and members who are not currently voting members at Assembly to get their input, so don't be surprised if I contact **YOU** about writing a short piece on a tradition, concept, service work, or a slogan. I am definitely going to reach out to Alateen members as well. I am a beginner to Publisher software, so I will be tweaking my skills before the next Reflector deadline on May 28th. The other deadlines will be established at a later date. In case your Group Representative did not receive January's newsletter, please go to the Members Only section of our website to find it as well as past newsletters. It has some great information to "keep you in the know". In abundant respect, Jeri Wesner

Linda F.--Literature Coordinator—I am pleased to be your new Area Literature Coordinator for SC. I love the Al-Anon literature and I have most books and pamphlets in my personal library. I especially enjoy our newest book, *Searching for Personal Freedom*—which is a great tool to use when chairing meetings—especially Traditions and Concepts meetings, as it brings them to a personal level that is easy to understand and makes for great meeting topics. I have received an email from WSO regarding logging onto the e-Communities website for Literature Coordinators. I will have access to literature news updates and any other information pertinent to literature from this source. I am anxious to get started! I will be meeting with Nan today to receive my materials and to take notes on her experience as Literature Coordinator from last Panel. I also hope to coordinate with the 2014 convention Planning group to discuss displaying and selling the literature at our Convention next month. I plan to attend both Friday and Saturday, Feb 21 and 22. Respectfully submitted, Linda Flohr, Area Literature Coordinator

Barbara Anne M.—2014 Convention Chair—The date our registration rate goes from \$20 to \$25 has been changed to end today – not last Monday. The sale of tickets for the quilt is going well. Remember that UNTIL the first day to the convention, February 20, the quilt tickets are 7 for \$5.00. There are extra tickets at Area Assembly. Again this year we are asking for your groups to bring foods for the hospitality room – please read the Hospitality Room guidelines posted on our web page because this year we do not want crock pots or any dishes that will need to be heated or washed. I hope each group has been working on your basket. If you have had any trouble with reservations, let me know – Pam has worked with the resort/hotel to get these issues straight. We are looking forward to seeing you in North Myrtle Beach in February!
Barbara Anne McKinnon, Chairman 2014 Convention

Margaret L.—2015 Convention Chair-- The 2015 SCAFG Convention planning is on track to meet at the Ocean Dunes Resort in Myrtle Beach February 19 - 22, 2015. Our theme is "Serenity Starts Today." Our committees are busily forming and organizing, and we are excited to be putting together great workshops, hospitality and speaker meetings to enhance recovery in SC. We meet at the lunch break of Area Assembly January 25 to choose a logo and organize our quilt project, and we will do a site visit to Ocean Dunes during the 2014 Convention in February. The room rates before taxes and access fees for the 2015 Convention will range from \$59 for an oceanfront double to \$109 for a 3-bedroom suite. We will be able to book our rooms either on-line or by calling a toll-free number; more on that later. The room rates are good for three days before the start of the Convention to three days after the end. Come early or stay late and take advantage of the free round of golf that comes with each registered guest. Pre-registration will be available at the end of the 2014 Convention in February. Put the event on your calendars now! Respectfully submitted, Margaret Lattimore 2015 Convention Chair

DISRICT REPRESENTATIVE'S REPORTS

Shirley S.—District 2—Yes, I'm a rerun, I was DR a long time ago, I was panel 33 Delegate. Amy claim to fame was that I voted to buy property because of the cost of leasing in New York and have been able to see the benefits of owning the World Service Office. I took this job because no one in my district offered to stand for any office. So after I stepped up, we filled

the other offices: Pam Alt DR, Jody Sec., Barbara Ann Treasurer, and Katie Out Reach. Most of the groups have new GR's and we're ready for action. I want to emphasize that the groups are the most important part of the Area structure. They share and root out things we need to be doing and do them at the group level. DR's then pass ideas on to AWSC and on to Area level where GR's decide whether to implement. Our district will be hosting the convention in February along with District 9. It's going to be great – we want to see all of you. It's a wonderful recovery tool. Love in service, Shirley S. DR District 2

Susan E.-- District 3—We have had our first district meeting. Five groups have elected their Group Representatives. We had discussions on encouraging our GRs to attend both Assembly and District meetings. Representatives were given a package which included Group Representative Guidelines, letter from the Literature Distribution Center, *Forum* subscription form, *Al-Anon and Alateen Groups at Work*, list of AWSC Panel 54 members contact list, District meetings, District Treasurer report, SC calendar of events, Convention 2014 flyer. On a sad note Searching Out Serenity AFG, that met in Wagener on Mondays at 7 pm is closed.

Sara K.-- District 4—District 4 ended 2013 on high note with a wonderful Holiday Dinner at Ashland United Methodist Church in Columbia. We had our first District meeting of the New Year on Sunday, January 12th. It was great that so many groups were represented! We are very excited to have the former District 10 now officially a part of District 4! Unfortunately, the Chapin meeting has indeed closed, but they were very generous in using their literature money to donate two cases of *How Al-Anon Works* to the District groups. We discussed the financial reports, including the approving the 2014 budget. The 2014 convention was discussed, with notes from the AWSC meeting. Margaret L., the 2015 convention chairman, brought us up to date and scheduled the next meeting for lunch during the Area Assembly meeting on January 25th. Maris B. reports that our groups have been busy leaving literature in many places. Morris Village generally has about 100 folks in recovery who get to experience Al-Anon each month with steadfast volunteers, Leslie and Jim. 400 copies of "Al-Anon Faces Alcoholism" have been distributed. Willis L. reports on the growth in the Sparkleberry AFG. They have started the first Sunday meeting in the District, added a Beginner's Meeting and also have a speaker meeting the last Thursday of every month. The group has really helped expand the options in the District! I look forward to the challenges of the next three years and am honored to be of service to District 4 and my Al-Anon family. Respectfully submitted, Sara Keller District 4 Representative

Eileen C.-- District 5—We met in Florence on January 19, 2014, at 2:30 pm. We had five groups represented. After starting off with the Serenity Prayer, reading of the concepts, warranties, and daily reader, we went around the room and introduced ourselves and the groups we represent. We reviewed the secretary's minutes and treasurer's report. We are working on the details for our All Day "*Spring into Recovery*" to be held in Florence, SC at St. Paul United Methodist Church on April 26, 2014. We are still working on getting speakers and workshops set up. A copy of the flyer will be posted on the SC web page for those who are interested in sharing this day with us. We also discussed getting volunteers from our district to help with the 2015 SC Convention. Several of our members are working on several different committees and are trying to encourage more of our group members to help. For Public

Outreach, we have asked that all of our groups help celebrate Lois' birthday. We have asked that each group take literature out to different public locations. The Florence group also checked and said that their library still has numerous Al-Anon books on hand. At the end of the meeting, we had a workshop on Tradition 7. We reviewed that this Tradition not only covers the monetary support for our groups, but the service part of it. Several members shared how much they had learned and how much better they were after helping in service. The discussion also included how to encourage others to get involved. We reviewed my favorite slogan; Get in the Car, reminding everyone of the Area Assembly on January 25, and our next district meeting on March 16. We encouraged everyone to come and bring a new member with them. Respectfully submitted, Eileen C.

Julie H. -- District 6—District 6 is discussing splitting the district.

Marietta N. -- District 7—District 7 needs a DR.

David-- District 8—District 8 which includes all of Horry and Georgetown counties is a very busy and growing place to be. We held our January 11, 2014 District 8 meeting with almost every GR in the district attending. There were new faces and familiar faces as well. As our first order of business it was necessary to hold a brief election to elect a new Alt DR. Fran B. was elected and joined David Bryant DR, David T as District Secretary and George S. as Treasurer in conducting our district meeting. We had active participation from all that attended. We set the date for our Summer "All Day Event" discussed providing a speaker for the upcoming AA State Convention in March. Kathy R. is our selection. A lively discussion of many topics that concerned the groups and activities for the groups ensued. Our new Public Outreach Chairwoman, Deborah B., has successfully placed literature racks in many recovery facilities in our area and plans more actions to let everyone know we are here for them. Our Membership Outreach Chairwoman, Mary Ellen R., provided new up to date meeting schedules for all the groups to distribute. Our Answering Service Chairwoman, Glenda T., reported no problems with a successful part of our commitment to public service. We are planning events, speaker meetings and workshops for anyone to attend. We have plans to become very active in the Alateen program. As a whole the district is anxious for the 2014 State Al-Anon convention, to be held in N Myrtle Beach. Our thoughts and ideas were as colorful as a rainbow with a "real" pot of golden recovery at its end. In closing, I am extremely blessed to have been selected for my service position as district Representative. I did learn that it is essential to learn and live "Presume Good Will" and know in my heart my Higher Power (Howie) will guide me toward a wonderful 3 years of service. Gratefully submitted, David Bryant District 8 Representative

Jan S--District 9—Hello from the Upstate and the Western Carolina's!! The new District 9 had their first combined District Meeting of Districts 1 and 9. This area consists of Greenville, Anderson, Oconee, and Greenwood counties. I put together reference notebooks for each Group Representative to share with their treasurer and group. We had representation of 18 out of 22 Groups. I am mailing the notebooks to 3 GR that were not able to attend. I have been able to reach out to the most of the new GR's, and connect with them by phone and email. We have many attending today's Assembly. I am so proud to have such great group to work with. Many are making plans to attend the Al-Anon Alateen Convention on February 20-23 at the Bay

Watch Resort in North Myrtle Beach. It will be very rewarding in Spirit and Service. Vicki L., who is in charge of Hospitality for Convention 2014, is requesting cash donations and volunteers to help in the Hospitality Room during the Convention. Please call her at 864-228-6656 or email with her at: missvicki54@aol.com Thank you to all those that are working so hard to make Convention 2014 a Journey to remember and Enjoy! District 9 started the New Year with Bessie L. as the Speaker at the January Open Al-Anon Speaker Meeting at the Greenville Alano Club. Our next monthly Open Al-Anon Speaker Meeting will be Sunday, February 9th at the same location at 7pm. I look forward to serving for the next 3 years, and being a part of this District and my Al-Anon family. Respectfully Submitted, Jan Salvato District Representative