
Area Assembly

Saturday, 10.13.2018

New Group Rep Orientation

Cheryl G from Kalkaska

Theresa S (city not provided)

Maureen D. from Livonia

Maria K from Hart

Debbie T from Big Rapids

Joyce K from Brimley

Cecilia S from Dewitt

Karen F. from Royal Oak

Opening

Started at 10:00 AM

- **Serenity Prayer** - All
- **Tradition Four**- Kali
- **Concepts Four** - Melody
- **General Warranty Four** - Denise

Roll Call - Board Members

Ann M, *Delegate*

Kristine G., *Alternate Delegate*

Mike D, *Chairperson*

Maggie S., *Treasurer*

FloAnn Y., *Secretary*

Executive Committee

Board Members + 3 members

Mike D, Ann M, Kristine G, FloAnn Y, Maggie S, Janet O, Liz P, Matt D

Policy Committee

Chair, Delegate, Alt Delegate, Current or Past Treasurer, Immediate Past Delegate 3 members at large

Mike D, Ann M, Kristine G, Maggie S, Liz P, Ross F, Sandy C, Jodi B, FloAnn Y.

Budget Committee

Past Delegate, Delegate, Alt. Delegate, Secretary, Treasurer, Past Auditor, 2 Member at Large

Mike D, Ann M, Kristine G, FloAnn Y, Maggie S, Vic C, Jodi B, Liz P.

Alateen Resolution Committee

Chair, Delegate, Alt Delegate, Alateen Coordinator, AAPP, 2 AMAIS

Mike D, Ann M, Kristine G, Marte D, Jodi B, Bill C, VACANCY

Idea/Q&A Box - Put your ideas & questions in the box during the day and we'll answer them at the end of the meeting

Chairperson Changes to Agenda

None

Review Conference Etiquette

Conference Etiquette Rap (<https://goo.gl/2z2JBp>)

Reports and Communication

Business Services/Finance

- Treasurer (Maggie S.) - see full report on Google Drive
 - New Donation Address: MIAFG Inc. PO Box 980174, Ypsilanti, Mi 48198-0174
 - Prudent Reserve/Svgs. - \$ 6, 594.06
 - MIAFG Convention - \$8, 438.17
 - Checking Account - \$13, 915.49
 - Total - \$ 28, 947.72
- Secretary (FloAnn Y.) - see full report on Google Drive

Approve Previous AWSC Minutes and Treasurer Report

The floor approved the minutes.

The floor to approved the treasurer report.

Membership Outreach

- *Alternate Delegate (Kristine G.)*
 - Worked on the Convention contract for the 2020 convention

- Thanked Maggie for her service and asked the attendees to consider standing for Area Treasurer.
- There will be 3 action committees after lunch that should be fun and educational.
- *Delegate (Ann M.)* - She brought love gifts from the World Service Conference
 - Been invited to Holland, Detroit Intergroup and Grand Rapids.
 - Went to the Baltimore International Convention
 - 4044 attendees
 - 44 Alateens
 - 271 AAs
 - Next International is in 2023 in Albuquerque, NM
 - Love Gifts from Conference available for you to take home

Old Business

Knowledge Based Decision Making (KBDM) (Ann M.)

There are questions to ask in order to follow this process. The hand out is provided on the Google drive in the presentation folder as addressed in this meeting, but it is also in the *General Information* folder as well for reference any time.

From the Box (Mike D.)

See the From the Box log located at:

https://drive.google.com/open?id=1Inxfo25XvBC6-Lradf_9xcVPEyNWpNY

47th Michigan AFG Convention (Jodi B.)

Presented the upcoming convention flyer for approval. This is typically done at AWSC, but because the convention was assigned so late in the year the approval needs to be done at Assembly. Do not confuse the PO Box on the flyer with the donation PO Box - this one is for the convention registration only.

Concern about the amount of black ink required to print the flyer. Convention committee will donate flyers for distribution and said that they can provide a copy that does not require so much black ink to print.

Can the time that the program starts on Friday be included on the flyer? They will look for some space to add that.

Please add a disclaimer about the PO Box being for the convention only, not donations.

The flyer passed as written, but the host committee will make the recommended changes.

Meal packages are included in the hotel room. If you only wanted to the banquet you have to work with the hotel. You can work with the hotel if you don't want the meal package.

2017 Annual Audit Report (Vic C. and Cheryl B.)

See both audit reports are located at:

<https://drive.google.com/open?id=10tjk3ygO-eFErIX2zldwxhag8GFRx7l4>

As of the writing of these minutes, I am still waiting on the digital copy of Vic's audit report.

Lots of spirited questions, comments and concerns about the two different audit reports.

The executive committee wanted to ensure that an audit report was ready to be given at Fall Assembly due to the audit having been due since Spring Assembly. To ensure it was completed by Fall Assembly the committee voted to appoint another auditor. This caused some confusion.

LUNCH

2018 AA State Convention, Kalamazoo Report (Sandy C, Janet O)

300 AA/Al-Anon members in attendance.

The liaison wasn't provided the guidelines for this position so she was at the mercy of AA knowing what she needed to do. AA didn't have a clear idea of what Al-Anon was supposed to have so there wasn't a full program at the convention. For future reference - all guidelines for positions in MI AFG are located on the Google Drive:

https://drive.google.com/open?id=1XMiYNhL14cctKygPm3f6n67SIPPBy_5r

New Business from AWSC

Delegate's Equalized Conference Expense

The delegate's full conference expense was approved to be paid by AWSC in August. Maggie paid the full amount so Ann is now able to attend World Service Conference (WSC).

Establish Voting Procedure

registered attendees.

Informal motion to establish substantial unanimity at 2/3s by Ross and seconded by Janet.

Ross made a motion to establish substantial unanimity at $\frac{2}{3}$ and it was seconded by Janet.

70 voting members

2019 MI AFG Budget (Jodi B.)

69 yeah, 1 abstain

2019 Budget APPROVED

Action Committee Spotlight

Sentinel/Forum - Writings were done on topics like slogans and other topics.

Records - Showed the process that occurs when creating a new meeting and

Archives - Al-Anon Trivia Bingo

New Business from AWSC (con't)

Changes to MI AFG Trusted Servants

Website Coordinator: Erica from Grand Rapids has agreed to take over the MI AFG website. Coordinator positions are appointed by the Delegate.

Treasurer: Al-Anon Member, not dual and a minimum of 3 years as a District Rep.

Renee F is standing for Treasurer. There are 69 voting members and 46 are required to vote Renee in as the new Panel 58 Treasurer. She has been successfully voted in as the new treasurer starting 01 JAN 2019.

Membership Outreach

Delegate Report

Discussed members that participated in the international convention in a service role. It was a rewarding experience.

The new World Service Conference theme is "There is no growth in the comfort zone".

Michigan had one person of the 4 that applied to be a new Regional Trustee. Sandy C applied and the first round of scoring has been completed. The final vote occurs in the spring.

From the Box

Paraphrased in some instances for brevity. See From the Box Log on Google Drive for answers/responses to these questions and where they stand in the process if referred to committees.

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Closing

Al-Anon 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”

Serenity Prayer

“God, grant me the serenity to accept the things I cannot change, courage to change the things I can and the wisdom to know the difference”

Assembly Center: 1075 W. Monroe Rd, (St. Louis Church of Christ) St. Louis, MI 48880

Michigan Al-Anon Family Groups Website: www.miafg.org

7th Tradition

Member Online Donations: www.miafg.org/Member%20Page.html

Member Mail-In Donations: Michigan AFG, Inc., P.O. Box 980174 Ypsilanti, MI. 48198-0174

Panel 58's Vision, Mission and Goals:

Vision Statement

All people affected by someone else's drinking in Michigan (Area 27) can find help and recovery in Al-Anon and Alateen.

Mission Statement

To offer experience, strength and hope for families and friends of problem drinkers, by creating an atmosphere of unity, harmony and spirituality within MI AFG, through the use of our three Legacies in all our affairs.

Board Goals

1. All AMAISs are educated on the new Alateen AMAIS Certification Program and Process
2. Encourage district representation in every district
3. Clarify the responsibility and authority of each service position
4. Strengthen links of service and increase participation through improved transparency and communication via traditional and emerging technologies.