

District 25 Meeting Minutes

September 2, 2023

Attendance: Kathleen, Brenda, Maggie, Maria

Opening

- Moment of silence and Serenity Prayer
- Introductions-none needed
- Reading of the Twelve Traditions- these will be read on odd # months
- Reading of the Twelve Concepts of Service and General Warranties- these will be read on even # months

District Reports

- Secretary (Kathleen V)-
 - August minutes were accepted with 1 correction.
 - Minutes should be submitted to AIS in PDF format if possible.
- Treasurer (Maggie E)-
 - Account balance-\$1030.67, no change from last month
- District Representative (DR) (Brenda L)-
 - District 29 is having a Day of Sharing on Oct. 21. Information is available on the AIS Website.
 - AWSC meeting- there was a lot of discussion regarding getting people together for the assembly. Attendance is down. One issue is Districts not volunteering to do the planning. It takes a lot of lead time and work. And the cost has gone up. For the Spring Assembly 2024 there is not enough time to get people together in person. Will most likely be virtual only.
 - Brenda proposed that we, in District 25, consider putting our hat in the ring to help work on the Fall Assembly for 2024. It has been years since our District has had any role in helping to plan such an event. It is part of our service to rotate helping with this. If the Assembly is in person or hybrid, it will be held in Syracuse.
 - If the Fall 2024 Assembly is a Hybrid meeting, it will likely not be at a hotel. There is a church location in Syracuse that has been used in the past and that works well.
- Alternate DR (*vacant*)

District Topics

- **Next District meeting date & location**
 - The next District meeting will be Saturday, October 7 @ 10:00 a.m. This will be an online meeting only, unless someone is planning on attending in person with Brenda at the church in Fairport.
 - Since attendance is low at these District meetings, Kathleen suggested conducting a poll to see if there is a better day and/or time to meet. All agreed this was something we would like to do. Brenda will use the email list she has and reach out to members and ask what days and times would be convenient for them to attend District meetings.
- **New GR Meeting - online, Thursday, September 21, 7-8 pm.**
 - The meeting is online and open to anyone
 - Although the main purpose of this meeting is to provide Group Representatives with information concerning their role at the upcoming 2023 NYN Fall Assembly, all interested members are invited to attend. A Registration link was provided.
 - GRs are vital to the health of Al-Anon as they are the only voting members at the Assembly!
- **NYN Fall Assembly (“Together Again”, Sep 29 – Oct 1, 2023)**
 - This is an Election Assembly: In Person Only @ Embassy Suites 6646 Old Collamer Rd S, E Syracuse.
 - In order to secure a Saturday box lunch or banquet tickets, attendees will need to register by Sept 9. Attendees can register online, by mail or in-person at the assembly. The cost of registration is \$30.00. Kathleen is registered and Maggie is in the process of registering. Brenda has an AWSC meeting to attend early Saturday morning so will probably go Friday and stay overnight.
 - Embassy Suites provides a complimentary breakfast for guests staying at the hotel.
 - The Hospitality suite will have bottled water and pre-packaged snacks only. No homemade foods, fruit etc. will be allowed.
 - Cooperative travel (and optional rooming) arrangements- try to coordinate with others if possible
 - There is a block of discounted hotel rooms available for Assembly attendees.
 - Additional information is available in the June and the July/August NY North Northern Hi Lights issues.

- The Assembly program is available @ <https://nynafg.com/pdf/events/NYN%20Fall%20Assembly%20Program2023.pdf>
- Brenda asked attendees to consider reviewing written reports prior to the meeting! The reports will be posted a couple weeks in advance of the Assembly @ <https://nynafg.com/news.html>
- Brenda encouraged GR's to obtain a subscription to Northern Hi Lights Newsletter. The electronic subscription is free.
- Tentative slate of voting items that will be at the Assembly
 - 2024 Budget-The Treasurer will prepare a proposed budget
 - WSO Contribution- Part of the budget presentation will include sending a % of proceeds of income from the spring assembly to WSO.
 - Elections for 5 Officers: Delegate, Alt Delegate, Chairperson, Treasurer, Secretary. Only GR's vote and it may be paper ballot voting.
 - Alternate Delegate- serves as the Forum coordinator. We currently do not have an Alternate Delegate.
 - Elections for Coordinators: Group Records and then alphabetically
People will present themselves and state why they want to hold the position.
 - 2024 Spring Assembly Virtual or Hybrid
This will be voted on. Will likely also ask for people to be on the host committee.
 - Potential Maui AIS contribution- at the AWSC meeting it was suggested that we make a literature donation to them. This will be voted on at the Assembly. GR's can discuss this with their group before the Assembly.
- There is a Quilt Raffle going on to raise funds for Assembly expenses. The funds will be collected at the Assembly.
- On the days of the Assembly, there will be basket raffles to raise money for area expenses. GR's can consider bringing a basket for the raffle from their group.

- **Alateen**

- There are 3 Alateen-related positions: Alateen Coordinator, Area Alateen Process Person (AAPP), and the New York North Alateen Conference (NYNAC) Coordinator

- NYNAC-NY North Alateen conference is held in October in Central NY. The conference is in jeopardy of being canceled due to lack of participation.
- The Rochester area only has 1 Alateen meeting. The meeting is in Irondequoit, has grown over the summer and is thriving. The NYNAC Coordinator had not heard from the Rochester area. Brenda reached out to one of the sponsors.
- AMIAS (Al-Anon Member involved in Alateen Service)- Informational Zoom meeting coming up October 28 about becoming an Al-Anon Member Involved in Alateen Service. Mary S. is trying to get people interested in supporting these teens. Anyone doing anything involved with the teens has to have a background check.
- The teens need help getting to the conference both financially and transportation wise.
- 3 local teens are interested in attending the conference. Their sponsors are not sure if they can attend and sponsors are required to attend the conference with the teen.
- Brenda asked GR's to keep this in mind. She also reminded us to talk about Alateen in our groups and to newcomers.
- Maggie's group-Newark Sunday Serenity, is doing some Alateen information sharing. They are participating in an event at the Newark library September 5. And they will be participating in a health fair at the Newark library at the end of October. They have also placed literature at the Sodus Library.
- There is currently only 1 Alateen zoom meeting. It is part of a pilot program. Due to this being part of a pilot program, Brenda suggested we use caution in sharing information about it due to Alateen safety guidelines.
- Maria suggested having an Alateen meeting at the Recreation Centers.
- Our local Alateen Group is growing and there are many service opportunities.

Adjourn and close with the Al-Anon Declaration

Update on Assembly Agenda re: Potential Maui AIS contribution *"Thanks to the generosity of responders, Maui now has adequate literature and finances to make whole the meetings affected by the fires. We will continue to welcome moral support and prayers"*

Submitted by Kathleen