

**MINUTES TO THE CONNECTICUT
AL-ANON WORLD SERVICE COMMITTEE MEETING
FIRST CONGREGATION CHURCH – MERIDEN, CT
December 5, 2014**

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 pm with the Serenity Prayer by Sue G., Area Chairperson.

Roll Call – Donna C.

Absent: Martha N., ADR District 1, Pam M., ADR District 4, Stacey H., ADR District 5, Amy A., ADR District 8, Janet W., ADR District 9, Helen B., ADR District 10, Megan H., ADR District 11, Jessica K., ADR District 13, Jessica S., AA Events Coordinator, Terri F., Group Records Coordinator, Ron S., Schedules Coordinator, Ronnie S., Fall Workshop Chair.

Guests: Taffy P., Past Delegate Panel 42, Gina R., Past Delegate Panel 48, Pat S., BOD Chair, Jackie Z., Miguel C Jr., Esther L.

Opening Comments – Sue G., Area Chairperson

Sue thanked everyone for a wonderful year in Al-Anon service and recognized the outgoing DRs. We were reminded that we have gathered to conduct the business of CT Al-Anon/Alateen leaving outside entities out and to continue to utilize our Al-Anon principles. With the time constraints of a full agenda in mind, Sue reminded all to focus and be concise.

Secretary's Report Donna C., Secretary

Secretary's Report was presented from the October 10, 2014 CT AWSC Meeting in Meriden.

Corrections made: Several typo's corrected.

Motion to accept the minutes as corrected was made by Dave T., Alateen Coordinator, seconded by Chris D., DR District 1.

The motion to accept the minutes carried unanimously.

Treasurer's Report – Carol D.

Carol reported an error to the August report. The returned Assembly seed money was inadvertently recorded under group contributions. The error has been corrected and did not affect the balance sheets. In October a PO check was incorrectly recorded, that error has also been corrected along with corresponding balances.

November 1, 2014

Balance Forward	\$16,564.02
Total Income	1,982.90
Total Expenses	4,838.32
Balance-At-End of Month	\$13,708.60

The deadline to submit your expenses is December 9, 2014. After that time, no more checks will be written.

Motion was made to accept the Treasurer's Report by Marcia M., DR District 7, seconded by Ruth S., Website Coordinator.

Motion carried to accept the Treasurers' Report as presented.

Delegate's Report – Ann B.

Ann thanked everyone for a wonderful year in service. We were told of the International Al-Anon General Service Meeting (IAGSM) held in Virginia last October. Full report will be posted on the members' web site.

The Policy Committee, who interprets topics utilizing Al-Anon's Traditions, also met on October. More to follow at the next WSC.

A position is open at the WSO in membership services, see Ann with questions.

CT Alateens have once again been published in the Alateen Talks section of this month's forum.

We are still looking for a Lifeline Coordinator. The Archives Coordinator position has also become available. Please encourage service.

Ann attended the AA Fall Assembly and was able to watch the process of electing a new delegate. We were also reminded of Al-Anon/Alateen participation during NECYPAA in January.

Alternate Delegate's Report – Stacie V.

Stacie attended the November District 4 workshop and reports many enthused members. She will continue visiting districts next year.

Area Inventory – Gina R.

Minutes from the October meeting were reviewed and the inventory process resumed.

Break

Old Business:

Paneling Discussion – Sue G2.

Overview of the inception process for Paneling was provided by Taffy P., Past Delegate Panel 42, and Gina R., Past Delegate Panel 48, who were both involved in the process in 2004.

A discussion on the pros and cons of paneling was held.

Motion to form a task force committee to help orient new DRs was made by Donna S., DR District 2, and seconded by Ruth S., Website Coordinator.

Motion failed.

Motion made to re-form the Ad Hoc Committee to review improving paneling by Sue G., ADR District 2. No second

Motion made to continue paneling as is, was made by Betsy N., DR District 12, seconded by Vincent L., DR District 6.

Motion passed with 1 opposed, 1 abstention.

*Poll of current DRs willing to mentor Panel 11 DRs in January was taken by Sue G., Area Chair.

Ann T., DR District 3, Bruce G., DR District 6, Marcia M., DR District 7, and Carol D., DR District 8, are willing to be of service.*

Dual Member Participation – Sue G2.

Motion to table the discussion was made by Sue G2., ADR District 2, seconded by Pat R., PO Coordinator.

Motion carried unanimously.

Call for Resumes:

LifeLine Coordinator and Archives Coordinator positions are open.

Spanish Liaison resume was presented by Esther L., from District 6. Vote to accept was unanimous.

2015 Convention – Sue G2.

Sue reported that the theme and logo have been selected as well as the keynote speakers. Registration/pre-registration prices have been determined, and committees are working hard. Members were encouraged to talk up the convention and encourage registration.

2015 Serenity Breakfast Report – Gail L., Co-Chair

Gail reported that Serenity Breakfast will be held in Cromwell on January 18, with a snow date of January 25, 2015. Spanish interpretation and American Sign Language will be available. Please make extra copies of the pre-registration form for availability to the group members.

New Business:

Calendar for 2015

Sue G., Area Chairperson introduced the CT AWSC meeting calendar for 2015.

Motion to move the January 2 meeting to January 9, 2015 by Vincent L., DR District 5, seconded by Dave T., Alateen Coordinator.
Motion carried with 4 Abstentions.

2016 Convention Location – Gail L.

Several venues were explored and found to be lacking in seating capacity and or availability. The Crowne Plaza has offered to extend the same price quotes from the 2015 convention.

Motion to hold the 2016 convention at the Crowne Plaza in Cromwell was made by Ruth L., Website Coordinator, seconded by Ann T., DR District 3.

Motion carried unanimously.

Answering Service - Aileen D.

Report tabled.

Other Business:

Motion to close the meeting was made by Marcia M., DR District 7, seconded by Amy A., ADR District 8.

Motion passed unanimously.

The meeting closed with the Al-Anon Declaration.

Respectfully submitted,

Donna C.
Area Secretary