

**MINUTES TO THE CONNECTICUT
AL-ANON WORLD SERVICE COMMITTEE MEETING
FIRST CONGREGATION CHURCH – MERIDEN, CT
January 9, 2015**

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

Roll Call – Donna C.

Absent: Miguel C., ADR District 3, Pam M., ADR District 4, Vincent L., DR District 5, Stacey H., ADR District 5, Sandy S., ADR District 6, Dorothy C., DR District 11, Jessica S., AA Events Coordinator, Aimee L., Literature Coordinator.

Guests: Terry C., Past Delegate Panel 33, Gina R., Past Delegate Panel 48, Deborah C., WSO Public Outreach Chair, Susan B., outgoing DR District 11, Margaret G., District 4, Irene P., District 5.

Opening Comments – Sue G., Area Chairperson

Sue thanked everyone for a successful pot luck supper. She welcomed and encouraged all AWSC members to get/utilize their AWSC service sponsors as an additional source for experience, strength, and hope as we deal with the business of Connecticut Al-Anon/Alateen.

We were reminded that gossip and criticism have no place in our meetings, and that we conduct ourselves in accordance with our Al-Anon Legacies. We put personal agendas aside and focus on what is best for Connecticut Al-Anon/Alateen as a whole.

Secretary's Report Donna C., Secretary

Secretary's Report was presented from the December 6, 2014 CT AWSC meeting in Meriden.

No corrections were offered.

Motion to accept the minutes as presented was made by Dave T., Alateen Coordinator, seconded by Marcia M., DR District 7.

The motion to accept the minutes passed unanimously.

Treasurer's Report – Carol D.

Balance Forward	\$13,708.60
Total Income	6,126.96
Total Expenses	<u>1,710.41</u>

Balance-At-End of Month \$18,125.15

Carol reported that the AWSC is running under budget.

Motion was made to accept the Treasurer's Report as presented was made by Ruth S., Website Coordinator, seconded by Pauline K., DR District 10.

The motion to accept the Treasurers' Report passed unanimously.

Delegate's Report – Ann B.

Ann welcomed the new Panel 11 members.

We were reminded of the member survey on the WSO website members page that starts today.

Ann requested love gifts for the World Service Conference in April.

We are looking for a new Regional Trustee for 2016. Resumes must be submitted before August 8, 2015.

Alternate Delegate's Report – Stacie V.

Stacie welcomed the new DRs and ADRs on Panel 11.

Goal for the year is to visit 3-4 District meetings, attend Alateen Sponsor meetings, PO meetings, and DR Discussion groups.

Area Inventory – Gina R.

Gina reviewed the guidelines for our Area Inventory. Minutes from the December meeting were reviewed and the inventory process resumed.

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Old Business:

Discussion – Dual member participation – Sue G2.

Sue reminded the Area members of her original question – With regard to the new wording on page 82 of the 2014-2017 Service Manual, what service positions the Ct Area will consider for AI-Anon members who are also members of AA.

Page 82 of the Service Manual was read aloud.

Ann B., offered clarification by referencing the algorithm titled Criteria to Determine Dual Members' Service.

Do we need a "list" of positions that can and cannot be held by AI-Anon members who are also members of AA?

DRs' encouraged to bring discussion back to GRs at their District meetings.

This discussion will be continued at next Area meeting.

Call for Resumes- Ann B.

Archives Coordinator – Tabled until next Area meeting, Ann has two potential candidates' resumes.

Lifeline Coordinator – Margaret G., from District 4 presented her resume. Elected by majority vote.

Note Books – Stacie V.

The new DR from Panel 11 have been provided with binders. Stacie reviewed the contents of these binders and encouraged the new DRs to utilize their Service Sponsor and other members on the AWSC.

2015 Convention – Sue G2.

Sue reminded all to send in the pre-registration forms and pre-book hotel rooms. Additional pre-registration forms are in the baskets.

Talk it up and encourage group members to attend.

Serenity Breakfast – Gail L.

Everything is progressing well; speakers and the theme song are ready. The registration deadline has been extended, 117 members have already registered.

New Business:

TEAM – Ann B.

TEAM (Together Empowering AI-Anon Members) will be held in October 2015. It will be held at the LDC location in Hartford. This is a service oriented day of workshops with WSO members.

Area Position Overview – Sue G.

Tabled for next meeting.

Group Records Report – Terri F.

DRs were reminded to send completed GR-1 forms to the Area Group Records Coordinator and to the WSO website.

Terri has asked that her personal e-mail not be used.

Answering Service Report – Aileen D.

Please update your District contact lists.

Fall Workshop Report – Ronnie S.

The Workshop had 163 participants and was a success despite lower attendance, and difficulty filling committee positions.

Ronnie suggested the AWSC consider holding the Workshop every other year.
The Workshop had an unexpected return of \$1853.89.

Other Business:

Applications are being accepted for the CT Board of Directors. Application deadline is January 31, 2015.

Ann B. announced that Sue G., Area Chairperson will also chair the task force for Motion Procedures.

Anyone wishing to procure a AWSC name tag, please see Area Treasurer, Carol D.

Districts 11 and 12 will be hosting the Spring Assembly.

Please contact the Convention Program Chair, Amy A., with your ideas for topics and/or speakers.

Activities Chair, Lynn K., encouraged the making of love gifts at the convention. She is asking the membership to bring pictures of horizons for this project.

Motion to close the meeting was made by Dave T., Alateen Coordinator seconded by Amy A., DR District 8.

Motion passed unanimously.

The meeting closed at 9:30 pm with the Al-Anon Declaration.

Respectfully submitted,

Donna Collette
Area Secretary