

**MINUTES TO THE CONNECTICUT  
AL-ANON WORLD SERVICE COMMITTEE MEETING  
FIRST CONGREGATION CHURCH – MERIDEN, CT  
March 6, 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: Martha N., ADR District 1, Pam M., ADR District 4, Stacey H., ADR District 5, Sandy S., ADR District 6, Lynn K., ADR District 7, Katie D., ADR District 8, Janet W., ADR District 9, Janet W., ADR District 10, Carol F., ADR District 12, Gail L., Convention Co-Chair.

Guests: Terry C., Past Delegate Panel 33, Gina R., Past Delegate Panel 48, Deborah C., WSO Public Outreach Chair.

**Opening Comments – Sue G., Area Chairperson**

Paneling provides us the opportunity for continuity, and lessens the need to reinvent the wheel. Sue encouraged all to obtain and utilize an AWSC sponsor and to open all lines of communication. We were reminded the gossip and criticism have no place here at the AWSC meetings. Sue also reminded everyone that we come together between Assemblies to conduct the business of Al-Anon/Alateen. Everyone here is present with best intentions for Al-Anon/Alateen as a whole. Please keep both our purpose and time constraints in mind as we begin tonight agenda.

**Secretary's Report Donna C., Secretary**

Secretary's Report was presented from January 9, 2015 Area Meeting.

Motion to accept the minutes as presented was made by Dave T., Alateen Coordinator, seconded by Amy A., DR District 8.

The motion to accept the minutes carried with 1 abstention.

**Treasurer's Report – Carol D.**

**January**

Balance Forward	\$18,125.15
Total Income	6,253.91
Total Expenses	2,173.18

Balance-at-end of month	\$22,205.88
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**February**

Balance Forward	\$22,205.88
Total Income	2,268.00
Total Expenses	(532.03)

Balance-at-end of month	\$25,005.91
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Motion to accept the Treasurer's Report was made by Ruth S., Website Coordinator, seconded by Pauline K., DR District 10.

Motion carried to accept the Treasurers' Report as presented.

**Delegate's Report – Ann B.**

Ann is getting ready for WSC on April 18 – 24, 2015. She has requested love gifts to bring with her.

Ann requests feedback for the questions on Understanding Universal Recovery and proposed revisions to description (in Service Manual) for Concepts 8 & 11.

NERD (Northeast Regional Delegates) Conference will be held next weekend here in Connecticut.

**Alternate Delegate's Report – Stacie V.**

Stacie has arranged a DR/ADR discussion group for March 15, 2015.

She is requesting assistance from DR/ADRs for workshops at the Spring Assembly.

**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 will the Ct Area will consider for Al-Anon members who are also members of AA.

Motion: Made by Dave T., Alateen Coordinator, seconded by Amy A., DR District 8. - Concerning a policy on service positions for Al-Anon members who are also members of Alcoholics Anonymous (hereto referred as DMs). That the Connecticut Area's policy for DMs holding service positions be in keeping with WSO policy, in that no DM may hold the offices of Delegate, Alternate Delegate, District Representation, Alternate District Representative, Area Officer (Chairperson, Secretary, Treasurer), Area Coordinator, Area Liaisons (such as Convention Chair, Workshop Chair, or other event that would hold a vote at the AWSC), Group Representation, Alternative Group Representative, regardless of any position previously held. Also may not be a voting member of any Thought Force or Task Force in the Area. Any other service position would be available to any DM by virtue of their Al-Anon membership as long as it is not a position that would be voting on Connecticut Area policies.

Motion passed with 2 abstentions.

#### **Call for Resumes – Ann B.**

Marcia M., DR District 7 presented her resume to the Area for Archives Coordinator.

Vote to accept was unanimous.

#### **2015 Convention – Sue G2.**

Sue reminded all that the Convention is only 2 weeks away. Pre-registration, banquet meal reservations, and booked room-nights are down. Please extend a personal invitation to people in your meetings to attend.

#### **2015 Serenity Breakfast Report – Sue G2.**

138 members registered for the event, but because of inclement weather, only 96 members were able to attend.

A surplus of \$400.00 was appreciated after expenses.

### **New Business:**

#### **Area Position Overviews.**

Ann B., Delegate Panel 54, Alternate Delegate Stacie V., and Sue G., Chairperson, reviewed their positions' responsibilities.

#### **TEAM Event – Ann B.**

Kary L. has had to step down as chair of this event. A lot of the work has already been done, committees and topics are needed.

Ann B. is looking for a new chair.

#### **Fall Workshop 2016 – Stacie V.**

Stacie put forth a proposal for a "Day of Training", as a result of the final report/suggestions from the 2014 Workshop Chair.

Please bring flyer back to groups, discuss, and bring back ideas/comments/suggestions.

Stacie will report back to AWSC at the August meeting.

#### **Literature Coordinator Report – Aimee L.**

Literature will be sold at Convention and AA Round-up. She called for volunteers to spend 30 minutes in service during the events.

Aimee is working with the LDC Task Force on the future of our LDC, More information to come.

We were reminded of the need for sharing of ESH for new CAL in progress at WSO and The Forum magazine.

**Schedules Coordinator Report – Ron S.**

The deadline for group changes (for the Spring Schedules Booklet) is May 15, 2015. Alateen group changes must be submitted to the AAPP, Al-Anon group changes are made to Area Group Records Coordinator.

**Website Coordinator – Ruth S.**

The format of website was reviewed. Group info changes (for the site) are processed through the Group Records Coordinator.

Ruth asked if there was any interest in setting up a page accessible to AWSC members only.

**Other Business:**

**Parking – Sue G.**

The parking lot next to the church is no longer available. Parking in the Social Security building parking lot was suggested.

Use of another church in Meriden was suggested.

Motion was made by Ruth S., Website Coordinator and seconded by Dave T., Alateen Coordinator – To have Donna S., DR District 2, check with the Unitarian Universalist Church on availability and give information to the Area Officers before the next Area meeting.

Motion passed with 1 abstention.

**May 1, 2015 Area Meeting – Donna C.**

Note received from the church secretary regarding a timing conflict with the use of the hall for the May 1, 2015 meeting was read.

Sue G., Area Chairperson has asked that DRs' and Coordinators to e-mail her with the viability of changing Area meeting night and their suggestions for same.

Motion to close the meeting was made by Marcia M., DR District 7 and seconded by Ron S., Schedules Coordinator.

Motion passed unanimously.

The meeting closed at 9:35 PM with the Al-Anon Declaration.

Respectfully submitted,

Donna C.  
Area Secretary