

**MINUTES TO THE CONNECTICUT
AL-ANON WORLD SERVICE COMMITTEE MEETING
UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST CHURCH IN MERIDEN – MERIDEN, CT
AUGUST 28, 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: Kimberley G., DR District 4, Pam M., ADR District 4, Irene P., ADR District 5, Sandy S., ADR District 6, Lynn K., ADR District 7, Katie D., ADR District 8, Rosalie L., DR District 9, Janet W., ADR District 9, Jessica K., ADR District 13, Steven I., AAPP.

Guests: MaryAnn R., Past Delegate Panel 27, Terry C., Past Delegate Panel 33, Gina R., Past Delegate Panel 48, Deborah C., Secretary for Area Inventory, Pat S., Chair of CT Board of Directors, Jackie B., Secretary of CT Board of Directors, Bob K., CT Board of Directors member, Marie B., CT LDC Manager, Michael C., Treasurer of CT LDC., Margaret M., District 4 member, Kary M., District 4 member.

Opening Comments – Sue G., Area Chairperson

Sue began by welcoming us back from our summer break.

We were reminded that gossip and criticism have no place in how we conduct the business of Al-Anon/Alateen. Just as we leave religion, politics and other fellowships outside our group meetings, we need also set aside personal agendas as we focus on what is best for CT Al-Anon/Alateen as a whole. We were encouraged to keep both our purpose and time constraints in mind.

Secretary's Report Donna C., Secretary

Secretary's Report was presented from the May 8, 2015 Area Meeting.

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

The motion to accept the minutes carried.

Treasurer's Report – Carol D.

June

Balance Forward	\$19,496.94
Total Income	10,465.55
Total Expenses	7,105.48

End of Month Balance	\$22,857.01
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July

Balance Forward	\$22,857.01
Total Income	2,458.23
Total Expenses	1,317.61

End of Month Balance	\$23,997.63
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Motion was made to accept the Treasurer's Report by Ruth S., Website Coordinator, seconded by Pauline K., DR District 10.

Motion to accept the Treasurers' Report carried.

Delegate's Report – Ann B.

Ann reported that the AA International Convention with Al-Anon participation in Atlanta, Georgia to have been a wonderful experience.

She passed along information from the WSO Chair of the Board's last Executive Committee meeting regarding automatic (electronic) monthly contributions. Research, cost and use of our Legacies has revealed this method for contribution to be cost prohibitive at this time.

On the Area level, Ann encouraged all to not only be of service, but to inspire the fellowship to become involved as well.

Alternate Delegate's Report – Stacie V.

Stacie continues to facilitate DR discussion groups and visit District meetings. She suggested asking outside speakers to share their Experience, Strength and Hope at District meetings.

Area Inventory – Gina R.

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

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Old Business:

Call for Resumes – Ann B.

AA Events Coordinator remains open; Chair positions for events through the end of 2015 are already in place.

PO Coordinator position will be open at the end of the year as the current term concludes in December. Fall Workshop Chair 2016.

Comments from Area members:

Perhaps CT Al-Anon has too many events a year; maybe a more narrow focus would be helpful.

Encourage members at the Area to clarify how important service is during group meetings.

Reminder – Sue G.

November Assembly will be hosted by Districts 13 and 1.

Next Area meeting will be held on September 25, 2015.

TEAM Event 2015 – Ann T-V.

Ann reported that preparations are in full swing. Lunch, snacks and beverages will be provided.

American Sign Language and Spanish translation will be available.

Ann encouraged all to attend and be empowered.

New Business:

Convention 2017 – Amy A.

Amy A., presented options for hosting of the 2017 Al-Anon/Alateen Convention. Sites in Cromwell, Hartford, Mystic, and Waterbury were explored as well as possible dates for the Convention. Amy A., recommended use of the Crowne Plaza Hotel in Cromwell on March 31 – April 2, 2017 as most likely to meet the needs for the Convention.

Motion: To go with the weekend of March 31 – April 2, 2017 at the Crowne Plaza Hotel. (*For the 2017 Convention*) was made by Dave T., Alateen Coordinator, seconded By Ron S., Schedules Coordinator.

Motion passed with 1 opposed.

Assembly Motions and Procedures Task Force Report- Sue G.

Sue G. presented the report and opened the floor. Discussion regarding information presented included; decisions on who (incoming or outgoing GR) will vote at Assemblies, eligibility of past DRs and those DRs that have not been in that service position for long, standing for other Area positions, and clarification on use of “40%” if no one has received a 2/3 majority vote.

Motion: The report of the Task Force on Voting Procedures be referred back to the Task Force was made by Ruth S., Website Coordinator and seconded by Donna S., DR District 2.

Motion passed with 2 abstentions.

LDC Task Force Report – Pat S.

Pat S. reviewed the report and the floor was opened for discussion. Clarification, questions and concerns included; Payment of LDC Manager with hourly wage as an at will employee, which body (Board of Directors or Area) will oversee restructuring, has a 3 year business plan been worked up?

Motion: Continue this discussion at the October meeting happening in September was made by Marcia M., DR District 7/Archives Coordinator, seconded by Amy A., DR District 8.

Motion passed unanimously.

2016 Budget – Carol D.

The proposed budget was presented, changes were reviewed, and the floor was opened for discussion.

Motion: To approve this budget to be brought to the districts and groups with the understanding that the \$6,000.00 for the LDC may or may not be in it after the LDC discussion On September 25. If it is

removed, expected income will be reduced was made by Sue G., ADR District 2 and seconded by Bruce G., DR District 6.

Motion carried unanimously.

Other Business:

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

Motion passed unanimously.

The meeting closed at 9:48 PM with the AI-Anon Declaration.

Respectfully submitted,

Donna C.
Area Secretary