

**MINUTES TO THE CONNECTICUT
AL-ANON WORLD SERVICE COMMITTEE MEETING
UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST CHURCH IN MERIDEN – MERIDEN, CT
September 25, 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: Ann B., Delegate, Martha N., ADR District 1, Susan S., DR District 3, Miguel C., ADR District 3, Pam M., ADR District 4, Irene P., ADR District 5, Lynn K., ADR District 7, Katie D., ADR District 8, Janet W., ADR District 9, Aileen D., Phone Service Coordinator, Pat R., Public Outreach Coordinator, Ester L., Spanish Liaison.

Guests: Mary Ann R., Past Delegate Panel 27, Terry C., Past Delegate Panel 33, Joan V., Past Delegate Panel 36, Gina R., Past Delegate Panel 48, Deborah C., Secretary for Area Inventory, Charmine Al-Anon member from District 11, Justice transitioning Alateen member.

Opening Comments – Sue G., Area Chairperson

We were reminded that gossip and criticism have no place in how we conduct the business of Al-Anon/Alateen. We were encouraged to keep both our purpose and time constraints in mind as we tackled the workload.

Secretary's Report Donna C., Secretary

Secretary's Report was presented from the August 28, 2015 Area Meeting.

Motion to accept the minutes as presented was made by Ron S., Schedules Coordinator and seconded by Pat R., PO Coordinator.

The motion to accept the minutes carried unanimously.

Treasurer's Report – Carol D.

August

Balance Forward	\$23,997.63
Total Income	4,257.44
Total Expenses	5,404.59
End of Month Balance	\$22,850.48

Motion was made to accept the Treasurer's Report by Amy A., DR District 8, seconded by Sandy S., ADR District 6.

Motion to accept the Treasurers' Report as presented carried with 1 abstention.

Delegate's Report – Stacie V. for Ann B.

Ann is staying in touch with the WSO and CT Area via internet while away.

DRs, Area Chairs, Area Treasurers, Coordinators and Past Delegates may now connect with AFG Connects rather than e-communities.

We were reminded of the TEAM (Together Empowering Al-Anon Members) will be held on October 3, 2015.

Districts 1, 2, 7, and 9 are preparing for election of new representatives.

Alternate Delegate's Report – Stacie V.

Stacie continues to visit District and Alateen Sponsor meetings.

Stacie encouraged rotation of service and the sharing of our experience, strength, and hope with others to bolster confidence to say yes to service.

Reminder – Sue G.

We were advised of open coordinator positions.

AA Events Coordinator, Public Outreach Coordinator, Fall Workshop Chair 2016.

November Assembly Report – Debbie S., DR District 13 and Chris D., DR District 1.

Plans are progressing well without problems.

TEAM Report – Chair, Ann T-V.

Ann reported 102 members have registered for the event being held on October 3, 2015 at the LDC in Hartford.

Ann reviewed the financials thus far and reports the need for 16 additional registrations to break even.

Schedules Coordinator Report – Ron S.

Deadline for submission of meeting changes is October 8, 2015. Any changes must go through the Group Records Coordinator, Terry F. Alateen meeting changes must go through the AAPP, Steven I.

If current schedule has an error on it please e-mail Ron.

Convention 2016 Report – Chair, Gail L.

The Convention theme has been chosen; Miracles in Motion. The winner has received a free registration and 2 free nights stay at the hotel.

All committees have been filled with the exception of Alateen co-chair.

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Motions and Voting Procedures Task Force Report– Joan V.

Clarification – All matters involving voting will be decided at the beginning of AWSC and Assembly if requiring 2/3 vote for substantial unanimity.

With regards to CT Area Paneling, voted into effect at the Spring Assembly in 2004, Former DRs with 2 years of service in that position (Districts 1, 2, 7, and 9) and active at the Area level are to be eligible to stand for Area officer positions.

Motion: That the AWSC accept the written processes for making motions, and voting at AWSC meetings as amended. Made by Marcia M., DR District 7, seconded by Dave T., Alateen Coordinator.

Motion passed unanimously.

LDC Task Force Report – Pat S., and Terry C.

Task Force research has shown that 80% of LDC's closed secondary to lack of support.

A three year plan, 2015 – 2017, is in place. Right now we pay a sty pin and mileage at \$4,000 per year. Expenses with employees will run \$15,000 per year. That will include taxes and insurances occurred with employees.

If each District contributes \$72.60 per month, the line item would be covered.

Ct AFG is incorporated; we must follow the by-laws. Corporations must have a physical address (not a PO box). Most incorporated AFGs' have paid workers in their LDC/office.

Sandy S., ADR District volunteered to chair fundraising for the LDC for one year.

Proposed 2016 Budget – Carol D.

Carol reviewed the requested changes in the proposed 2016 budget. She reminded all that the reserve fund has not been accessed since it was created.

Motion: Accept the budget as it appears. Made by Ron S., Schedules Coordinator and seconded by Gail L., Convention Chair.

Motion withdrawn.

Motion: To approve the 2016 budget as presented for presentation to the Assembly in November for a vote, with amendment of line item LDC to read "Office/LDC/Storage Facility". Made by Ron S., Schedules Coordinator and seconded by Gail L., Convention Chair.

Motion carried with 3 No votes.

Other Business:

Stacie V., Alternate Delegate asked if a workshop at the Assembly to answer questions regarding the Office/LDC/Storage Space line item on the proposed budget would be helpful. By show of hands, majority of members feel this would be beneficial for the membership.

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

Motion passed unanimously.

The meeting closed at 9:30 PM with the AI-Anon Declaration.

Respectfully submitted,

Donna C.
Area Secretary