

CT AWSC Fall Assembly
South Congregational Church
Hartford, CT
November 7, 2015
Gaining Perspective through Service

Call to Order, Sue G., Chairperson

Assembly opened at 12:30 PM.

Call for Proxies, Sue G., Chairperson

Serenity Prayer led by Sue G., Chairperson

Welcome and Introduction of Guests

Districts 13 and 1 hosted this Assembly. Debbie S., DR District 13 and Chris D., DR District 1, welcomed all in attendance, introduced the guests and thanked the many volunteers helping make the Assembly a success.

Review of Assembly Procedures - Terry C., Past Delegate Panel 33

Roll Call - Donna C., Area Secretary

Absent from the Fall Assembly were: Pam M., ADR District 4, Lynn K., ADR District 7, Rosalie L., DR District 9, Helen B., ADR District 10, Dave T., Alateen Coordinator, Margaret G., Lifeline Coordinator, Aileen D., Phone Service Coordinator.

Guests present: Gerry V., Past Delegate Panel 24, MaryAnn R., Past Delegate Panel 27, Terry C., Past Delegate Panel 33, Kary L., Past Delegate Panel 34, Joan V., Past Delegate Panel 36, Taffy P., Past Delegate Panel 42, Gina R., Past Delegate Panel 48, Rita C., Past Delegate Panel 51, Pat S., Chair of the Board Connecticut Al-Anon Family Groups, Inc, Katherine, AA Area Treasurer, Matt K., AA Area Assistant Treasurer.

Opening Remarks - Sue G., Area Chair

We were reminded that we have assembled to conduct the business of CT Al-Anon/Alateen in accordance with our Legacies. We were encouraged to keep both purpose and time constraints in mind.

Sue reminded all gathered that gossip and criticism have no place here.

Secretary's Report - Donna C., Area Secretary

Several corrections made.

Motion to accept the corrected Minutes from the 2015 Spring Assembly.

Made by Susan B., GR District 13, seconded by Frank, GR District 1.

The Motion passed unanimously.

Treasurer's Report - Carol D., Area Treasurer

Reserve Fund guidelines were reviewed, the current Reserve Fund balance is \$22,291.53.

Area funds for September:

Balance Forward:	\$22,850.48
Income:	2,023.57
Expenses:	6,332.27
Balance:	\$18,541.78

Area funds for October:	
Balance Forward:	\$18,541.78
Income:	3,943.55
Expenses:	4,254.92
Balance:	\$18,230.41

Motion to accept the Treasurer's report as presented.
 Made by Susan, GR District 13, seconded by Donna, GR District 2.
 The motion carried unanimously.

Voice, Vote and Procedures - Sue G., Area Chair

Sue reviewed who has voice, vote, and Assembly procedures with the membership. Extra copies were available on the tables for review.

Call for Proxies - Sue G., Area Chair

Announcements

Joan V., Past Delegate Panel 36 and Taffy P., Past Delegate Panel 42 had Quick Reference Guides available for purchase in the rear of the hall.

Assembly Motions and Voting Procedures Report, Discussion and Vote - Joan V., Past Delegate Panel 36.

Task Force committee members reviewed the voting procedures as presented. An opportunity for questions was provided.

Motion: To accept the written procedure for voting.

Made by Ann B., Area Delegate, seconded by Mike GR District 8.

Motion passed. 121 Yes, 2 No, 6 Abstention

Alternate Delegate Report - Stacie V.

Stacie thanked the Board of Director members for the morning workshop. She continues to visit District meetings and facilitate DR discussion groups. A low response on a proposed day of training (for DRs) was reported. Stacie encouraged all to consider asking an AWSC members speak at individual District meetings.

Delegate Report - Ann B.

Ann thanked Districts 1 and 13 for hosting the Assembly.

The WSC (World Service Conference) will be held April 11 - 15, 2016 in Virginia Beach. The theme is "Realizing Our Spiritual Potential". Please let Ann know of items you are concerned about and she will present them at the next conference.

The Chair of the Board of Directors at the World Service Office has posted her report on the WSO website.

The Executive Committee for Real Property Management is looking for members to serve on the committee, see Ann at the break for more information.

Ann has been visiting District and Alateen Sponsor meetings.

Open service positions were reviewed, and participation encouraged.

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Voice, Vote and Procedure Review - Sue G., Area Chair

LDC Report - Marie B., Manager

Marie reviewed hours of operation and holiday/weather related closings. She reported 158 out of our 272 registered groups, 8 Districts, and 11 PO groups have ordered literature this year. She notes more groups seem to be ordering through the Districts.

The office has also been fielding telephone calls and managing the storage of our supplies for events.

Marie encouraged all to consider this service opportunity as her term is ending soon.

LDC Finance Committee Report - Sam C.

Michael reported an ending cash balance with an \$8,000.00 increase from 2014. This is mainly due to lower costs for office goods and shipping.

A graft comparing finances for 2013, 2014, and 2015 to present was reviewed. As was a third quarter profit/loss comparison for 2014/2015.

CT BOD Report - Pat S., Chairperson

Pat reviewed the Board's legal status and purpose.

She outlined the rationale for the line item request on the 2016 AFG proposed budget for \$6,000.00.

The leasing agreement for the LDC/Office/Storage space and insurance requirements were summarized.

The process for submitting resumes to become a member of the Board of Directors for CT Al-Anon Family Group Services, Inc. and form availability was outlined.

2016 Budget Presentation, Discussion and Vote - Carol D., Treasurer

The proposed 2016 budget was presented. Opportunity for questions and comments was provided.

Motion: Accept the 2016 budget as presented.

Made by Marcia from District 13, seconded by Pauline from District 1.

Motion passed. 112 Yes, 11 No, 0 Abstention

BREAK

Spring Assembly Report - Janet P., DR District 11 and Betsy N., DR District 12

Approximately 170 members and guests attended. Seed money and unexpected returns of \$146.90 were made back to the Area treasury.

TEAM 2015 - Ann T-V., Chair

The event garnered 123 attendees. Seed money and unexpected returns of \$397.77 were made back to the Area treasury.

The evaluations returned after the event were positive.

Alateen - Dave T., Coordinator

We currently have 17 active meetings and have several areas in the state without any meetings.

Dave encouraged all to consider becoming a sponsor.

AAPP - Steven I

Steven reviewed his positions' responsibilities and pending registration of several new Alateen meetings in the Area.

Alateen is now on Facebook.

The WSO website also has a link to provide information about Alateen and downloadable Alateen literature.

Spanish Liaison Report - Esther L.

We currently have 7 Spanish speaking meetings in the Area. One in District 2, two in District 4, three in District 5, and one in District 10.

District 5 includes a meeting for adult children of alcoholics and has a Spanish PO Representative.

Esther is encouraging participation from group level to continue to District and Area. She is also coordinating translation needs in the Area.

Public Outreach Report - Pat R., Coordinator

We participated in four large events this year along with several smaller community events. Many people in the community thought Al-Anon is part of AA, emphasizing the need for continued outreach.

Seven Districts currently have representatives; Districts 2, 6, 8, 10, and 13 are looking for their representatives to step up.

Two projects are in the works - one is a billboard, the other is the placing of Al-Anon information on the back of two busses in urban areas. Both will use the road sign bookmark with WSO contact information.

Schedules Report - Ron S., Coordinator

Everyone has received updated schedules today. Schedules are also available and downloadable on our website.

Distribution is up over the past several years as are the costs of printing, while sales are down.

DRs' were reminded to keep group records up to date and forward changes to the Group Records Coordinator to insure accuracy on the printed schedules.

Group Records Report - Terri F., Coordinator

Terri reported 5 group e-mails are incorrect and another 5 have no mail status.

Please check your group's information and update Group Records soon.

We were reminded to utilize our links of service for group needs.

Convention 2016 - Gail L., Chair

The theme for our 39th CT AFG Convention is "MIRICLES IN MOTION". It will be held April 1-3, 2016 at the Crowne Plaza in Cromwell. Committees are in place, pre-registration forms are available today, and information is also available on our website.

Serenity Breakfast 2016 - Amy A., Convention Co-Chair

This years' Serenity Breakfast will be a plated breakfast with two options. Because a sit down meal is being offered, the room will be able to accommodate more seating. This is a pre-registration only event.

Think about offering a registration as an anniversary raffle item or a gift.

Final Announcements

CAWW raffle for a Serenity Blanket has been won by a GR from District 7.

Motion to close the Spring Assembly.

Made by Michael GR, seconded Janet A GR.

The motion passed unanimously.

The Spring Assembly closed with the Al-Anon Declaration at 3:35 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Donna Collette
Area Secretary