

**MINUTES TO THE CONNECTICUT
AL-ANON WORLD SERVICE COMMITTEE MEETING
UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST CHURCH IN MERIDEN – MERIDEN, CT
December 4, 2015**

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

Roll Call – Donna C.

Absent: Ann B., Delegate Panel 54, Carol D., Area Treasurer, Martha N., ADR District 1, Miguel C., ADR District 3, Pam M., ADR District 4, Vincent L., DR District 5, Bruce G., DR District 6, Sandy S., ADR District 6, Lynn K., ADR District 7, Rosalie L., DR District 9, Janet P., DR District 11, Steven I., AAPP.

Guests present were: Terry C., Past Delegate Panel 33, Gina R., Past Delegate Panel 48, Rachelle from District 11, Sharon from District 9, Maryann from District 1, Janet M., Convention Treasurer, Deborah C., Area Inventory Secretary.

Opening Comments – Sue G., Area Chairperson

Sue began by thanking us all for making this a wonderful year for all of us in Al-Anon service. Outgoing DRs and the PO Coordinator were also thanked for their contributions to keeping Al-Anon/Alateen strong and healthy.

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 September 25, 2015 Area Meeting.

Motion to accept the minutes as presented was made by Janet W., ADR District 9, seconded by Ron S., Schedules Coordinator.

The motion to accept the minutes carried unanimously.

Treasurer's Report – Stacie V. for Carol D.

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Balance Forward	\$18,230.27
Total Income	4,175.27
Total Expenses	4,109.52
End of Month Balance	18,296.16

Motion was made to accept the Treasurer's Report as presented was made by Donna S., DR District 2 and seconded by Janet W., ADR District 9.

Motion to accept the Treasurers' Report carried unanimously. .

Delegate's Report – Sue G. for Ann B.

WSO has announced the retirement of Barbara O., as Associate Director. WSO is also preparing for the 56th WSC entitled "Realizing Our Spiritual Potential".

On the Area level, Ann has appointed a thought force and two task forces. The Thought force will be chaired by Ron S., with the charge to explore the future options for schedules. The first task force will be chaired by Dave T., with a charge to revise the written CAWW guidelines. The second task force will be chaired by Stacie V., with a charge to explore and provide additional means of financial support for the LDC/Storage/office.

A reminder that resumes for the Fall Workshop Chair and AA Events Coordinator are being accepted.

Alternate Delegate's Report – Stacie V.

Stacie thanked the outgoing DRs from Districts 1, 2, 7, and 9 for their service. She suggested devoting a District meeting for GR "training" time. Stacie offered assistance as needed.

Area Inventory – Gina R.

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

Resume for PO Coordinator

Mary Ann T. from District 4 presented her resume.

Vote to accept Mary Ann into PO Coordinator position was unanimous.

Reminder – Sue G., Chairperson

Positions for AA Events Coordinator and Chair of the 2016 Fall Workshop are available.

Convention 2016 – Gail L., Chair

Committees have been formed and are working diligently. Next meeting will be on December 13th at the hotel. Keynote speakers have been chosen. Pre-registration forms are now available.

The ownership of the hotel has changed; it is now a Radisson Hotel.

Serenity Breakfast – Amy A., Convention Co-Chair

The breakfast will be held on January 17, 2016 at the (now) Radisson Hotel in Cromwell. It will be a plated breakfast this year, and only available by pre-registration.

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Schedules Coordinator Report – Ron S.

Current practice for distribution is incongruous – we need to rethink how meeting schedules can be efficiently produced and managed. Ron will chair a thought force to that end.

LDC Future Funding – Stacie V.

A task force is forming to explore fundraising activities. This task force will be working with a tight deadline as recommendations will be presented at the May 6, 2016 AWSC meeting.

Alateen Coordinator Report – Dave T.

Dave will chair the task force to update the guidelines for CAWW. The guidelines will reflect a clearer verbiage to prevent and or manage potential problems. Meetings will start in January and need to be completed before the next CAWW.

Of note – Page 3 of the guidelines will need to go before the Assembly.

Guidelines for Interpreters – Betsy N., DR District 12

Concerns have been raised about special needs accessibility. Those include physical, emotional, and social needs of members and potential members.

This discussion to be continued at the next AWSC meeting in January.

Reminder – Sue G.

Next AWSC meeting will be preceded by our annual pot luck meal at 6:30 pm.

AWSC Coordinator Position Review-

AA Events Coordinator – Dave T.

As a former coordinator, Dave shared highlights of the duties of the position and personal growth obtained as a result.

Alateen Coordinator – Dave T.

As current coordinator Dave reviewed responsibilities of the position.

Other Business;

Motion to close the meeting was made by Dave T., Alateen Coordinator, seconded by Pauline K., DR District 9.

Motion passed unanimously.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Donna C.

Area Secretary