

**MINUTES TO THE CONNECTICUT  
AL-ANON WORLD SERVICE COMMITTEE MEETING  
UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST CHURCH IN MERIDEN – MERIDEN, CT  
January 08, 2016**

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

**Roll Call – Donna C.**

Absent: Miguel C., ADR District 3, Pam L., ADR District 4, Renee O., ADR District 5, Sandy S., ADR District 6, Amy A., DR District 8 & Convention 2016 Co-Chair, Carol F., ADR District 12, Jessica K., ADR District 13, Dave T., Alateen Coordinator,  
Guests: Gina R., Past Delegate Panel 48, Deborah C., Secretary for Area Inventory, Chris D., Inventory timer, Roxanna District 5 Spanish Liaison, Pat R.

**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 Report – Donna C., Area Secretary**

Secretary's report was presented from the December 4, 2015 AWSC meeting.

Typo corrections were made.

Motion to accept corrected minutes was made by Marcia M., Archives Coordinator, seconded by Bruce G., DR District 6.

The motion to pass the minutes as corrected carried unanimously.

**Treasurer's Report – Carol D.**

**December**

Balance Forward	\$18,296.16
Total Income	4,970.16
Total Expenses	<b>1,860.68</b>
End of Month Balance	\$21,405.64

Motion was made to accept the Treasurer's Report as presented was made by Janet W., DR District 9 seconded by Maureen G., DR District 7.

Motion to accept the Treasurers' Report as presented carried unanimously.

**Delegate's Report – Ann B.**

Ann welcomed the new District and Alternate District Representatives, and PO Coordinator to the AWSC.

We were reminded of the 65<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Banquet and Open House to be held at WSO on April 16, 2016, as well as the World Service Conference being held April 11 through 15, 2016.

Meet the Board (WSO) will be held in Fayetteville, Arkansas on October 26, 2016.

Ann also reminded us of the upcoming Area events.

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

Stacie welcomed new District and Alternate District Representatives and asked if the DR/Alt DR discussion groups were worthwhile and if it should be continued.

She has requested updated copies of the District meeting schedules.

**Area Inventory – Gina R.**

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

**Reminders**

**Carol D., Area Treasurer**

AWSC members in new positions that would like a name badge, please see Carol. The cost per name badge will depend on the number of badges ordered.

### **Sue G., Area Chair**

AA events Coordinator position remains open.

Janet W., DR District 9 Voiced interest in filling the vacancy for the remainder of the term. She then presented her resume. Vote to accept was unanimous.

Fall Workshop Chair position – Pat R., was recognized with request to present a Sponsorship type seminar.

Motion: Sponsorship Workshop to replace Fall Workshop for fall 2016.

Made by Mary Ann T., PO Coordinator and seconded by Maureen G., DR District 7.

Motion passed unanimously.

Pat R. presented her resume for the Workshop Chair position. Vote to accept was unanimous.

### **Convention 2016 – Gail L.**

So Far 51 pre-registrations have been received and 21 rooms have been pre-booked. Keynote speakers have been secured, and the weekends' program has been set.

The pre-registration committee is working on a like for the hotel now that it has changed hand and become a Radisson Hotel.

### **Serenity Breakfast – Gail L.**

Preparations have been completed. So far 119 members have pre-registered, no walk ins' allowed. Max capacity is 150. Costs for the event have been covered (with current number of registrations), a raffle will be available and speakers have been secured.

### **Public Outreach Coordinator – Mary Ann T.**

Mary Ann reported that 6 of our 13 Districts currently have representation at Area PO meetings. She encouraged participation and offered to assist all Districts as needed.

As Lois (Wilson)'s birthday is approaching, we were encouraged to leave CAL in public places on March the 4<sup>th</sup>.

The Al-Anon message can be seen on 2 buses traveling in Hartford, New Haven, New Britain, and Stamford.

### **LDC Task Force- Stacie V., Alternate Delegate**

Stacie reviewed the purpose of this Task Force, eligibility to become a task force member, and meeting dates.

## ***BREAK***

### **Old Business:**

#### **Special Needs – Betsy N.**

Betsy verbalized concerns that CT Al-Anon may not be well prepared to address the needs of an increasingly diverse membership. As our Area guidelines for Interpreters for Al-Anon/Alateen Events in Connecticut done in January of 2013 states that it be a flexible working document, Betsy would like the AWSC to consider the formation of thought force on the matter.

Motion: To appoint a thought force to review the current 2013 Guidelines for Interpreters for Al-Anon/Alateen Events in Connecticut and to evaluate if revisions may be needed, if not impossible, in Connecticut.

Made by Betsy N., DR District 12 and Seconded by Janet W., DR District 9.

Vote: 22 Yes, 0 No, 3 Abstain.

### **Schedules Coordinator – Ron S.**

The Thought Force has held its' first meeting and is planning to present a final report in May.

### **Alateen – Dave T.**

No Report.

### **New Business:**

**Service Tools – Sue G.**

Scenario presented – In a meeting, someone is using non-conference approved literature and no one is speaking up.

Utilizing the Service Manual, Marcia M., Archives Coordinator, Terri F., Group Records Coordinator, and Ann B., Area Delegate provided an impromptu role play as the members in the meeting. Discussion followed.

Motion to close the meeting was made by Marcia M., Area Archives Coordinator, seconded by Stacie V., Alternate Delegate.

Motion passed unanimously.

The meeting closed at 9:38 PM with the Al-Anon Declaration.

Respectfully submitted,

Donna C.  
Area Secretary