

**MINUTES TO THE CONNECTICUT  
AL-ANON WORLD SERVICE COMMITTEE MEETING  
UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST CHURCH IN MERIDEN – MERIDEN, CT  
MARCH 4, 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: Renee O., ADR District 5, Bruce G., DR District 6, Jessica K., ADR District 13, Pat R., Fall Workshop Chair, Ruth S., Website Coordinator.

Guests: Terry C., Past Delegate Panel 33, Gina R., Past Delegate Panel 48, Deborah C., Secretary for Area Inventory, Wayne M., Co-chair Convention Program, Justice, District 5 member, Roxanna District 5 PO Representative, Janet M., Convention Treasurer.

**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 January 8, 2016 Area Meeting. A typo was corrected.

Motion to accept the minutes as corrected 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.**

<b><u>January</u></b>		<b><u>February</u></b>	
Balance Forward	\$21,405.64	Balance Forward	\$19,592.74
Total Income	2,834.43	Total Income	1,804.50
Total Expenses	4,647.33	Total Expenses	1,368.12
End of Month Balance	\$19,592.74	End of Month Balance	\$20,029.12

Motion was made to accept the Treasurer's Report by Sandy S., ADR District 6, seconded by Ron S. Schedules Coordinator.

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

**Delegate's Report – Ann B.**

We were reminded of the upcoming World Service Conference on April 10 – 17, 2016 in Virginia Beach. The final changes to the Service Manual with regard to Concept 11 will be completed, as will the policy on memorial contributions. The preliminary WSO budget shows a deficit of \$119,000.00. As a cost savings measure, the WSO will no longer be providing each group with a free copy of The Forum magazine.

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

Stacie encouraged DRs and Alternate DRs to utilize service sponsors and AWSC sponsors in the practice of the service commitment they hold.

**Area Inventory – Gina R.**

Gina reviewed the guidelines for our Area Inventory. Minutes from the January meeting were reviewed. Copies of the minutes from all previous Inventory sessions were redistributed. The inventory process concluded. DRs and GRs were encouraged to bring this same process back to the district and individual meetings.

**Convention 2016 Report – Gail L., Chair**

Pre-registration deadline is approaching, only 215 registrations have been received to date. The Radisson Hotel has extended the reservation deadline to March 16, 2016.

A preview of meeting topics has been sent to the Area. Please encourage participation at your meetings.

**Serenity Breakfast Report – Amy A., Convention Co-Chair**

Amy reported that the Serenity Breakfast was a big success. A record number of participants this year. Most members enjoyed the plated breakfast and although the event did run over in time, everyone in attendance did appear to have a good time.

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**Lifeline Report – Margaret M., Coordinator**

Margaret reported that the price of printing has gone up modestly.

The May issue will feature this year's Convention. Submissions are requested to be sent by April 18, 2016.

Please encourage the membership to send articles for publication.

**Literature Report – Aimee L., Coordinator**

Aimee reminded everyone of the WSO decision to discontinue sending complimentary copies of The Forum to individual groups. Please consider an annual subscription for your groups.

The March Group e-news contains information regarding literature updates.

WSO is still looking for submissions for the three new pieces of literature being developed.

**DR Discussion Groups – Stacie V., Alternate Delegate**

Stacie encouraged the DRs and ADRs to think the continuation these discussion groups, and how/what you would want them to look like.

Discussion followed and included when /where the group might meet, and how often this would occur.

Consensus was reached; the group will meet at 6:30 before the next Area meeting if the church is available.

**Service Tools – Sue G., Area Chairperson**

Scenario presented – Seasoned members are going to start a new AI-Anon meeting in an area without any meetings.

Utilizing the first 50 pages of the Service Manual, AWSC members Justice from District 6, Sandy S., ADR District 6, and Donna C., ADR District 7, highlighted the process for starting a new group.

**Other Business:**

Dave T., Alateen Coordinator - Reported on a growing problem with older teens who are registering for the AFG Convention as AI-Anon members. We were referred to page 89 of the Service Manual. Several guidelines have been instituted in preparation of the upcoming Convention.

The Task Force on CAWW Guidelines is proceeding well. Presentation to the Area will be made soon.

Amy A., DR District 8 – A group in her district has been told by the church they rent space from that they must have insurance or move. Amy has done preliminary research on individual groups and insurance coverage. The information has been forwarded to Sam C., on the Board of Directors.

Carol D., Area Treasurer – A reminder to see her for name badges.

Motion to close the meeting was made by Marcia M., Archives Coordinator, seconded by Sandy S., ADR District 6.

Motion passed unanimously.

The meeting closed at 9:27 PM with the AI-Anon Declaration.

Respectfully submitted,

Donna C.  
Area Secretary