

**MINUTES TO THE CONNECTICUT  
AL-ANON WORLD SERVICE COMMITTEE MEETING  
UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST CHURCH IN MERIDEN – MERIDEN, CT  
MAY 06, 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, Donna C., ADR District 7, Debbie S., DR District 13, Steven I., AAPP, Margaret G., Lifeline Coordinator, Pat R., Sponsorship Workshop Chair.

Guests: Terry C., Past Delegate Panel 33, Joan V., Past Delegate Panel 36, Miguel C., Past Delegate Panel 39, Tafft P., Past Delegate Panel 42, Ellie L., Past Delegate Panel 45, Gina R., Past Delegate Panel 48, Elaine M., Lynn K., Michelle, Maryann.

**Opening Comments – Sue G., Area Chairperson**

Sue began by reminding us that we have now been at this meeting location for 1 year. 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. Please keep both purpose and time constraints in mind.

**Secretary's Report Donna C., Secretary**

Secretary's Report was presented from the March 4, 2016 Area Meeting.

Motion to accept the minutes as presented was made by Ron S., Schedules Coordinator and seconded by Pauline K., DR District 10.

The motion to accept the minutes carried with 1 abstention.

**Treasurer's Report – Carol D.**

**March**

Balance Forward	\$20,029.12
Total Income	2,403.00
Total Expenses	1,309.00

End of Month Balance	\$21,123.12
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**April**

Balance Forward	\$21,123.12
Total Income	2,467.29
Total Expenses	4,145.27

End of Month Balance	\$19,445.14
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Motion was made to accept the Treasurer's Report by Sandy S., ADR District 6 , seconded by Janet W., DR District 9.

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

**Delegate's Report – Ann B.**

Ann thanked everyone for the support she received during the Conference.

Ric B., is no longer the executive director at WSO. Mary G., will be serving as interim director during restructuring along with the Board of Trustees.

The WSO budget has passed with \$184,000.00 deficit. You may view the WSO budget by going to the website.

Connecticut Alateens have been published on the cover of Alateen Talks. It can be viewed and or downloaded from the website.

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

Stacie continues to visit District meetings. She reported the 65<sup>th</sup> Al-Anon Celebration held in Virginia Beach to be quite moving. She was able to attend an open Board of Directors meeting while there.

**District 8 Report – Amy A.**

Amy reported 14 active meetings and that sadly the West Hartford meeting closed after being a 55 year staple in the District. Six groups are currently participating in the inventory process. District meetings are well attended. Currently there is no District PO Representative; however several members are carrying the message throughout the District. District 8 does not currently have any Alateen meetings.

#### **District 9 Report – Janet W.**

Janet reported 21 active meetings with an Alateen meeting starting at Manchester High School in September 2016. District meetings include business and discussion of one of the Concepts. Members are stepping up for service.

#### **District 11 – Concept 9 Sharing**

No Report.

#### **Announcement:**

Ruth S., Website Coordinator has found it necessary to step down from this position effective immediately. Ruth will be available to offer support. Sue G2., DR District 2 volunteered to fill the position for the remainder of the term. She presented her resume, and was given a vote of confidence by the AWSC.

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#### **Old Business:**

##### **Schedules Thought Force – Ron S., Chair**

Ron provided background and a summary of the committee's findings. A question and answer period followed.

Report to be revisited at next AWSC meeting.

##### **CAWW Guidelines Task Force – Dave T., Chair**

Sponsors, CAWW Chairs, and Coordinators are on the Task Force. While working on the charge, it has been discovered that the Sponsor Handbook also needs to be revised and updated.

Discussion followed.

Motion: To change the CAWW Guideline Task Force to Alateen Sponsor Handbook Guideline Task Force.

Made by Sandy S., ADR District 6 and seconded by Ron S., Schedules Coordinator.

Vote: 26 yes, 0 No, 0 Abstention

##### **LDC Fundraising Task Force – Stacie V., Chair**

Stacie provided background and recommendations for fundraising.

Discussion followed.

Ann B., Delegate read from the Service Manual pp. 68 to provide clarity on Thought Force vs Task Force.

Motion: To return report on fundraising to committee to meet the charge of developing a task force report according to World Service Guidelines.

Made by Ron S., Schedules Coordinator, seconded by Sandy S., ADR District 6.

Vote: 16 Yes, 6 NO, 4 Abstaining.

#### **New Business:**

##### **Clarification on Eligibility for Office – Joan V., Past Delegate Panel 36**

Revised section of the Voting Procedures document was read. Discussion followed.

Motion: That the Assembly Election Voting Procedures section of the Voting Procedures document be amended to read as follows – Who is eligible to stand for position - DRs who have completed a 3 year term by December 31 of the election year. Past DRs who have completed a 3 year term and who have been currently active at the Area level in any of the following positions that report directly to the Area: AWSC officers, Coordinators, Task Force Chair, Thought Force Chair, TEAM event Chair, Workshop Chair, Convention Chair. The DRs at the time of initial paneling who completed the term, and are currently active at the Area level as stated above. DRs who filled an unexpired term for at least 2 years of a 3 year term as of December 31 of the election year, and are currently active at the Area level as listed above.

Made by Marcia M., Archives Coordinator and seconded by Amy A DR District 8.

Vote: 23 Yes, 1 No, 2 Abstaining.

**Public Outreach Report – Mary Ann T**

Mary Ann showed everyone a banner that is a smaller version of the billboard currently on display near Route 84 in Waterbury. The banner is being utilized at Public Outreach events. She reported good attendance at the Fairfield County Women's Health Expo in Stamford. A list of upcoming events was reviewed.

**Spring Assembly Report – Sue G2., DR District 2**

Sue reported that preparations are underway. A flyer requesting District refreshments was added to the baskets. Carpooling is encouraged.

**Call for Resumes for Convention Co-Chair – Sue G.**

Lynn K., member from District 7 presented her resume. Vote of confidence from the AWSC was given.

**Website Considerations – Sandy S., ADR District 6 for Bruce G., DR District 6**

Sandy voiced concerns as to the substantial scope of the position. She made a query as to the possibility of splitting the position to make it more manageable.

Motion: Table discussion until August meeting.

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

Vote: 23 Yes, 0 No, 3 Abstaining.

**Other Business:**

Carol D., Area Treasurer requested that DRs return extra unused Area contribution envelopes to her.

Motion to close the meeting was made by Sandy S., ADR District 6 and seconded by Ron S., Schedules Coordinator.

Motion passed unanimously.

The meeting closed at 9:45 PM with the Al-Anon Declaration.

Respectfully submitted,

Donna C.  
Area Secretary