

**MINUTES TO THE CONNECTICUT  
AL-ANON WORLD SERVICE COMMITTEE MEETING  
UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST CHURCH IN MERIDEN – MERIDEN, CT  
AUGUST 26, 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: Pam M., ADR District 4, Renee O., ADR District 5, Sharon T., ADR District 9, Pauline K., DR District 10, Jessica K., ADR District 13, Terry F., Group Records Coordinator, Ester L., Spanish Liaison, Pat R., Sponsorship Workshop Chair.

Guests: Terry C., Past Delegate Panel 33, Gina R., Past Delegate Panel 48, Lynn K., Convention 2017 Co-chair, Pat S., Chair of BOD, Sam, Treasurer of BOD, Gail L, Member of BOD..

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

Sue began by thanking everyone for their support over the summer.

We were reminded that gossip and criticism have no place in how we conduct the business of Al-Anon/Alateen. And the importance of following the Legacies 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 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 May 6, 2016 Area Meeting. Several corrections were offered.

Motion to accept the minutes as corrected was made by Ron S., Schedules Coordinator and seconded by Amy A., DR District 8.

The motion to accept the minutes carried unanimously.

**Treasurer's Report – Carol D.**

<b><u>June</u></b>		<b><u>July</u></b>	
Balance Forward	\$22,434.17	Balance Forward	\$19,318.89
Total Income	2,408.25	Total Income	2,865.20
Total Expenses	5,523.23	Total Expenses	882.27
End of Month Balance	\$19,318.89	End of Month Balance	\$21,301.82

Motion was made to accept the Treasurer's Report as presented was made by Janet W., DR District 9 , seconded by Marcia M., Archives Coordinator..

Motion to accept the Treasurers' Report carried unanimously.

**Delegate's Report – Ann B.**

Ann encouraged all to read the letter from the Chair of the Board at WSO to be well informed about the changes at WSO. Interested members can now sign up for AFG announcements to be sent to your e-mail. A reminder concerning the distribution of fliers for Al-Anon participation in recognized AA events was given.

Ann reported on a new thought force to be chaired by Aileen D., Phone Service Coordinator with the charge to investigate other options for the answering service in Connecticut.

We were also reminder that in November a new Panel of Area Officers, many Coordinators, and DRs' in Districts 4, 5, 6, 12, and 13 will be elected. Ann encouraged all to review Concept 9 and Bill W's essay on leadership.

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

The workshops at the Fall Assembly will be GR Training and DR Training.

Stacie reminded the outgoing DRs of the need to encourage service and to elect new DRs and GRs.

**District 10 Report – Helen B., ADR**

District 10 has 7 active meetings, 6 English and 1 Spanish. PO is active in the District.

**District 11 Report – Janet P.**

Janet reported 17 active meetings with group service participation at 16. Two active Alateen meetings, one of which is less than one year old. An Alateen member from District 11 spoke not only at the Connecticut Convention, but also at New York South's Convention this year.

**District 12 – Concept 10 Sharing – Betsy N.**

Betsy read Concept 10 from the pamphlet "The Concepts Al-Anon's Best Kept Secrets". She related the reading to her role as District Representative, and to the sharing of experience, strength and hope, and not forcing solutions.

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**Old Business:**

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

Ron refreshed everyone's memory on the background for the Schedules Thought Force Committee. Discussion followed during which time feedback from our GRs was relayed to the AWSC by the DRs. Clarification was provided about the LDC being under the auspices of the Board of Directors as it is a business. Income from the sale of schedules at the LDC would stay with the LDC.

Motion: The Area Committee accept and approve the report of the Schedules Thought Force and its recommendations, recommend that the Delegate appoint a Schedules Task Force to implement the report's recommendations, and finally, dissolve the Thought Force on Schedules with gracious thanks for its thorough and dedicated service.

Made by Betsy N., DR District 12, and seconded by Kim G., DR District 4.

Motion passed unanimously.

**Sponsorship Seminar – Donna C., Co-Chair**

The seminar will be held at the church that houses the LDC in Hartford on October 15, 2016. Pre-registration deadline is Sept 30, 2016. All were asked to talk up the seminar at their meetings.

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

Stacie reviewed the charge for the Fundraising Task Force. Questions regarding implementation and the potential need for a member to coordinate activities discussed.

Motion: Accept the report as it stands contingent to an implementation plan that identifies specific individuals to implement that plan.

Made by Staci V., Alternate Delegate, seconded by Dave T., Alateen Coordinator.

Motion failed with 8 no, 7 abstentions.

Motion: As Chair of the LDC/Storage/Office task force, to dissolve the Task Force, request the charge be rewritten, and a new Task Force be created.

Made by Stacie V., Alternate Delegate, seconded by Carol D., Area Treasurer.

Motion passed with 1 abstention.

**Convention 2018 – Lynn D., Co-Chair 2017 Convention**

The Convention can be held March 23 – 25, 2018 at the Radisson Hotel In Cromwell. Several other sites have been checked, either they cannot accommodate us or the cost would be prohibitive.

The Radisson Hotel has made several small changes including an increase in the room block from 180 to 190 and the cost of tea and coffee has increased slightly. The hotel has offered a 2 year contract that will help us to avoid increases over the next two years. The hotel is requiring an answer on the two year contract tonight.

Motion: Allow the convention co-chair to go ahead with the reservation for the 2018 – 2019 contract.

Made by Janet W., DR District 9, seconded by Sandy S., ADR District 6.

Discussion followed.

Motion rescinded by Janet W., DR District 9.

Motion: Allow the Al-Anon Convention Contract for 2018 and 2019 with the Radisson Hotel in Cromwell be signed by the Chair of the BOD.

Made by Janet W., DR District 9, seconded by Carol D., Area Treasurer.

Motion passed unanimously.

**Proposed Budget 2017 – Carol D.**

Carol reviewed line item changes that were requested by coordinators.

Motion: Accept the proposed 2017 budget as presented. [to be sent to the Fall Assembly for vote]

Made by \_\_\_\_\_, seconded by Marcia M., Archives Coordinator.

Motion passed with 1 No vote.

**Fall Assembly Report Districts 4 & 5**

No report.

**Assembly Voting Review – Donna C., Area Secretary**

I reviewed the current eligibility for the membership to stand for an Area position. Currently, DRs who have completed a three year term and past DRs who have completed a three year term and are currently active on the Area level may stand for Delegate, Alternate Delegate, Area Chair, Secretary, or Treasurer. Please review your Service Manuals for District elections.

Motion to close the meeting was made by Janet W., DR District 9 and seconded by Janet P., DR District 11.

Motion passed unanimously.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Donna C.

Area Secretary