

**MINUTES TO THE CONNECTICUT  
AL-ANON WORLD SERVICE COMMITTEE MEETING  
UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST CHURCH IN MERIDEN – MERIDEN, CT  
October 7, 2016**

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 pm with the Serenity Prayer by

**Roll Call – Deborah C (substitute for Donna C, Area Secretary)**

**Absent:** Sue C., Area Chair, Donna C., Area Secretary, Pam M., ADR D-4, Renee O., ADR D-5, Maureen G., DR D-7, Katie, ADR D-8, Debbie S., DR D-13, Lynn K., Convention Co-Chair, Aileen D, Phone Service, Pat R, Workshop Chair

**Guests:** Beth H, D-1, Donna S, D-2, Ellie L, Past Delegate Panel 45, Gina R, Past Delegate Panel 48, Miguel C, Past Delegate Panel 39, Jackie B, BOD, Elaine M, D-12, Bob K, D-6, Terry C, Past Delegate Panel 33

**Opening Comments – Stacie V, Alternate Delegate**

Stacie read opening comments from Sue G., Area Chair in her absence.

Good evening. Welcome. My thanks to Stacie for covering in my absence. Unfortunately, unexpected family responsibilities require that I be out of state tonight. Before you begin please remember that gossip and criticism have no place in the way we conduct or report our business sessions. Everyone should be able to express their ideas and concerns freely and without fear of reprisal. We will not always agree, but we should always remember that each one of us wants what is best for CT Al-Anon/Alateen.

We are here to conduct the business of CT Al-Anon/Alateen during the months between Area Assemblies. We do this in accordance with our Al-Anon legacies, remembering to place these principles above personalities. Just as we leave religion, politics and other fellowships outside when we enter a group meeting, so tonight you need to set aside your personal agendas and focus on what is best for CT Al-Anon/Alateen as a whole.

Please keep both our purpose and time constraints in mind as you tackle tonight's workload. Don't make Stacie have to cut you off.

**Secretary's Report - Deborah C. (substitute for Donna C., Area Secretary)**

The Secretary's Report was presented from the August 26, 2016 Area Meeting. Several corrections were offered. Motion to accept the minutes as corrected was made by Donna C, ADR D-7 and seconded by Ron S, Schedules Coordinator.

Motion to accept the minutes passed with a vote of; 22-Yes, 0-No and 1-Abstain

**Treasurer's Report – Carol D.**

**August**

Balance Forward	\$21,301.82
Total Income	\$6845.51
Total Expenses	\$7,969.97

End of Month Balance \$20,177.36

**September**

Balance Forward	\$20,177.36
Total Income	\$1846.22
Total Expenses	\$3778.88

End of Month Balance \$18,244.70

Motion was made to accept the Treasurer's Report by Amy A, DR D-8 and seconded by Marcia M, Archives Coordinator  
Motion to accept the Treasurers' Report as presented carried unanimously.

**Delegate's Report – Ann B.**

**WSO**

The WSC theme for 2017 is "Our Members: Our Hope for the Future" will be held in Virginia Beach, April 24-28<sup>th</sup> 2017. The policy committee is looking for input about open and closed meetings in our Area. The Thought Force ideas are attached and Ann asked that they be taken back to groups for discussion at your next District meeting. Please provide input to Ann so she can pass it along to WSO.

**AREA**

The Meet the Board Event has been renamed to "Road Trip! You and Your Board Connect" and Connecticut's bid for 2017 is at WSO. The decision on which Area will host this event will be made at the WSO October Board Meeting.

A new charge has been made for the fund raising Task Force that reads ***Implement additional means of financial support for the LDC/storage/office space through fund raising.*** Sandy S. is the chair and her committee is forming.

The Alateen Task Force is working hard on the revisions of the Guidelines.

Ann gave an update on the KBDM on the prayer on the Just for Today bookmark has been out in the Area all summer.

This matter with the prayer will not be discussed again until the 2017 WSC. I will pass on all the concerns and letters to the next delegate so that he/she may know what I know up to this point.

Remember that the November Assembly is a voting Assembly and I would like as many groups to be there to support the election of new officers to Connecticut along with the 2017 budget.

## **HAPPENINGS**

October 15 Sponsorship Seminar 277 Main St Hartford

October 23 AA Round-up Mark T Sheehan High School Wallingford

November 25-27 CSCYPAA Radisson in Cromwell

March 31-April 2 2017 CT AFG Convention Radisson in Cromwell

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

Stacie reported that she attended the District meeting in District 3, which was very good. She reviewed the Flyer that was distributed outlining the workshops for the upcoming Fall Assembly and emphasized who would benefit from attending the workshops; District Representatives/Alternates and Group Representatives/Alternates.

### **District 12 Report – Betsy N.**

Betsy DR reported that District 12 includes the 11 CT Shoreline towns of Branford, Guilford, Madison, Clinton, Westbrook, Old Saybrook, Old Lyme, Essex, Deep River, Chester, and Killingworth. The District has 17 Al-Anon Meetings – there is at least one meeting every day. District 12 has 2 Alateen meetings, both located in where there are Al-Anon meetings. D12 has an active Public Outreach Committee and they are currently focusing on speaking at schools in the district as well as several other worthwhile PO projects. District meetings are well attended and D12 members participate actively in service at the group district and area level. Many service positions will be opening up and the hope is that our HP will fill these position with qualified AL-Anon members.

### **District 13 Report – Jessica K.**

The District 13 report was read by Jessica K., ADR as prepared by Debbie S., DR. She noted that District 13 consists of Easton, Fairfield, Weston and Westport. There are 11 registered meetings, 5 in Westport and 6 in Fairfield. A new Alateen sponsor has been certified and another has one step left to complete the qualification process. A highlight mentioned is that the Tuesday 7pm parent focus meeting has been able to consistently have a AA speaker monthly share their story.

### **District 13 – Concept 11 Sharing – Jessica K**

Jessica K. read from CAL, *Reaching for Personal Freedom*, about Concept 11

## ***BREAK***

## **OLD BUSINESS:**

### **Schedules Task Force – Ron S.**

Ron S. reported on the progress of the Schedules Task Force stating that the Task Force is ready to move forward with adding the Schedules to the LDC Literature Order Form for the cost of \$1 and the hope is that this will be ready for distribution prior to the Fall Assembly. The Task Force is awaiting the BOD approval prior to making this change to the LDC Order Form.

There were several questions regarding the updating of meeting changes and changes to the website and who would be responsible for this. Ron clarified that this would be the responsibility of the Group Records Coordinator.

A question was raised about budget adjustments for Schedules and PO and was responded to that any budget changes are not the responsibility of the Task Force.

Another question was asked whether the BOD had voted on this. Several members responded to this stating that the Schedules Thought and Task Force was approved by the Area Committee with the tasks clearly outlined. The responsibility of the BOD is to review the Literature Order Form and approve the new item on it for sale.

A member raised a concern related to our Concepts and asked if we were engaging in double-headed management between the BOD and the Area.

A member asked if we could call for a vote that the Schedules Task Force move forward.

At that point the Delegate, Ann B. stated “We gave the Task Force the charge to implement this so we are not voting on this. No vote is needed.

### **Sponsorship Seminar – Pat R, Workshop Chair**

Pat was not in attendance. Donna C, Workshop Co-Chair stated she did not have a report but asked everyone to talk up the Seminar to their groups and that they are looking forward to a great Workshop

### **Alateen Task Force – Dave T.**

Dave stated that the Task Force has been working hard and making extensive changes. He presented copies of the OLD document (page 3) and the NEW document (page 3) and reviewed the changes that were highlighted on the new document. There was a lengthy discussion and several suggestions made.

Motion to accept the document as is was made by Sandy S, ADR It was seconded by Maryann L, PO Coordinator  
13 YES

7 – NO

2 – Abstain

Motion carries and the document will be presented at the Fall Assembly for a vote

#### **Convention 2017 – Amy A.**

Amy requested an additional \$1,000 from the Area to cover the deposit for the 2019 convention space.

As a reminder the area voted to reserve the Hotel space for two years out to lock in the rates which in turn saves us money.

Also, we would like to say Congratulations to Pat R from District 1. She was our WINNER of the Theme Contest. The Theme for the 2017 CT AFG 40<sup>th</sup> Convention is, HEALING OUR HEARTS.

Please talk up the Convention at your meetings. Participation Is the Key to Harmony and service positions are available. Lynn and I are looking forward to the gifts our HP has for us along the way.

Motion to grant an additional \$1000 to the Convention Committee for the 2019 deposit was made by Dave T, Alateen Coordinator and seconded by Janet W, AA Events Liaison.

Motion passed unanimously

#### **NEW BUSINESS:**

##### **Fall Assembly – Districts 4&5 Kim and Vincent**

Kim and Vincent reported they are very excited to be hosting. Please look in your baskets for more information

District 5 is handling the money and District 4 will be bringing the food

GRATITUDE IN ACTION is the Theme

##### **Fall Elections Reminder – Ann B.**

Just a reminder that this is a voting Assembly and we will be voting in new Area Officers. Please refer to the document outlining who is eligible to stand for Area positions.

#### **OTHER BUSINESS: -POSTPONED**

- **Coordinator Job Descriptions & Comments**
- **Role Play - Stacie**

Motion to close the meeting was made by Marcia M., Archives Coordinator and Seconded by Kim, DR District 5  
The motions passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Deborah C.

(Substitute for Donna C., Area Secretary)