

**Fall Assembly
South Congregational Church
Hartford, CT
November 5, 2016
Realizing Our Spiritual Potential**

Opening Prayer, Sue G., Chairperson

The Assembly was opened at 12:30 PM with a moment of silence followed by the Serenity Prayer.

Welcome and Introductions - Kim G., DR District 4 & Vincent L., DR District 5

Kim and Vincent thanked everyone for attending the Assembly and those members who were helping with refreshments. They also provided introduction of the Area Officers, Past Delegates and the AA Guests to the Assembly.

Roll Call - Donna C., Area Secretary

Absent from the Fall Assembly: Miguel C., ADR District 3, Rene O., ADR District 5, Margaret G., Lifeline Coordinator, Mary Ann T., PO Coordinator, Ester L., Spanish Liaison, Pat R., Sponsorship Seminar Chair.

Guests present: Gerry V., Past Delegate Panel 24, MaryAnn R., Past Delegate Panel 27, Terry C., Past Delegate Panel 33, Kary L., Past Delegate Cal South Panel 34, Joan V., Past Delegate Panel 36, Miguel C., Past Delegate Panel 39, Taffy P., Past Delegate Panel 42, Ellie L., Past Delegate Panel 45, Gina R., Past Delegate Panel 48, Rita C., Past Delegate Panel 51, Pat S., Chair BOD, Jackie B., BOD Secretary, Sam C., BOD Treasurer, Gail L., BOD member, Deborah C., BOD member, Bob K., BOD member, Bob R., Elaine, Don R., Janet, Ronnie, Craig W., AA Delegate, Catherine T., AA Area Treasurer.

Opening Comments - Sue G., Area Chairperson

We were reminded that we have assembled to conduct the business of CT Al-Anon/Alateen in accordance with our Legacies. Two big items were on the agenda; the election of Area Officers and the 2017 Budget. As much information was to be provided, we were encouraged to keep both purpose and time constraints in mind.

Sue reminded all gathered that gossip and criticism have no place here.

Secretary Report - Donna C., Area Secretary

No corrections were offered.

Motion to accept the Minutes from the 2016 Spring Assembly Minutes as presented was made by Aimee A., GR in District 8, seconded by Mike., GR District 8.

The Motion passed unanimously.

Treasurers Report - Carol D., Area Treasurer

Reserve Fund guidelines were reviewed, the current Reserve Fund balance is \$22,295.99 as of October 31, 2016. Interest on the Fund since its inception on 3/29/97 has been \$4,342.71.

Motion to accept the report on the Reserve Fund as presented was made by Josie, GR District 5, seconded by MaryAnn R., proxy GR District 8.

The Motion passed unanimously.

Area funds as of October 1, 2016:

Balance Forward:	\$18,244.70
Income:	\$ 4,351.49
Expenses:	<u>\$ 6,491.56</u>
Closing Balance:	\$16,104.63

Motion to accept the Treasurer's report as presented was made by Donna C., GR District 7, seconded by Amy, GR District 5.
The motion carried unanimously.

Alternate Delegate Report - Stacie V.

Stacie continues to visit District and Area Alateen Sponsorship meetings. She thanks the Assembly for the opportunity to be of service.

Delegate Report - Ann B.

Meet the WSO Board visits have been renamed "Road Trip! You and Your Board Connect. The trip to Fayetteville, Arkansas was attended by 100 participants. It was well received and was likened to the TEAM event.

The WSO Treasurer announced that thanks to the generosity of the fellowship, the \$180,000.00 deficit in the 2017 WSO budget has been reduced substantially.

Ann reviewed Coordinator positions that will be open at the end of the year. She encouraged all to consider their next service commitment and submit resumes before the December AWSC meeting.

Voice and Vote Procedures' - Deborah C.

The Assembly voice and vote procedures were reviewed from the WSO Service Manual.

Motion: Adopt a 2/3 majority vote to constitute substantial unanimity for voting today (11/05/16).

Made by Dave T., GR District 4, seconded by Dottie, GR District 12.

Several questions on unanimity were presented and addressed.

Motion carried with 3 NO, 2 Abstain.

Announcements:

Sue G2. - Has been holding on to a coat that was left at the Spring Assembly. Please see her if the coat is yours.

Joan V., Past Delegate Panel 36 & Miguel C., Past Delegate Panel 39 - Quick reference guides are available for sale in the rear of the auditorium.

Alateen bake sale and Serenity Blanket Raffle proceeds will be put towards next year's CAWW event.

Kim G. - Gems on the tables has been hand made for today. Please take one home.

Spring Assembly 2016 Report - Sue G2., DR District 2 and Susan G., DR District 3

Sue and Susan reported 180 members in attendance with 21 guests. The seed money was returned to the Area Treasury along with \$216.23 in unexpected returns.

AA Events Coordinator - Janet W.

Janet reviewed the events that CT Al-Anon participates in with AA Area 11. She also reviewed what her position entails and the invaluable growth she has received from this position.

Alateen Coordinator Report - Dave T.

Dave reported that one in four children in the United States lives with alcoholism in their home. Being an Alateen Sponsor and Area Coordinator has been the most rewarding and humbling service position of all.

The Task Force has worked hard to revise the Sponsors' Handbook to insure the safety of our teens. Revisions to page 3 of those guidelines will be voted on today.

CT AAPP - Steven I.

Steven reported that the CT Alateen Program meets or exceeds all WSO guidelines and is in full compliance with documentation and reporting requirements.

Ct currently has 19 active meetings throughout the Area. All were encouraged to consider this service opportunity as a Sponsor or AMIAS.

Archives Report - Marcia M.

Marcia reviewed her responsibilities and encouraged DRs to provide copies of meeting minutes, fliers and other state happenings. She is scanning materials onto thumb drives for preservation.

BOD Report - Pat S., Chairperson

Pat reviewed the functions of the Board of Directors.

The Board has transitioned the LDC to paid staff. The LDC manager responsibilities were reviewed as well as the Assist Office Manager duties.

The physical office has been moved into new quarters within the church. The change offers us a separate locked storage area near the elevator, two offices and a separate entrance on 1 Buckingham Street.

Office hours will remain unchanged.

A new LDC Treasurer has been appointed and is ready to begin the position.

Convention 2017 Report - Amy A., Chair

The Convention theme and logo "Healing Our Hearts" was introduced. The Convention will be held March 32 through April 2, 2017. Service positions are available, please encourage involvement and benefits of service/fellowship during your group meetings.

The Serenity Breakfast will be held on January 22, 2017 at the Radisson Hotel in Cromwell.

Group Records Report - Terri F.

The process for registering/updating meeting information was reviewed. Terri stressed the importance of correct information so that we can be found by those in need of Al-Anon.

Election of Area Officers

Eligibility to stand for Area Office was reviewed by Sue G., Area Chair.

Delegate - Gail L.

Alternate Delegate - Sue G.

Area Chair - Stacie V.

Treasurer - Marcia M.

Secretary - Helen B.

Board of Directors Application Process - Pat S., Chair

The process for submission of applications reviewed, along with requirements for eligibility. Qualified candidate resumes' will be considered at the annual meeting on March 22, 2017.

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Lifeline Coordinator Report - Margaret G.

Lifelines' purpose is to share our experience, strength and hope. In our rapidly changing world, Lifeline is not able to compete with on line information.

Margaret has changed the focus slightly, concentrating more on CT Al-Anon service. She suggested that although it has been a wonderful service opportunity, it may be time to retire this publication in today's world of instant information.

Literature/Forum Coordinator Report - Aimee L.

CT Forum subscriptions have increased to 400 per year.

Publications with revisions now in print were reviewed.

WSO is still accepting sharings for the pieces on Intimacy, Parents/Grandparents Pamphlet, and the new daily reader.

The new Paths to Recovery Workbook will be available in January 2017.

LDC Finance Report - Sam C.

Sales are down YTD through the end of September.

Unexpected donation from Convention 2016 has helped defray expenses.

With the hiring of employees at the LDC, we have experienced a 3rd quarter loss of \$1,385.00.

Phone Service Report - Aileen D.

A list of Al-Anon members willing to speak with people who call our 800 number looking for help is maintained and sent to the call center by the coordinator. If a volunteer cannot be reached, the DR and Alt DR in that District are utilized. If the DR/ADR are not available, the Coordinator will take the call. The Answering Service has received 1,359 calls in the past year.

Public Outreach Report - Kerry for Mary Ann T.

Currently, 10 of the 13 Districts have PO Coordinators.

Projects include donation of CAL literature to public and high school libraries, maintaining display racks at libraries, food banks, shelters, rehabs and family centers. PO has also participated in 6 health fairs. The billboard banner and two street posters have been spotted. Radio stations are being contacted and asked to play our PSAs.

Schedules Report - Ron S.

Meeting schedules are available from the LDC for the purchase price of \$1.00 per copy.

Copies are available on the website and may be downloaded.

Eleven (of thirteen) Districts currently maintain District Meeting Schedules.

Spanish Liaison - Ester L.

No Report.

Website Coordinator Report - Sue G2.

Sue asked that requests corrections to information already posted on the site, be submitted via e-mail

to webmaster@ctalanon.org.

Website content was reviewed.

2017 Budget Presentation, Discussion and Vote - Carol D.

Proposed budget was reviewed and a question/answer period followed.

It is unclear at this time if the Area will be reimbursed (by the LDC) for the printing of the 2017 Ct Area Schedules booklet.

Motion: That the line item "Schedules" be eliminated from the 2017 Budget, and that the Public Outreach line item be increased by \$600.00 to compensate for the new purchasing procedure for schedules.

Made by Ron S., Schedules Coordinator and rescinded after further discussion.

Motion: That the line item "Schedules" be eliminated from the 2017 Budget, and that the Public Outreach line item be increased by \$600.00 to compensate for the new purchasing procedure for schedules, the revenue and the expenditure lines will be accordingly reduced.

Made by Ron S., Schedules Coordinator, GR proxy, and seconded by MaryAnn R. GR proxy District 8.

Motion passed unanimously.

Motion: To accept the proposed 2017 budget as amended.

Made by Donna C., GR District 7, seconded by Lisa GR proxy District 7.

Passed with 3 NO.

Alateen Guidelines Revision Presentation, Discussion and Vote - Dave T.

Current and proposed changes to guidelines reviewed.

Wording concerns discussed.

Motion: Amend the proposed Alateen Guidelines to include places where "CT" appears in the CT Alateen Guidelines to read "CT AFG Area".

Made by Darcy, GR District 4, seconded by Donna C., GR District 7.

Motion passed with 1 NO vote.

Motion: Accept the proposed Alateen Guideline changes as amended.

Made by Mike GR District 8, seconded by Carol D., GR proxy District 8.

Motion passed with 4 NO, 1 Abstention.

Announcements

Carol D., will send out copies of the amended budget.

Motion: To close the Spring Assembly.

Made by Aimee L, GR District and seconded by Heidi, GR District .

Motion pass unanimously.

The Assembly closed at 5:45 PM with the Al-Anon Declaration.

Respectively Submitted,
Donna C.
Area Secretary