

**AL-ANON/ALATEEN CONNECTICUT AREA WORLD SERVICE COMMITTEE MEETING
UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST CHURCH AT 328 PADDOCK AVE. IN MERIDEN
August 25, 2017**

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 pm with the Serenity Prayer by Stacie V., Area Chairperson.

Roll Call – Helen B., Secretary

Absent: Susan G., DR District 3; Miguel C., ADR District 3; Debbie C., DR District 6; Donna C., ADR District 7; Katie D., ADR District 8; Sharon T., ADR District 9; Nancy H., DR District 12; John P., ADR District 12; Jackie B., A2P2; Carol D., Al-Anon/AA events; Lynn K., Convention Chair; Ester L., Spanish Liaison.

Guests: Gina R., Past Delegate Panel 48; Donna S., Member District 2; Ellie L., Past Delegate Panel 45; Joan V., Past Delegate Panel 36; June; James; Janet; Betsy; Deborah; Don; Donna; Jackie, District 12.

Opening Comments – Stacie V., Area Chairperson

Stacie welcomed committee members and reminded us to keep principles above personalities, leave other programs outside the meeting room, and to adhere to the time limits for reports. She also reminded us that opinions need not be expressed more than one time.

Secretary’s Report Helen B.

Ron S., Group Records moved and Elaine M., Alateen seconded that the minutes from the meeting of May 5, 2017 be accepted as corrected. The motion passed.

Treasurer’s Report – Marcia M.

<u>May</u>		<u>June</u>	
Balance Forward	\$16,952.73	Balance Forward	\$24,993.24
Total Income	10,255.42	Total Income	5,228.00
Total Expenses	2,214.91	Total Expenses	1,626.68
End of Month Balance	\$24,993.24	End of Month Balance	\$28,594.56
<u>July</u>			
Balance Forward	\$28,594.56		
Total Income	2,701.42		
Total Expenses	515.22		
End of Month Balance	\$30,639.57		

Motion to accept the Treasurer’s Report as presented was made by Janice R., Phone Service and seconded by Carol H., DR district 4. The motion passed. Marcia reported that although the bank statements balanced every month, her spread sheet showed a surplus of \$1,141.09. Lynn K., Convention Chair moved and Taffy P., Archives seconded that \$1,141.09 be subtracted from the spreadsheet to match the Webster Bank statement balance. The motion passed.

Delegate’s Report – Gail L., Delegate

There is a new executive director at the WSO. The 2018 WSC will be held in West Harrison, NY. The International Al-Anon General Services Meeting will be held in October to share the experiences of Delegates representing different cultures and languages. Any member may meet the Board of Trustees in October in Colorado by registering on the WSO’s newly designed website. Comparing finances between this year and last, contributions were down and literature sales were up. New Service Manuals will be available in 2018. Until then, updates are available on the website. Electronic meetings are being explored. Discussion of the meaning of the terms ‘open’ and ‘closed’ continues. Members may submit questions or shared experiences to the Policy Committee. In our Area, districts 5, 10 and 13 need strengthening. Gail will entertain suggestions.

Alternate Delegate’s Report – Sue G., Alternate Delegate

She needs meeting schedules from each district.

District Report – Janet W., DR District 9

District meetings are held each month. All meetings are doing well.

District Report – Pauline K., DR District 10

In July 5 women members of Al-Anon were interviewed on the morning radio show in Willimantic.

Concept 4 Sharing – Jan M., ADR District 6

She shared her personal growth in trust through participating in discussions where issues were considered in depth and the opinions and rights of everyone were respected.

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Old Business

Alateen Birthday Party- James, Alateen Birthday Party Co-Chair

The party will be October 15, 2017 in Newington, CT. Every member of Al-Anon and Alateen is invited. There will be prizes and refreshments and speakers. Donations of potluck dishes, desserts and raffle prizes would be appreciated.

New Business

2018 Convention - Lynn K., Convention Chair

All committee positions are filled except for Electronics, ASL, Spanish, Dance and Hospitality. The first meeting will be Sept. 24, 2017. Submissions to the theme contest are due by Sept. 10.

Answering Service Thought Force – Janice R., Coordinator

Janice R. moved and Maureen G., DR District 7 seconded that a Task Force be formed to act on the recommendations from the Thought Force.

Lifeline – Gail L., Delegate

Whether to continue the Lifeline and in what form (printed or electronic) will be discussed in October.

LDC Fundraiser – Gail L. Delegate

The task force has done nothing so far. Elaine M., Alateen Coordinator moved that the LDC fundraiser task force be disbanded. Ron S., Group Records seconded the motion, which passed.

Group Records – Ron S., Coordinator

2018 Schedule is in draft form. DR's should check for *errors* before Oct. 13, 2017 and email corrections to grouprecords@ctalanon.org. *Changes* to meetings should be sent to AREA GROUP RECORDS on a GR-1 form.

Electronic Equipment – Chuck F., ADR District 1

He presented specifications and requested \$1000 instead of \$605 to purchase audio equipment.

Public Outreach – Mary Ann T., Coordinator

The committee has been busy and there are many opportunities for speakers and other helpers. Details will be posted on the Public Outreach page on the Connecticut Al-Anon website. Al-Anon Faces Alcoholism 2018 can be ordered from the WSO. Our Al-Anon road sign bookmark will be appearing on billboards around Connecticut. If you see it, email ctafgpublicoutreach@yahoo.com.

2018 Budget – Marcia M., Treasurer

Mary Ann T., Public Outreach moved and Maureen G., DR District 7 seconded motion to accept the budget as presented.

A motion was made, seconded, and passed to adjourn the meeting at 9:30 pm with the Al-Anon Declaration.

Respectfully submitted,
Helen B., Area Secretary