

**AL-ANON/ALATEEN CONNECTICUT AREA WORLD SERVICE COMMITTEE MEETING
UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST CHURCH, 328 PADDOCK AVE. IN MERIDEN
October 6, 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: Brianna, ADR District 3; Debbie C., DR District 6; Sharon T., ADR District 9; Nancy H., DR District 12; Elaine M., DR., Alateen Coordinator; Patty B., Convention Co-Chair; Mary Ann T., Public Outreach; Ester L., Spanish Liaison.

Guests: Mark F., District 13; Gina R., Past Delegate Panel 48; Donna S., Member District 2; Ellie L., Past Delegate Panel 45; Janet; Pat. S, BOD; Ann; Greg; and Janet S.

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.

Pauline K., DR District 10 moved and Amy, DR District 8 seconded that the minutes from the meeting of August 25, 2017 be accepted as corrected. The motion passed with 2 abstentions.

Treasurer's Report – Marcia M.

<u>August</u>		<u>September</u>	
Balance Forward	\$29,639.67	Balance Forward	\$30,542.45
Total Income	5,694.43	Total Income	2,008.60
Total Expenses	4,791.65	Total Expenses	8,181.71
End of Month Balance	\$30,542.45	End of Month Balance	\$24,369.34

Janice R., Phone Service moved that the Treasurer's Report be accepted. The motion was seconded by Carol D., AA Events Coordinator. The motion passed.

The need for a dedicated laptop for the treasurer was discussed. Marcia M. treasurer, moved that the Area Budget be increased by \$1000 to cover the cost of a laptop, software and insurance. The motion was seconded by John P., Alt DR District 12. The motion passed with one abstention.

The need for an audit committee was discussed. Jan M., Alt DR district 6 made a motion to form a task force to define what an audit committee should look like in order to form an audit committee as quickly as possible. Ron S., Group Records seconded the motion. The motion passed with one abstention.

Delegate's Report – Gail L., Delegate

She recommended that members go to the International Convention in Baltimore a day early for "Day of Connecting", to connect with staff and volunteers from the WSO in Virginia Beach in a variety of workshop, meetings and discussions. She attended the annual AA Area convention, which included Al-Anon and Alateen meetings and keynote speakers. Gail asked for emails to be sent to her from members who are willing to volunteer as chair and co-chair for a TEAM event in 2019.

District Report – Janet P., DR District 11

This district encompasses most of New London County and has 16 meetings in 8 towns. Attendance is good at district meetings; service positions include DR, Alt DR, Treasurer, Public Outreach Coordinator and Group Records Coordinator.

District Report – John P., Alt DR, District 12

Good recovery is expressed in meetings in this district.

Concept 5 Sharing – Maureen G., DR, District 7

The rights of appeal and petition protect minorities and ensure that they be heard. In Al-Anon she has learned to express her opinion without fear of ridicule or criticism and to listen respectfully to the opinions of others.

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Old Business

2018 Convention - Lynn K., Convention Chair

The Convention theme will be "Sail into Serenity". All the committees have chairs; co-chairs are needed for Dance, ASL, and Electronics. The Convention Committee meets from 1-3 pm at the Radisson Hotel in Cromwell on Oct. 22, Nov. 19, Dec. 17, Feb. 11 and March 11. The Serenity Breakfast will be Jan. 14, 2018. In case of snow, the events in January, February, and March will be one week later.

Alateen Birthday Party- Greg W., Alateen 60th 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.

Lifeline – Gail L., Delegate

After discussion, Sue G.2, DR District 2, moved that the Lifeline be discontinued and the 2018 budget be adjusted accordingly. The motion was seconded by Carol H., DR District 4. The motion passed unanimously.

New Business

WSO 2016 Finance Presentation – Gail L., Delegate

WSO had a better year in 2016 than 2015. They did not have to transfer funds from the Reserve Fund to the Operating Fund. A 26-page power point presentation of charts and graphs showed how contributions and literature sales as well as investments support group services, literature publication and public outreach.

Fall Assembly Districts 8 & 9 – Amy A., DR District 8 & Janet W., DR District 9

Good progress is being made.

Literature coordinator – Gail L., Delegate

Pat S. was unanimously elected.

AAPP Report – Jackie B.

The Alateen Coordinator has sent out a flyer listing the dates of Alateen meetings in October that are open to Al-Anon members. If an Alateen speaker is desired for an event, do not approach the Alateen directly; to protect their privacy, contact their Home Group Sponsor if known, or the AAPP or Alateen coordinator.

Carol D., AA Events Coordinator moved and Janet W., DR District 9 seconded a motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:20 pm with the Al-Anon Declaration.

Respectfully submitted,
Helen B., Area Secretary

