

**AL-ANON/ALATEEN CONNECTICUT AREA WORLD SERVICE COMMITTEE MEETING
UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST CHURCH, 328 PADDOCK AVE. IN MERIDEN
February 2, 2018**

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

Roll Call – Helen B., Secretary

Absent: Sue G., Alternate Delegate; Marcia, Treasurer; Jyoti, ADR District 5; Debbie C., DR District 6; Maureen, DR District 7; Rosalie, ADR District 9; Nancy H., DR District 12.

Opening Comments – Stacie V., Area Chairperson

Stacie thanked Sue G., Alternate Delegate for filling the chairperson's role tonight. She 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. Tonight we will also be considering changes in our procedures.

Secretary's Report Helen B.

The minutes of the December 1, 2017 meeting were accepted as presented.

Delegate's Report – Gail L.

There are many positions open at the WSO; anyone interested should contact Gail. The World Service Conference will be held at the Renaissance Westchester Hotel, 80 W. Red Oak Lane, West Harrison, NY 10604, from April 16-20. Cards to Gail should be sent to that address, using her home address for the return address. Please label cards "hold for WSC 4/16-4/20, 2018". Al-Anon was mentioned in the "Dear Abby" newspaper column on January 31, 2018. Because prospective members might contact WSO for local meeting information, groups should make sure that their meeting information is up-to-date and submitted to the Area Group Records Coordinator. WSO currently does not produce any smart phone apps. The app "Today's Hope" is not Conference Approved Literature. Several new DR's were welcomed to the AWSO.

District Report – Martha N., DR, District 1

There are 11 towns in the district and 25 meetings. Three members have stepped up for Alateen service this year. Financial assets have decreased because of literature contributions to new groups and decreased group contributions. Public Outreach is active with seven groups participating.

District Report – Kathleen G., DR, District 3

The district has 17 groups, after one inactivated. PO is very active and all district office positions are filled.

Concept 7 Sharing – Janet W., DR, District 9

WSO follows the same Traditions as the groups. The Trustees handle legal and financial issues. She shared the mother and daughter story from *Paths to Recovery*.

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Old Business

2018 Convention - Lynn K., Convention Chair

All committee positions are now filled. Members may register online at <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/41st-ct-afg-convention-sailing-into-serenity-tickets-39490013694>. Tickets are subdivided into Al-Anon, AA, Spanish, ASL, Alateen and banquet. Preregistration will close on March 8. Book hotel rooms early with code "AFG018" to get discounted rate of \$104. Concessions have been expanded to Friday Dinner, and Saturday Breakfast, Lunch, and Dinner, served as buffets at \$15.95 for breakfast, \$12.95 for lunch and @\$15.95-19.95 for dinner. If interested in volunteering on the Convention weekend send an email to Convention2018@ctalanon.org.

Serenity Breakfast – Pat B., Convention Co-Chair

The breakfast was a success, the survey afterward revealed that the majority wanted the event to continue in January and preferred a buffet. More people registered online than by mail. The net profit was \$800.58.

Spanish Liaison Coordinator – Gail L., Delegate

Position has not yet been filled. Members were asked for help.

Fall Workshop – Gail L., Delegate

She has heard from only two districts. Janet W., DR District 9 moved that if no person or group volunteered to chair the event before the March AWSC meeting, the Fall Workshop would not be offered in 2018. The motion was seconded by Janet M., ADR district 6. The motion passed.

New Business

Group Records – Ron S., Coordinator

He reviewed process for filling out GR-1 Forms and requested that forms be filled out by typing on the computer, not by handwriting, which is too difficult to read accurately.

Alateen Sponsors Training – Elaine M., Alateen Coordinator

WSO requires mandatory annual training for certification of AMIAS members. Due to the unavailability of libraries on weekends and the high cost of hotel conference rooms, she asked for \$1,200 for rent, materials and lunch for an all day and Janet W., DR district 9 moved that the AWSC authorize up to \$1,200 for an Alateen Sponsor/AMIAS training day. The motion was seconded by Carol H., DR District 4. The motion passed.

Guidelines for Interpreters Thought Force – Chuck E., ADR District 1

He is still discussing this with the Delegate.

Assembly – Stacie V., Area Chairperson

She asked for feedback from members on ways to make Assemblies more appealing and increase attendance.

Call for Service Arm Resume – Gail L., Delegate

The Webmaster is moving out of state in June and needs to be replaced.

AWSC Meeting – Stacie V., Area Chairperson

She handed out questionnaires and then collected them after a few minutes; members were to fill their preferred day and time of the week for the monthly committee meeting. The results will be announced at the March AWSC meeting

The meeting was closed at 9:10 pm with the “Al-Anon Declaration”.

Respectfully submitted,
Helen B., Area Secretary