

CONNECTICUT AREA WORLD SERVICE COMMITTEE

Virtual Meeting

October 1, 2021 7:30 p.m.

Chair Elaine M. opened the meeting at 7:30 p.m. with a moment of silence followed by the Serenity Prayer.

Taffy P. took roll call. Absent from the meeting were: Miguel C.-AAPP, Morgan R.- Literature, Alternate DRs from districts 2, 3, 4, 6,7,8, 9 and 12. Guests included various BOD members and past delegates Ellie L., Gina R., and Ann B.

Chair's Opening Remarks: Elaine welcomed all AWSC newcomers and encouraged them to utilize a service sponsor during his/her term. She presented a screen sharing on who has voice and vote at the AWSC meeting and who has voice and vote at Assemblies. She also asked that whenever one uses his/her voice or makes a motion that they identify themselves with name, district and service role. Furthermore, all information should be reviewed with GRs and Alternate GRs to provide them with the same format at the Assembly. If anyone is going to stand for Alternate Delegate, the intent must be sent to Elaine by November 2, 2021 as the information needs to be share with Tech 12.

Secretary's Report: A correction was made to Concept 3. Robert T. is from District 4 and not 3. A motion to approve the September minutes as amended was made by Janet S.- DR1; seconded by Karen V.- DR5. Motion passed unanimously.

Treasurer's Report for month ending September 30, 2021.

Beginning checkbook balance	\$46,280.85
Income received	3,188.00
Less expenses paid	(8,729.79)
Ending checkbook balance	\$40,738.96

A motion was made by Stephanie S. -DR6 and seconded by Ron S.-DR3. Motion carried unanimously.

Delegate's Report: Marcia M.'s report was short and sweet. WSO is currently accepting sharings for new "Just for Tonight" Alateen bookmark. Please encourage all Alateens to submit by December 31, 2021. Writing guidelines and online submission can be found on al-anon.org/sharing.

The Board of Trustees have made the decision to postpone the in-person Road Trip scheduled for Cleveland, Ohio. Fall Assembly will be held virtually on November 6, 2021.

District Reports: Leslie S. DR 13 reported that her district has 9 Al-Anon and 2 Alateen meetings. However, one Al-Anon meeting has not met since Covid, nor the Alateen meetings in the high school. Four are hybrid. At the last district meeting the topic of how meetings are being handled during this trying time and it will continue at next month's meeting. They are currently looking for a district PO representative and more Alateen sponsors.

Linda P. DR 2 reported that her district had 12 Al-Anon, 1 Alateen and 2 Spanish-speaking groups. Two meetings have been closed until further notice. The district has its own Zoom account. Unfortunately, the district is not strong on service. No one has stepped up for any of the GR positions and the DR position.

Ron S. DR 3 reported that district 3 has currently 16 Al-Anon and one Alateen meeting. Two of their weekly meetings are registered under the same WSO number. District 3 maintains three Zoom licenses which provide each of their meetings with stable and consistent access. All meetings have active GRs and most have Alternates. A brainstorming session was held in the spring of 2021 to discuss returning to Face-to-Face with a hybrid component. Recent surge of Covid has left several meetings to decide to stay safe and remain on Zoom.

His district has active coordinators for PO, Speaker Exchange, and district schedules. The district Schedule is changed into a single electronic page that keep the membership up-to-date on Zoom links and Face-to-Face status.

Concept 4: Karen V. DR5 shared her personal growth with Concept 4. Teaching her to be willing to step up into service, learning to listen, having an open mind, trust and courtesy. She finished by reading an excerpt from our Service Manual.

Proposed 2022 Budget: Jackie B. asked if there were any questions or concerns from the DRs. Since none were given, it will be presented at the Area Fall Assembly.

Fall Assembly: Janet S. DR1 and Leslie S. DR 13 have identified members in their respective districts that are willing to assist Tech 12 with the Assembly. All reports are due to chairperson and Area Secretary by **November 2, 2021.** There are no exceptions. Tech 12 will provide some guidance on Zoom at 10:00 a.m. and will identify a “Red Zoom Operator” for individuals who are having difficulties during the assembly, including not muting themselves or lowering hands, etc. Chat feature will go directly to host/Tech 12. Closed caption and the Interpreters features will be available. Assembly begins at 10:30 a.m.

Registration will be available in mid-October. Elaine believes they have come up with a solution to make voice/vote much easier. Name, position, and using a letter “V” or “NV” along with name of group that is being represented. Voting members (Yes/No) will also be on registration.

Again, she asked that the Voice/Vote handout be reviewed with all GRs and Alternates. Please refrain from just speaking out. Use ‘raised hand’ function or Red Zoom Operator on ‘Chat’.

District Representatives will be asked to provide a count of voting members from his/her district to the Area Secretary. Link for Proxy form was attached to her report. All proxies are to be mailed directly to Taffyp2002@yahoo.com.

Public Outreach: Kathe L-B. reported that WSO has new videos. “Benefits of Area Recovery” and these will be available during the months of November, December and January 2022. PO is currently supporting open Alateen meetings during October. However, Kathe feels that she needs assistance from the Area to tap qualified individuals to step up for the position of Public Outreach coordinator, as her term ends December 31.

AA Liaison: Justice K. shared that fliers have been sent out and that Al-Anon is represented in all AA events. Soberfest 2021 was cancelled. There was a good turnout for the Rompiendo Fronteras and the Area 11 Convention. Coming up on October 17 is the AA Round Up 2021. This is a free event, but registration is required. Also CSCYPAA is the final AA event of the year, occurring the weekend after Thanksgiving.

Convention 2022: Martha N. reported that the first committee meeting was held September 19. Most positions are filled. Convention will be held on March 19, 2022. Next meeting is October 17 and they will be voting on the Convention logo and gathering details from subcommittees to build a budget. Save the Date flier has been sent out. She asked that DRs distribute them and encourage members to attend. Once a new webmaster is in place, there will be updates on the convention page on our CT website. If members have any questions, they can reach out at: Convention22@ctalanon.org

Convention Co-Chair: Deborah C. announced that the 44th AFG Convention Theme contest was won by Kary L. “*Where Hope Grows, Miracles Bloom*”. She has notified hotels that our convention will be virtual this year. She has asked for 2023 prices when they become available should we have an in-person event.

Website Coordinator position: Marcia M. introduced Robert T. DR 4 who read his resume for the position of Website Coordinator. A number of members spoke out supporting Robert’s candidacy. Poll was taken with 100% in favor.

Reminder that the Fall Assembly will be held on November 6. If any questions, contact Chairperson Elaine M.

Motion was made by Janet S. DR1 to adjourn the meeting at 8:24 p.m.; seconded by Stephanie R. DR 12. Motion carries.

Respectfully submitted,

Taffy P.
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