**CONNECTICUT AREA WORLD SERVICE COMMITTEE**

**MINUTES**

**JANUARY 6, 2023**

Chairperson Lisa G. opened the meeting at 7:00 p.m. with a moment of silence followed by the Serenity Prayer. Roll call was taken by Karen V. Absent were DR 4 Jen B, DR5, DR8 Justice, DR-10, DR 13-., Archives- June C., 2023 Convention Chair-Deborah C., Marcia Ex-Officio

Guests were Betsy N., and Past delegates-Gina R. and Anne N.

Lisa welcomed and asked for our patience as we continue to find a new location for our meetings and continue to fill open coordinator positions. She reminded the members of who has a vote. Meeting and Agenda dates have been posted. Please contact her should you wish to be placed on the agenda. Our next two meetings (March and May will be held at:

Trinity Lutheran Church 21 Robert Treat Parkway Milford, CT

**Secretary Report:** Karen V. requested that since there were not any changes, deletions or additions to December’s minutes that a motion be made to accept as presented. Motion was made by Ron S. (DR3); seconded by Lauren (ADR2). Motion carries unanimously.

**Treasurer’s Report:** Presented by Jackie B. for month ending December 31, 2022

Beginning checkbook balance $33,236.36

Income 3,617.83

Less Expenses (1,630.94)

Ending checkbook balance $35,223.25

Stephanie (New Treasurer) will be sending out the new cards for the members with the new PO Box. Wendy (DR11) moved to accept the Treasurer’s report as presented; seconded by Janet S. (DR1). Motion carries unanimously.

**Alternate Delegate’s Report:** Katie D. thanked everyone for their service as we carry on the business of Al-Anon. She would like to start planning the workshops for the spring assembly any thoughts or suggestions please let her know. She will be visiting the districts. She is asking members to spread the word of a need for a phone coordinator.

**Delegate’s Report:** Elaine welcomed everyone and reminded the members that they can subscribe to in the Loop. She also presented her finding from the survey. She reported:

**News from WSO**

* The Board of Trustees are actively trying to regenerate Al-Anon/Alateen
* Strengthening our communications with international countries.
* The printed version of the 2022-2025 Al-Anon/Alateen Service Manual (P-24/27 v2) has been delayed. Please support our local service structure and reach out to our LDC office when the service manuals are available for purchase. Envisioned Future Work Group (EFWG) to address diversity and inclusivity. A decision was made to hire an outside consultant to present a workshop at the January 2023 Board of Trustee meeting on the topic of diversity and inclusivity.
* Road Trip will be back! An all-day event designed to bring the Al-Anon fellowship together in an engaging way. This will be held in October and the location of this event will be announced after the January 2023 Board meeting
* The 2023 Al-Anon International Convention will be held June 29-July 2, 2023, at the Albuquerque Convention Center in Albuquerque, New Mexico. The theme for the 2023 International Convention is “New Hopes, New Friends, Renewed Recovery.” Registration opened on November 8, 2022. For the latest updates[2023 Al-Anon International Convention - Al-Anon Family Groups](https://al-anon.org/wso-events/2023-al-anon-international-convention/)

**Area News:**

The Area is need for the following positions.

Phone Service

Literature

Spanish Liaison

**Upcoming Area Events**

Serenity Breakfast- January 22, 2023 – Sheraton Hilton South Hotel, Rocky Hill, CT

Convention- 45th Al-Anon/Alateen Convention – March 25-26, 2023 – Sheraton Hilton South Hotel, Rocky Hill, CT

**District 6 Report:** DR Marissa W. reported that her district consists of 14 groups 13 Al-Anon and 1 Alateen. 2 Groups do not have GRs, but they have contact names for the groups. They have a NEW AMIAS for their Alateens!!! All district positions are filled. The Alateen Group in Newtown will be celebrating their Anniversary Meeting on 2/21 at 7pm at Newtown Community Center.

**District 7 Report:** DR Bob V. reported that District 7 has eleven Al-Anon meetings. 8 meetings are F2F. 2 meetings hybrid 1meeting is on zoom. Most meetings have a GR 2 meetings have closed, the New Hartford Friday Morning and the Washington Sunday Night. The district has been meeting F2F since September 2022. The district meeting moved to Litchfield to be closer to northwest corner of state. Will be reviewing their finances currently have healthy funds. Alateen has 1AMIAS who has renewed his certification they trying to revive an Alateen meeting in the district. 2 Alateen meetings have not been meeting due to lack of sponsors. The district has a very active public outreach group which meets monthly. Would like to start a Spanish speaking meeting in their district.

**Concept 12:** **The spiritual foundation for Al-Anon’s world service is contained in the General Warranties of the conference, Article 12 of the Charter.** Janet S. (DR1) read from Reaching from Personal Freedom workbook.

**Old Business**

**Serenity Breakfast:** Janice R. reported that so far, they have had 117 registrants for the Breakfast. English and Spanish registration forms have been distributed. AA officers and members were invited to attend. Please talk up at your meetings.

**2023 Convention Report:** was read by Gina R. for Deborah C. ***Let It Begin with Me in 2023*** will take place on March 25-26 at the Hartford Sheraton South in Rocky Hill. Convention Pre-Registration is OPEN! All members must register individually either by mail or online through Eventbrite. There is a link to Eventbrite on the registration form. If mailing in your registration it must be postmarked by March 4th to receive the reduced pre-registration fee. This in-person convention is limited to 400 registrants so please register early. Details about the Program will be forthcoming. District Representatives, please encourage your group representatives to talk up the convention and have registration forms available at their individual meetings.

**New Business**

**Thought Force Survey PEG (Permanent Electronic Groups)**

A healthy discussion was had by all the members regarding the survey and PEG. A motion was made by Shay K. (DR12) to form a task force to develop procedure(s) for registering/allowing  electronic meetings into AWSC. Seconded by Carol D. (DR2)

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**Meeting Dates**

Discussion was had regarding the meeting dates and location. Lisa is hoping to find a permanent location for the Areas meeting.

**BOD Chairperson Carol**

The BOD is looking for a new member to join the Board all are encouraged to join. The LDC is looking for a new manager.

**Public Outreach Report**

Eric reported on all the upcoming events. He is encouraging members to support and participate in all these events. Will be resubmitting a new report.

Marissa W. (DR6) moved that the meeting be adjourned 8:47 p.m.; seconded by Janet S. (DR1). Motion carries.

Meeting closed with the Al-Anon Declaration.

Respectfully submitted,

Karen V., AWSC Secretary