***Fall Assembly***

***277 Main St., Hartford, CT***

***November 2, 2019***

**Opening Prayer – Amy A., Area Chairperson**  The Assembly was opened at 10:00 AM with a moment of silence followed by the Serenity Prayer.

**Welcome and Introductions – Carol H., DR District 4 & Ana K., DR District 5**

They thanked everyone for attending the Assembly. They introduced the Area Officers and Past Delegates. There was one AA guest.

**Roll Call – Helen B., Area Secretary**

Absent: Leigh S. Alt. DR, District 9; John P., Alt. DR, District 12.

**Opening Comments – Amy A., Area Chairperson**

 Amy thanked the members for the opportunity to serve as chairperson and announced that she would not be running for reelection.

**Guidelines for the Assembly – Amy A., Area Chairperson**

Reports will be limited to 3 minutes. A simple majority will be required to pass motions. GRs or AGRs have voice and vote; coordinators have voice only.

**Secretary’s Report – Helen B., Area Secretary**

The minutes of the Spring Assembly held June 8, 2019 were submitted electronically. Carol D., AA/Al-Anon Events Coordinator and Ana K., DR District 5 moved and seconded that the minutes be accepted as corrected. The motion passed.

**Treasurer’s Report – Marcia M., Area Treasurer**

Reserve Fund guidelines were reviewed; the current Reserve Fund balance is $22,308.99 as of October 31, 2019. Interest on the Fund since its inception on 3/29/97 has been $4,355.71

October 2019

Balance Forward: $39,203.78

Income: $ 3,194.78

Expenses: $ 8,608.86

End of month balance $33,789.70 operating funds in checking account

Pam from District 11 moved and Mike from the Wallingford Group seconded that the treasurer’s reports be accepted. The motion passed with one abstention.

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

New Area officers will be elected by a simple majority vote; they will begin serving in January 2020.

**Announcements**

“Group Reference Guides” are on sale outside the meeting fall. The Alateens are having a bake sale at the back of the meeting hall, and are also selling raffle tickets for a serenity blanket to be awarded at the end of the assembly.

**Spring Assembly Report – Carol H., DR District 4 and Ana K., DR District 5**

164 members, guests and volunteers attended. The $2000 seed money was returned to the area as well as an unforeseen return of $114.77.

**Delegate’s Report – Gail L., Delegate**

Gail led the Assembly in a rap on “etiquette” as a responsive reading, then shared news from the WSO about the publication of revisions to the Service Manual in English, French, and Spanish. Gail urged members to volunteer for service and to honor the links of service.

**Officer Eligibility Requirements – Ann B., Past Delegate**

The requirements have been modified to increase the number of availability of potential candidates. Deanna S., Website Coordinator and Miguel C., Past Delegate moved and seconded that the change be accepted. The motion passed with 120 yes votes, 8 no votes and 1 abstention.

**Vote On Area Officers**

The following were elected to 3-yr. terms: **Delegate, Marcia M.**

 **Alternate Delegate, Pat S.**

 **Chairperson, Elaine M.**

 **Secretary, Taffy P.**

 **Treasurer, Jackie B.**

**Alateen – Elaine M., Coordinator**

Elaine summarized the accomplishments of her 3-year service and thanked the assembly for the opportunity to serve.

We have dedicated volunteers but more Alateen meetings are needed.

**AAPP – Jackie B., Coordinator**

Jackie works closely with Elaine, the Alateen Coordinator. There are 16 Alateen meetings in Connecticut. There 36 AMIAS’/Sponsors in Connecticut.

**Public Outreach – Kathe L-B., Coordinator**

The Area Public Outreach meetings are now conducted on Zoom as well as a hotel. Kathe can also visit district meetings via Zoom. Public Outreach covers 77% of the state, by district PO coordinators or dedicated DR’s and Alternate DR’s. One of the districts’ accomplishments includes putting ads on shopping carts.

**LDC Finance Committee – Ron S., Chair**

At the end of the 3rd quarter, income is greater than expenses.

**Group Records – Ron S., Coordinator**

There are 211 Al-Anon meetings, nine of which speak Spanish, and 16 Alateen meetings in Connecticut .To preserve the links of service, any changes in meeting time or place should be submitted to the DR, not the WSO.

**LDC Manager – (Open Position)**

**BOD Chair – Deborah C., Chair**

In March 2020 two board members will be completing six years of service and must step down. The eligibility rules have been revised to broaden the pool of potential replacements. Volunteers are encouraged to step forward.

**Vote On Budget** **– Marcia M., Treasurer**

The budget for 2020 was presented and approved.

**AA/Al-Anon Events – Carol D., Coordinator**

There are five sanctioned events with Al-Anon and some Alateen participation, **Soberfest, Rompiendo Fronteras, AA Round Up, Area 11 Convention, and CSCYPAA.** The role of the Coordinator is to find a chair and cochair for the Al-Anon portion of each event and cooperate with AA.

**Literature/Forum – Pat S., Coordinator**

The coordinator acts as a liaison between the WSO and the AWSC, the districts and the groups to encourage members to order literature from our LDC to support our office and central storage space and to encourage subscriptions to the *Forum* to supply literature for sale to statewide events.

**Convention 2020 – Rick L. Convention Chair**

Preparations for the convention are proceeding on schedule after the change of venue from Cromwell to Farmington.

**Convention Co-Chair – Martha N., Co-Chair**

We are looking forward to the Serenity Breakfast In Southington on January 19, 2020. Members are urged to register early as space is limited. There are still open positions on the 2020 Convention Committee. Their next meeting will be November 17, 2019 from 1:00 to 3:00 pm in Cromwell

**Alateen Raffle**

A beautiful blanket was raffled off.

**Motion to Adjourn**

Everyone moved and seconded that the meeting be adjourned. The motion passed unanimously.

The meeting closed with the Al-Anon Declaration at 2:47 pm.

Respectively Submitted,

Helen R.

Area Secretary