

CLEVELAND AL-ANON COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting of
May 21, 2021

The meeting began at approximately 7:08 p.m. with the Serenity Prayer. The meeting was conducted via Zoom. There were 14 persons in attendance. The minutes of the April 16, 2021, meeting were read and motion made to approve the minutes as read.

VOLUNTEERS/OFFICE REPORT:

1. Nancy gave a report. Things are moving along all right at the office. Literature orders are being filled. There is also a new volunteer.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Merri presented her report for the month ending April 30 (attached to these minutes). Some highlights include:

1. Bank balance at end of March: \$16,507.30
2. Bank balance at end of April: \$15,889.29
3. All bills and sales taxes were paid
4. A donation of \$5.00 was made by an anonymous donor
5. Literature sales for April were \$408.70
6. One Certificate of Deposit was renewed at .30% and deposited to a 12-month liquid account
7. The Zoom account for the office was renewed for one year

HILITES: Mary Jo gave her report.

1. Merri requested through email three updates of the Meeting PDF this month on the 2nd, 3rd, 4th and 20th which were updated the day of each request. On May 5th I added an interactive google calendar link - please try it- -the link is located twice in the HiLites on the "Meetings" pages or under (four clicks are needed- follow this path) **CLE Homepage>Electronic Meetings>Phone Meetings>Latest Documents**. The calendar works best if you have gmail or the google calendar app.
2. The June HiLites is looking good and merely waiting for the minutes from the May meeting. Posting of the hard copies through the U.S. Mail is going to be a bit tight this month with the Monday holiday as typically Sheila works on the minutes Monday, then I send the finished newsletter to Vivian to print who takes it to Nancy to post. Fingers crossed!

ALATEEN: Gary presented his report.

1. Cleveland Area Alateen is in the process of trying to make a comeback. With the fallout from the Virus participation is WAY down. Because of this, there is a possibility that we may cancel the Virtual KOMIAC this year. Almost no kids. On a positive note, the Alateen Group that I Sponsor on Tuesday night in Rocky River now has access again to the church that we used to meet at. We hope to re-boot it. We could use parents, grandparents, etc, who are willing to bring their kids to meetings. (Hint, hint). I will keep you posted on this. We wish well all the Groups out there. We are all in a period of transition.

PUBLIC OUTREACH: Sheila presented Regina's report:

1. The Public Outreach Committee met May 20, 2021 at 5pm. We agreed to move forward on the following purchases, which had been discussed previously: 2- Self-Inking Stampers with our Office and Contact information on it (\$46.00), Business Card Set up (\$32.49), 5,000 business cards (\$100.00), 150 Al-anon Faces Alcoholism-2021 (\$48.00) and a book of stamps (\$11.00) totaling \$237.00 prior to taxes. Huron

County has been added to our list of recipients of the AFA's. The purchases will accommodate the AFA's going to the remaining counties, the 28 Cleveland libraries and 10 Business Cards each to all the aforementioned libraries.

2. The next order of business is to represent Al-Anon once again at the Case Western Reserve Prescription Drugs Seminar in June. There has been an inquiry about the posters. Nancy informed me there is one in the office. We will follow up on the PSA and posters hopefully in June.

GREATER CLEVELAND AL-ANON WEBSITE: Gary remarked that things are moving along well. Mary Jo provided the following web information for the month of April:

1. For the month of April 2021, the clevelandal-anon.org website received 595 queries. The most popular was "Al-Anon meetings by day" followed by "Al-Anon meetings by city" Of that total, 583 were from the United States, 2 were from Germany, and 2 were from Australia. 318 mobile phones, 256 desktop computers and 21 tablets were used to access the website.
2. A discussion followed concerning the updating of meeting information and several suggestions were made to streamline the process. Mary Jo suggested the use of colors to highlight the different status of meetings such as in-person, electronic only, etc. Gary will check with the webmaster to see if this is an option. Merri noted that a committee had been formed consisting of the Treasurer and the volunteers to review how best to get this information out. They will get together and report back to Council in June.

DISTRICTS / OHIO AFG LIAISON: Mary Jo presented the following Ohio Area dates:

1. **Liaison Report:** Assembly was May 15. Fifty-one voting members were present. Motions were made and passed. Paypal to be used for a three year trial and Evaluations were sent - minutes will be sent soon. OAC June 26th on Zoom - live link for registration on the www.ohioal-anon.org website. There will be a kick off event the night before. The event on Friday night, June 25th, from 6-8 pm, is the "rest of the story", the alternate delegate's report from the World Service Conference. OAA is seeking technology help and any persons with interest and ability to be on a technology task force. We also need tech help with registration for online meetings and in person meetings. Registration Chair is unfilled and there is a need to rewrite the duties to handle electronic meetings in the future. Also the insurance renewal task force and financial review committee need volunteers. The OAC chairman (Cheryl B) is still looking for tech help with the Convention. The WSO Road Trip will be Saturday October 23rd at the Westin Hotel in Downtown Cleveland. It's a huge deal - only once of year do the WSO board of trustees travel and take their meeting on location. The fact that CLE was chosen (for last year) and the event was postponed, means we need to make sure members get the word out. We need as many people to attend as possible, at least 100 attendees. Also the Westin starts at \$189 a night so if any CLE council member is willing to host an out of town member, please let me know. It would be greatly appreciated!
2. **From the Chairman:** Ohio will have to be deciding if and how to add Electronic Groups to our Area, members need to be discussing this in their groups to prepare for the necessary changes in our bylaws and handbook if the Area chooses to do so. They would not be petitioning the Area until after the 2022 WSC because being admitted would require the okay of the Electronic Area as well as the geographic Area and those details are still being worked out on the Electronic Area side. CMA's of the electronic meetings will be meeting in June with Sue Perez in an ongoing effort to discuss how this will be accomplished. Once again, tech help will be needed - Ongoing training of new trusted servants and members in how to use our electronic means of communication as well as helping out when we are in-person again.
3. **Future Planning:** Al-Anon International Convention will be in Albuquerque NM 6/29-7/2 2023 so start saving your travel money now!

OLD BUSINESS:

1. Gratitude Night – November 5, 2021, is reserved for Gratitude Night, with no limit on attendees. A chairperson is needed for this event. More information to follow.
2. The Al-Anon picnic is set for July 11, 2021, at Wildwood/Euclid Creek Reservation in Cleveland MetroParks. She volunteered to chair the event, and Regina will obtain the speakers. Attendance is open with no limits. All picnic areas are open to the public.

NEW BUSINESS: No new business was discussed.



CALENDAR OF UPCOMING EVENTS

- 6/12-13/21 Founder's Day – Al-Anon participation is June 12th. Members must register first.
- 6/26/21 Ohio Area Convention – online – one day only - details to be determined
- 7/11/21 Al-Anon Picnic – Wildwood Reservation – in person
- 7/31/21 KOMIAC, via Zoom
- 8/20-22/21 AA Convention w/Al-Anon participation – online
- 8/28/21 Fall AWSC, via Zoom
- 10/1-3/21 Salt Fork weekend – in person - early registration beginning May 1st
- 10/21/21 Fall Assembly, via Zoom
- 10/23/21 Board of Trustees road trip to Cleveland
- 11/5/21 Gratitude Night



Motion was made to close the meeting at 8:08 p.m., with the Lord's Prayer. The next meeting will be held on June 18, 2021, via Zoom. All are welcome to attend - Meeting ID is 863 9482 8658#. Or dial by phone 929-205-6099 followed by the meeting ID.

Respectfully submitted, Sheila C., Secretary

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