

## CLEVELAND AL-ANON COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting of  
November 19, 2021

The meeting began at approximately 7:12 p.m. with the Serenity Prayer. The meeting was conducted via Zoom. There were 15 persons in attendance. The minutes of the October 15, 2021, meeting were read, with motion then being made to approve the minutes as written.

### **VOLUNTEERS/OFFICE REPORT:**

1. Vivian reported that there is nothing new to report. She noted that *One Day at a Time* and *Courage to Change* (small print) books have come in. The large print versions are still not available yet. *Hope for Today* copies are not available yet.
2. It was also noted that, next month, December, the end-of-year inventory must be done. The volunteers will handle that.

**TREASURER'S REPORT:** No report at this time.

**HILITES:** Mary Jo reported that the December HiLites are almost complete. She also noted that a member volunteered to create a template for the HiLites.

**ALATEEN:** Gary presented his report.

There will be an Ohio Alateen Sponsors Workshop on Zoom, Sunday, November 28th, 11:30am- 2:00pm. Any sponsor or anyone interested in finding out about Alateen is invited to attend. Contact Sara, our Ohio Coordinator, and she will send you the information and link. Gary is encouraged with the face-to-face meetings starting up again. It will be good to have the sponsors getting together again. We are working to get Alateen back to recovery before this whole virus stuff hit. Thank you for all the support the Cleveland Area has been during this difficult time.

Gary J, Alateen Cleveland (res. 440 835-8807) ([g.jokela@att.net](mailto:g.jokela@att.net))

**PUBLIC OUTREACH:** Regina presented her report:

Since the last meeting of October 13, 2021, and last report, there has been distribution of *Al-anon Faces Alcoholism*, business cards and Detachment pamphlets. Nancy reported that at the Lakewood YMCA Health Fair on October 21, 2021, she passed out 60 business cards and 1 AFA. On November 6, 2021, at the First District Police Station, 10 AFA's, 20 business cards and 8 Detachment pamphlets were passed out. On November 7, 2021, at the Cleveland Fire Department on West 160th and Lorain, there was a decline to receive 10 AFA's, 10 business cards and 8 Detachment pamphlets. Also on November 7, 2021, at the Calvary, Fairview Grace UMC/Salvation Army (Pastor Matt Tomko), 4 AFA's, 4 business cards and 4 Detachment pamphlets were distributed. Much thanks to Nancy. The Public Outreach Committee sent a sympathy card to Theodora Walker (previous Public Outreach Coordinator) in the passing of her husband. The committee will continue getting the information out whenever and wherever we can.

Respectfully Submitted, Regina E. Franklin, Public Outreach Coordinator.

### **GREATER CLEVELAND AL-ANON WEBSITE:**

1. Mary Jo reported that the new website launch was rescheduled for December 1, 2021, at 6:30 p.m. Use the same Zoom number for Council to log on. Any suggestions for the site will be made by the design team.

2. Ray and Mary Jo provided the following web information for the month of October 2021: The [clevelandal-anon.org](http://clevelandal-anon.org) website received 596 queries. The most popular query was "Al-Anon meetings by day." Of that total, 588 were from the United States, 2 were from Canada and 1 from Venezuela. 374 mobile phones, 199 desktop computers and 23 tablets were used to access the website.

#### **DISTRICTS / OHIO AFG LIAISON:**

1. Mary Jo described some of the items that the Ohio Assembly (October 16-17) voted on or discussed:

The first item was a motion to change the definition of a quorum in the Ohio Al-Anon by-laws. The number was originally 50 to have a quorum, but a five-year trial period was voted on for the quorum to consist of 2/3 of all persons present at the beginning of a meeting. Deadline for the trial period is 2026.

The second item was a motion to approve the creation of the position of AA Liaison (for Ohio only). There will be a five-year trial period for this position as well. The Ohio by-laws will be revised to show this information.

The third item she described was for the position of an IT Coordinator. This will be voted on at the Spring 2022 Assembly meeting.

An Assembly working group is also looking at this question: Should Ohio include non-Ohio groups in the meetings? Ramona is on the committee and described some of the things they are working on.

#### **OLD BUSINESS:**

1. Insurance renewal for office – Sheila gave an update on the renewal for the office. Jan S., has been in contact with our representative at Oswald Companies to renew the Travelers policy for 2022 (the crime policy). For our second policy (property and liability with Philadelphia Insurance), Jan is working to see if we can combine the two policies to have a common expiration date. Sheila will ask Jan to make a presentation at the December meeting. The yearly premium for the Philadelphia policy is \$515.00.
2. Gratitude Night 2021 – Mary Jo gave a report. Overall, the films went well. There were good comments afterwards. There were upwards of 70 persons who joined in the Zoom event. After discussion, it was agreed to provide the speakers with gift cards as a thank-you gift for speaking. Motion was then made to give each of the speakers a \$25.00 gift card. Patty agreed to handle this.

#### **NEW BUSINESS:**

1. Patty D. read the quarterly appeal letter from the World Service Office. After discussion, motion was made and approved to donate \$250.00 to the World Service Office from Intergroup Council.
2. Election of Treasurer – A vote was taken to elect Patty D. as the new Treasurer for the office.
3. Background report follow-up – Mary Jo will look for a response from Praesidium, the company undertaking the checks.
4. Proposed amendment to By-Laws –A discussion took place to follow up on a suggestion made at the October Council meeting to draft an amendment to the By-Laws to either remove the position of Office Manager entirely or replace it with "Liaison to World Service." Patty had agreed to draft language for an amendment and presented it for comment. The language included wording that the current office volunteers would continue to maintain all records of affiliated groups along with current listings of secretaries or contact persons of said groups. These responsibilities are usually those of the Office Manager, but in light of the removal of our former office manager, the volunteers have undertaken the performance of the office manager duties. The position has been vacant for several years, and no one has

stepped up to undertake this position at the yearly elections. It was agreed to have further discussions on this matter before any formal changes can be made.



CALENDAR OF UPCOMING EVENTS

- 3/19/22 Spring AWSC - Committee meeting – details to be announced
- 4/26-30/22 World Service Conference – New York City (to be attended by delegate)
- 5/21/22 Spring Assembly – time and place to be determined
- 6/22 Ohio Area Conference – Toledo (tentative) – details to be determined
- 7/30-31/22 KOMIAC – time and place to be determined
- 8/5-7/22 Ohio AA Convention – Dublin, Ohio
- 8/20/22 Fall AWSC Committee meeting (time to be determined)
- 10/2022 2-Day Fall Assembly – to be determined
- 11 or 12/2022 Trustee road trip – details to be determined



Motion was made to close the meeting at 8:34 p.m. followed by the Lord's Prayer. The next meeting will be held on December 17, 2021, via Zoom. All are welcome to attend - Meeting ID is 847 9751 3760. or dial by phone 312-626-6799 followed by the meeting ID.

Respectfully submitted, Sheila C., Secretary

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