

CLEVELAND AL-ANON COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting of
May 20, 2022

Zoom log in information: Meeting ID is 847 9751 3760. or dial by phone 312-626-6799 followed by the meeting ID.

The meeting began at approximately 7:00 p.m. with the Serenity Prayer and a reading from *Hope for Today*. The meeting was conducted via Zoom. Sydney P. chaired the meeting in Betty's absence. There were 20 persons in attendance. The minutes of the April 15, 2022, meeting having been forwarded in advance to Council members, the reading of the minutes was dispensed with and a copy was put on-screen for Council members to review. Two revisions were noted – under Old Business, a correction to the Ally Bank reference (\$0 minimum deposit), and a suggestion to put the Cleveland website on the first page of the HiLites. Motion was then made to approve the minutes with these corrections.

VOLUNTEERS/OFFICE REPORT: Vivian reported that things are going well. She noted that there is another prospective volunteer who would like to start orientation.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Patty presented her report for April, 2022 (attached to these minutes) as follows:

1. Beginning office checking account statement balance: \$15,078.76; ending account statement balance: \$15,023.66; and current CD's total: \$80,896.55
2. All bills were paid.
3. Donations totaled \$485.00.

HILITES: Mary Jo's report is as follows:

1. On April 19, she met with a volunteer (Cathy L. at Panera - Tiedeman) to begin transitioning May. On April 22, she completed the May hardcopy version and emailed Vivian. On April 25, she met with Susan H., Monday office volunteer, to start learning Canva.pro. On April 30, she sent electronic HiLites to subscribers and webteam. On May 1, she received OAR registration (the exact same thing happened last year) one day late. On May 2, the HiLites were posted on the website by Loretta, albeit a day late. On May 5, she Zoom called with Carolyn P. to learn how to upload the newsletter to the website. On 5/18, the Acronyms & Meeting List came through in email. Also, the Alateen "thread" was lost – need a volunteer author for the July newsletter. She is also awaiting an anniversary flier from Independence and Council minutes.
2. A question was raised about the deadline for submitting anniversary announcements for the HiLites. Mary Jo advised that the announcements should be in by the 20th of the preceding month. A suggestion was made by a member to have this deadline information put on the first page of the HiLites. Nothing decided yet.
3. Mary Jo also noted that someone is needed for Alashare.

ALATEEN: Gary presented his report as follows:

1. Indiana Alateen is hosting this year's KOMIAC. It will be the first one back since the Pandemic and will be held at Indiana State University, Terre Haute, Indiana, on July 22-24. We are definitely looking forward to it. The numbers are down but that is to be expected. What do they say, you have to crawl before you can walk. If anyone knows of any Alateen, ages 12-20, that wishes to attend, we have the funds. Get ahold of me, we'll work it out. Thank you for all the support. The number of Alateens going to KOMIAC is not known yet. (Gary J. – res – 440-835-8807; g.jokela@att.net)

PUBLIC OUTREACH: Regina's report is as follows:

1. Public Outreach once again was able to assist with another health fair. This time it was on May 5, 2022 at Perry High School from 6-8 pm. Leslie A. welcomed the use of our pamphlets board, AFA's, business cards and candy to up the interest of the young people. About 30 youths stopped by our table to listen to a brief explanation of what Alateen was about and where meetings were located. The previous fair of April 27, 2022 was the Indy Alateen Family Group and did not require the presence of any other members. With summer nearing, the Public Outreach Committee hopes to share at the next Case Western Reserve Semi and get on point with the libraries, PSA's and any other entities that wish to spread our message of help and hope. Just to review our budget, the current balance is: \$1,290.76.

GREATER CLEVELAND AL-ANON WEBTEAM: Carolyn's report was as follows:

1. Berea Olmsted Falls Sunday Nite AFG – the webteam received notification that this meeting may be inactive. An anonymous office volunteer asked me to look into this. The only phone number I had was disconnected - I followed through with two notes in US Mail to Candy B. and Dave K., one is a friend who I know recently attended and second is last known contact for the group.
2. Stepping Up resumes in person (reminder from an anonymous office volunteer).
3. Notification from Chagrin Valley Wednesday Night AFG in person only at Bainbridge Recovery Club, 8231 E Washington Street, Chagrin Falls, Ohio 44023 (no longer online).
4. Received an email from Vivian about Lyndhurst discontinuing their Zoom.
5. Carolyn sent the meeting list export to Mary Jo for the newsletter.
6. Carolyn noted the following: Website meeting updates are going well. Between the last two meetings (April 15 and May 20), five changes were made to the site. Most of the changes were meetings moving away from offering online options. Special thanks to the office volunteers for sending over updates!
7. April 2022 Website Stats: Users: 797; Average Time on Site: 2m12s; Search Acquisitions: 470; Direct Acquisitions: 319; Referral Acquisitions: 10; Most Popular Page: Meetings by Day; Mobile Users: 481; Desktop Users: 288; and Tablet Users: 28.
8. Loretta N. has been updating the site with event announcements and other publications as needed. If you have any anniversaries or other Al-Anon Website worthy events to share, please email it to cleveland.ais.website@gmail.com.

DISTRICTS / OHIO AFG LIAISON: Mary Jo's report is as follows:

1. May Assembly is tomorrow starting at 12:30 p.m. New GR/DR Orientation is at 11 a.m.; registration on <https://www.ohioal-anon.org/> under Calendar.
2. What's coming up?
 - Ohio Al-Anon Convention(OAC)–June 10-12, Findlay, Ohio
 - Ohio AA Convention, August 5-7, Dublin, Ohio
 - Road Trip!, Cleveland, October 29, 2022
 - World Service Conference – April 20-23, 2023 in Virginia Beach!!!
 - 2023 Al-Anon International Convention will be in Albuquerque, New Mexico, June 29-July 2, 2023 - New Hopes, New Friends, Renewed Recovery

OLD BUSINESS:

1. Hernan presented some options for obtaining better rates for the CD's held by the office. He noted that better rates could be obtained if the funds were moved to a Treasury account. After discussion, motion

was made and passed to move the current \$50,000.00 CD into a 6-month Treasury bill. The signers on the CD's are authorized to proceed.

2. Ample Reserve discussions – After lengthy discussion and comments on the history of the office's finances from 2015 to the present, and review by Morgan of the "ample supply" committee's research, the following motions were presented:
 - (a) Motion was made and passed for an ample reserve of \$30,00, plus \$10,000/\$15,000 to be kept in the checkbook – to be reviewed in two years.
 - (b) The motion was then revised and passed after further discussion to change the reserve to \$60,000, with more discussion to follow.
3. Hernan referred the members to the WSO Form G41 which discusses the ample reserve guidelines for the WSO, Areas, Districts, and groups.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Patty D. read the quarterly appeal letters from WSO and Ohio. After discussion, motion was made and passed to donate \$500.00 to Ohio for its appeal, and \$200.00 to the WSO.
2. Al-Anon picnic – Nancy and Sheila volunteered to co-chair the picnic. More details at the June council meeting.



CALENDAR OF UPCOMING EVENTS

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| 5/21/22 | Spring Assembly – via Zoom |
| 6/10-12/22 | Ohio Area Convention – Findlay, Ohio – flyer is on the Ohio website |
| 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 (place to be determined) |
| 10/2022 | 2-Day Fall Assembly – to be determined |
| 10/29 | Trustee road trip – Doubletree by Hilton Hotel –Independence – more information in August |



The meeting closed at approx.. 9:05 p.m., with the Serenity Prayer. The next meeting will be held on June 17, 2022, 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