CLEVELAND AL-ANON COUNCIL
Minutes of the Meeting of
June 17, 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 7:05 p.m. with a reading from *Courage to Change*. The meeting was conducted via Zoom. Patty D. chaired the meeting in Betty's absence. There were 15 persons in attendance. The minutes of the May 20, 2022, meeting having been forwarded in advance to Council members, the reading of the minutes was dispensed with. Two revisions were noted – under Old Business - 2(a), a typing error was corrected to change $30,00 to $30,000.00, and also 2(a) was revised to state that the motion was made and amended (rather than passed). Motion was then made to approve the minutes with these corrections.

VOLUNTEERS/OFFICE REPORT: Vivian reported that a new volunteer has undergone training, and that everything is running well.

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

1. Beginning office checking account statement balance: $15,023.66; ending account statement balance: $14,964.66; and current CD's total: $80,896.55
2. All bills were paid.
3. Donations to WSO ($200.00) and to the state ($500.00) were made.
4. Independent donations totaled $70.00, and $350.00 of a $500.00 donation through PayPal was designated to the Saturday Women's Group in Cleveland, with the balance to Intergroup.

HILITES: Mary Jo's report is as follows:

1. She met with Marcia N. from Think Thursday to show her Canva pro
2. Sydney P. provided an Alashare connection to write for August
3. On 6/13, she scanned WSO Appeal letter from June mailing
4. Vicki H. from Friday Morning Westlake FG is interested in being editor
5. On 6/20, she met with Vicki H. to show her Canva Pro

ALATEEN: Gary presented his report as follows:

1. KOMIAC is back and we are making arrangements to be there. It is being held the weekend of July 22-24 at Indiana State University in Terre Haute. We are looking forward to it after a long hiatus because of the pandemic. Any Alateen stragglers out there that want to go and need to hook up with a group in order to be there, have them give me a call. That is our main focus right now.
2. There is a new Alateen meeting that is being started on Monday Night , 8-9 p.m., at a school located at 3389 Fulton Road, on Cleveland's West Side. There is an AA meeting that meets at the same time. This AA Group 5 years ago had a sizable Alateen meeting that met there for several years but lost their long-term Alateen sponsor because she was unable to continue. Parents have been bringing their kids recently because they want to get Alateen back and they really see the need. Presently, there is a 24 year old ex-Alateen member with these kids but they would really like an Al-Anon member who is AMIAS certified to take over the group. I am familiar with this group and the sponsor who used to be there. This is an excellent opportunity for someone who wants to get involved in Alateen. If you have any interest at all, please get ahold of me.

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PUBLIC OUTREACH: Regina's report is as follows:

The Public Outreach Committee once again received an invitation to share at the Intensive Course on Controlled Substance Prescribing. This was Tuesday, June 14, 2022. Al-Anon's talk was face to face at the George Dively Building of Case Western Reserve University. It was from 12:30 to 1:15 p.m. At this session, Public Outreach committee member Veronica (Ronni) Davis briefly shared her story, which mentioned alcoholism and drug addiction in her family. The physicians had three main concerns: (1) how could they help, (2) what do they tell families, and (3) what did Al-Anon members do to help. It was shared that the physicians could not blame themselves and could only suggest to the addict to seek help. The first idea would be an anonymous fellowship and counseling if needed. The doctors could only encourage the family or friend to contact Al-Anon. Alateen was also mentioned. Al-Anon was described as a support group for those who cared about people with addictions. Copies of *Al-Anon Faces Alcoholism* and business cards were left for the physicians and a reminder that the addict and family cannot be forced to take action. They must want to get assistance. The doctors were also told that Al-Anon literature could also be found at libraries. The attendees expressed their gratitude for Ronni sharing and providing hope in what they felt was a dilemma. The continued invitations appear to be an indication that Al-Anon is being of service to the greater community.

GREATER CLEVELAND AL-ANON WEBTEAM: Mary Jo and Carolyn provided reports as follows:

1. The May website statistics included total users of 881, with the most popular page visited being the meetings by day, with an average time on site approximately two minutes.
2. Mary Jo provided the following miscellaneous information:
   a. On 5/31, she tried to upload the newsletter and encountered an error
   b. She corrected the upload error with help
   c. On 6/3, Loretta uploaded Expect a Miracle Anniversary and July Picnic fliers to the website
   d. WordPress Kirtland Tuesday AFG is active (called the office a few months ago)
   e. On 6/15, One Day At A Time AFG Fri. (8 p.m. - Independence) is District 1 not 34
3. Mary Jo also gave information concerning an opening for a new District Representative for District One, as Judy L. (current rep.) is stepping down. She described some of the duties of a District Representative, such as visiting the groups and representing their voice at AWSC (Area World Service Committee) meetings. District Representatives act as a resource to their groups and may be called upon to address concerns or problems. The groups encompassing District 1 are: Berea Thursday AFG (Thur. 8 pm Berea) , Independence AFG and Indy Alateen AFG (Both Wed. 7 pm in Independence) , One Day at a Time AFG (Fri. 8 pm in Independence), Parma Serenity (Thur. 8 pm Parma) and Think Thursday (Thur. 10 am Parma Hts.). Typically, a member of a group in District 1 steps up to serve. If anyone has questions or may be interested, please email hilites.clev.ais@gmail.com (editor will forward to Judy L. upon receipt). Thank you, Judy, for your longtime service to District 1 and to Al-Anon.

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

1. GR's and AWSC members will receive through email the May Assembly Minutes as soon as they are finished. A Special Appeal Letter from WSO Board Treasurer can be found at: https://al-anon.org/pdf/Special-Appeal-Letter-2022.pdf. It basically says their current planned deficit is higher than predicted due to donations, and literature sales are lower than projected. The WSO operating budget continues to reflect the impact of the COVID 19 pandemic. They are asking each group to buy a book or make a donation.
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. Al-Anon picnic – Nancy is currently working on obtaining speakers, and motion was made and passed to provide gift cards in the amount of $35.00 each for the speakers. Sheila will obtain those. Details were discussed in the way of food and drink, etc.
2. Discussions continued on the topic of a prudent reserve for the office. Nancy gave an outline of the history of the office. The following motions were put forward:

    a. Motion was made to table further discussion of the ample reserve until May of 2023. The motion did not carry.
    b. Motion was made and passed to put $50,000.00 into a 6-month CD at the best rates. The rates for T-Bills and the current rates at Ohio Savings were discussed. At the May Council meeting, motion was made and passed to put the $50,000.00 CD into a T-Bill. Sheila presented new information on the pros and cons of doing this and explained why this was not done in light of new information on rates. Discussions will be ongoing.
    c. Motion was made and passed to continue with motion from last month to further discuss a reserve amount.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Patty D. remarked on the WSO appeal letter. After discussion, motion was made and passed to donate $500.00 to the WSO.

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