

CLEVELAND AL-ANON COUNCIL
Minutes of the Meeting of
August 19, 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 7:15 p.m. with the Serenity Prayer. The meeting was conducted via Zoom. There were 16 persons in attendance. The minutes of the June 17, 2022, meeting having been forwarded in advance to Council members, the reading of the minutes was dispensed with. One revision was noted – under Old Business: 2(a) was revised to state that "Motion was made to table further discussion and decision of the ample reserve until May of 2023." Motion was then made to approve the minutes with this correction.

VOLUNTEERS/OFFICE REPORT:

1. A new volunteer has started (Liz), and a new volunteer (Kathy K.) is taking calls on Fridays.
2. Nancy described the new increase in literature prices by the WSO. The price increase is being reviewed to add 10% to our prices for literature. A new price list can be typed and put on the website. It was also noted that the books *One Day at a Time* and *Courage to Change* have been unavailable from the WSO for many months, but Vivian is tracking this.
3. A discussion followed comparing the prices WSO charges and the office's prices.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Sheila presented Patty's report for July, 2022 (attached to these minutes) as follows:

1. Beginning office checking account statement balance: \$33,938.81; ending account statement balance: \$34,975.55; and current CD totals: \$80,896.55
2. The increase in the statement balance reflected a final payment from the defendant in the crime claim in the amount of \$21,532.74. The defendant has made restitution to the office in total of \$23,632.74.
3. All bills have been paid.
4. Donations came in from PayPal, Yourcause, LLC, groups, and individuals in the amount of \$382.00.
5. Mary Jo requested that the temporary newsletter editor (Cathy L.) be given the \$25.00 stipend for each month she does the newsletter (in Mary Jo's absence). Council agreed to pay the stipends to Cathy.

ALATEEN: Gary presented his report as follows:

We did it! The KOMIAC Conference for Alateen was held for the first time since the Covid Virus hit. It was hosted by Indiana Alateen and held at Indiana State University in Terre Haute. There were 103 attendees, which was less than half that is normal, but that was expected considering all everyone has been through these last few years and Kentucky Alateen was a no show because they are still sorting out their recertification issues. It was great to be back though. Looking forward to next year although we are still trying to sort out which state will be hosting it. There will be an Ohio Alateen Fall Rally held on October 8th, 9-3pm, in Akron this year. More details to follow.

Gary J., Alateen Cleveland); Residence – 440-835-8807; g.jokela@att.net

HILITES: Sheila presented Mary Jo's report as follows:

Cathy L has taken over the Hi-Lites newsletter because Mary Jo continues to have bleary eyes as a side effect of her surgery. With Mary Jo assisting over the phone, Cathy put August together and is working on the September newsletter. Cathy did a newsletter for 25 years for a non-profit and surrendered the position two

months ago. I do not take the \$25 stipend currently. Would council consider paying Cathy \$25.00 for August and September? (See #5 above under Treasurer's Report.) The other member who was interested in working on the newsletter (I met with her once for four hours) has backed out due to increased service responsibilities at the group level. Another member reached out through email (her name is Janice K.) to inquire about the editor position. In my reply, I asked her the name of her home group, number of years in the program, and any service positions she has held previously.

PUBLIC OUTREACH: There was no report.

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

1. Carolyn P downloaded the August meeting list from the meeting finder. Loretta upload the Road Trip Registration flyer and Mary Jo uploaded the two September anniversaries 1) Think Thursday – 9/1/22, and Make A Better Day - 9/15/22. Carolyn P also did WordPress updates for: Berea/Olmsted Falls Sunday Nite AFG 6/29; Fairport Harbor AFG 7/14; Westlake Gratitude AFG 7/14; How It Works for Adult Children of Alcoholics AFG 7/22; Monday Nite Live AFG 7/28; A Spiritual Awakening for Adult Children of Alcoholics AFG 8/2; North Ridgeville caring & Sharing AFG 8/9; and Suburban West AFG 8/11.
2. The June and July website statistics included total users of 882 and 848, respectively, with the most popular page visited being the meetings by day, with an average time on site of approximately two minutes.
3. Carolyn also noted that, since our last intergroup meeting, approximately five meeting updates have been made. Loretta N., another website volunteer, has been adding many anniversaries and other notices to the website. We so appreciate her work! As always, website changes can be sent to cleveland.ais.website@gmail.com. You can also email there with any questions.

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

1. All DR's please come to the AWSC meeting Saturday August 20th. Zoom invite is in your email or email chairman@ohioal-anon.org.
2. Ginny C., the Chair of the Road Trip Welcome Committee, gave an update on the upcoming Trustee Road Trip to Cleveland October 29, 2022. With the cost of registration (\$30.00), lunch and afternoon snacks will be provided. She noted that they are also looking for volunteer drivers for Sunday, October 30th, to take part in a caravan to visit the AA sites in Akron. Ginny also remarked that she would like to prepare a scrapbook from Cleveland for the Trustees with pictures, writings, etc. from the Cleveland area. Any suggestions, please e-mail her at ginnyc44ohio@yahoo.com.

OLD BUSINESS:

1. Ongoing discussions continued on the topic of an ample reserve for the office: various amounts were discussed, but no vote or decision was taken yet on an amount. More discussions to follow.
2. Nancy presented a report on the picnic in July, with amounts taken in through the raffles and the contest for Road Trip tickets. A discussion took place on the location for next year's picnic, and it was agreed to reserve the same site (Brookside Reservation) for next year. Sheila will make the reservation.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Gratitude Night – Merri G. will contact St. Malachi to see if we will be able to meet in person this year.



CALENDAR OF UPCOMING EVENTS

- 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
- 4/20-23/23 World Service Conference – in Virginia Beach
- 6/29-7-2/23 2023 Al-Anon International Convention - Albuquerque, New Mexico, theme: "New Hopes, New Friends, Renewed Recovery"



The meeting closed at approximately 9:01 p.m., with the Lord's Prayer. The next meeting will be held on September 16, 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

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