

GREATER CLEVELAND AL-ANON COUNCIL
Minutes of the Meeting of
December 16, 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 opened at 7:00 p.m. with the Serenity Prayer and a reading from CTC. The meeting was conducted via Zoom and 17 persons were in attendance.

1. **MINUTES:**

The November 18, 2022, meeting minutes were sent previously to council members via email and shown on-screen for those present to read. A motion was made and accepted to approve the minutes as presented.

2. **OFFICE:**

Vivian reported that the office will conduct an inventory starting December 20 until the end of the year. No literature sales will occur during this time. The office is running smoothly.

Vivian noted that donations to Gratitude Night were \$273 not \$323 as \$50 was donated to the Intergroup Council. Additional expenses of \$77 were incurred for Forum subscriptions for the speakers and raffle winners for an overall net of \$197. She noted that previously the District and not the Intergroup hosted Gratitude Night.

Members expressed confusion about the difference between the District and Intergroup. Sheila noted that the official name of our group is Greater Cleveland Al-Anon, Inc. Sydney volunteered to review the WSO Service Manual and old minutes from the District and Intergroup to clarify the issue.

3. **TREASURER**

Patty thanked the office volunteers for the great job they are doing.

Beginning Statement Balance:	\$23,482.24	
Ending Statement Balance:	\$23,347.39	
CD 1 -#8191	\$30,778.39	(2/8/2023)
CD 2 -#3125	\$50,118.16	(1/29/2023)
EXPENSES:		
Rent:	\$495.00	
Internet/Phone:	\$135.42	
Sales Tax:	\$113.16	
Per Diem:	\$245.00	
Stamps.com/Merri :	\$200.00	
Postage:	\$ 11.88	
TOTAL:	\$1,200.46	
INCOME:		
Literature Sales:	\$1,425.22	

DONATIONS IN:	
Groups:	\$ 235.70
Gratitude Night:	\$ 323.00
PayPal:	\$ 10.10
Phillips 66:	\$ 55.29
Individual:	\$ 52.00
TOTAL:	\$676.09
DONATIONS OUT:	
Forum:	\$ 77.00
St. Malachi:	\$225.00
Custodian:	\$ 50.00
TOTAL:	\$352.00

Hernan requested that the Treasurer’s report by reformatted so that income and expenses are more clearly shown: e.g., that donations in are reported as income and donations out as expenses rather than separate from other and that literature costs are included in expenses.

4. **HILITES**

Janice stated that Carolyn had previously registered us for Canva Pro for not-for-profits. She’s having some issues logging on. Canva Pro is also useful for creating flyers for meetings.

5. **ALATEEN**

Gary J. submitted the following report:
Not much going on with Alateen at this time of the year. Thank you for all your support you’ve been over the years.

6. **WEBSITE**

Carolyn submitted the November Website Stats:

	Total Users	Average Time on Site	Search Acquisiton	Direct Acquisition	Referral Acquisition	Most Popular Page	Mobile Users	Desktop Users	Tablet Users
November	855	2:10	481	288	3	Meetings by Day	518	300	40

Four meeting updates have been added since the last meeting. Hosting/domain use has moved under the DesignMojo umbrella. All is well!

7. **PUBLIC OUTREACH** (Regina):

No report

8. **DISTRICTS / OHIO AFG LIAISON** (Mary Jo):

- The minutes of the two-day Fall are posted on the Ohio Al-Anon website (<https://www.ohioal-anon.org/>). The minutes include two possible corrections to be

approved in the spring: 1) treasurer report numbers that add up, and 2) the Spring AWSC will be April 1, not March 25.

- Barring another public health emergency that might prevent it, the first two 2023 Area meetings will be held in person; otherwise, they will once again be Zoom.
 - April 1: Spring AWSC, Beech Maple Lodge, 6975 E Livingston Ave, Reynoldsburg, OH 43068
 - May 13: Spring Ohio Area Assembly, Spring Hollow, 13 W Main St, Westerville, OH 43081
- Since the meetings are going to be Face-Face, there is an ongoing need for a Registration Chair and Committee.
- At the two-day Fall 2023 meeting, GR's will be electing new Officers,
- The format of the meeting will be as before with DR/OR orientation at 11:30 and registration from noon until 12:30. The meetings themselves will start at 12:30 and end no later than 5pm.

9. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- a. Gratitude night follow up
 - i. The donations to St. Malachi's and the maintenance worker have been made
 - ii. The new coffee pots have not been purchased. Patty is watching for a sale.
- b. Draft letter to WSO concerning website updates:

Hernan shared a draft of a letter to WSO regarding issues with the WSO IVR phone system that gives physical addresses for Zoom meetings. He indicated that this happened at more than 1 group and it's a known problem to WSO. Revisions to the letter were suggested by the group. A motion was made by Morgan and seconded by Doreen to send the revised letter to WSO. The vote was 14 in favor, 1 against and 1 abstention.
- c. Insurance Policy renewed
 - i. Jan S. completed the application for renewal of the insurance policy and Sydney submitted it.
 - ii. Jan S. asked that a replacement be found to complete this task as she no longer wishes to do it. Patty will contact her after the first of the year to see if Jan will mentor a new person.
 - iii. It was suggested that GRs ask if there are individuals with insurance backgrounds in their groups who would be willing to take on this once-a-year task. Jan will also be asked to write a paragraph for the HiLites about this position.
- d. Dates for the CD's renewal:

Sydney asked that a plan be presented at the January meeting for the 2 CDs that are coming due in January and February.
- e. Domain name questions:

Liz will email Gary & Carolyn to clarify that website issues have been resolved.

10. NEW BUSINESS

- a. The Treasurer said that new signers are needed for the checking account and possibly the CD's since new officers have been elected (Sydney & Liz.) Sheila, Betty & Nancy agreed to stay as signers on the CD's. A motion was made by Patty & Hernan to this effect and passed unanimously. Another motion was made by Patty and

- seconded by Hernan to add Sydney & Liz to the checking account and remove Betty Sheila, and Merri G. Patty will research where to get background checks.
- b. The Intergroup office received a donation request from the Stepping Stones Foundation. <https://www.stepsstones.org/> Stepping Stones is the original home of Bill W. & Lois in Katonah, KY, It is not affiliated with AA or Al-Anon. Patty indicated that we have donated before. It was suggested that we review the Traditions and discuss this next month.
 - c. Ohio Area hybrid meetings
Mary Jo said that Ohio Al-Anon would like to offer hybrid area meetings, but the state is lacking equipment and knowledgeable people to support this effort. 15-35 people usually attend the AWSC and more than 50 attend OAA She noted that Zoom is not going away and that this is an opportunity to extend these meetings to more people. Hernan demonstrated equipment his group uses for a hybrid format. GRs were asked to poll their members for individuals with technical skills that could facilitate these meetings.
 - d. A motion was made to adjourn the meeting and seconded. The meeting was adjourned by unanimous agreement at 8:35 following the Serenity Prayer

The next meeting will be Friday, January 20 at 7:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Liz S., Secretary



UPCOMING EVENTS

Nov. 8, 2022	Early registration open for Al-Anon International Conference https://al-anon.org/wso-events/2023-al-anon-international-convention/
Jan. 27-29, 2023	12 Step Serenity Weekend Doubletree by Hilton Westlake, Ohio 44145
April 1, 2023	Spring AWSC meeting (District Reps) Beech Maple Lodge (in Black Lick Woods) 6975 E Livingston Ave Reynoldsburg, Ohio 43068 Black Lick Woods Map
April 20-23, 2023	World Service Conference (WSC), Virginia Beach, VA
May 13, 2023	Spring Ohio Area Assembly (Group Reps) Spring Hollow 13 W Main St. Westerville, OH 43081
June 29-July 2, 2023	Al-Anon International Conference, Albuquerque, NM