

**GREATER CLEVELAND AL-ANON INTERGROUP COUNCIL**

Minutes of the Meeting of  
January 20, 2023

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 HFT. The meeting was conducted via Zoom and 25 persons were in attendance.

1. **MINUTES:**

The December 16, 2022, meeting minutes were sent previously to council members via email and shown on-screen for those present to read. The minutes of the meeting were approved as presented.

2. **OFFICE:**

Nancy reported that things are going well at the office and the inventory was completed on 12/26. The new WSO manual will not be available in a print version until February. The small print version of HFT is on backorder.

3. **TREASURER**

Patty presented the December finance report:

Beginning Statement Balance: \$23,347.39  
Ending Statement Balance: \$23,074.57  
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: \$ 108.65  
Per Diem: \$ 230.00  
Postage: \$ 107.56  
Literature Order: \$ 1,697.65  
TOTAL EXPENSES: \$ 2,774.28

**INCOME:**

Literature Sales: \$ 1,368.35

**DONATIONS:**

Individual: \$ 455.04  
Groups: \$ 40.11  
YourCause: \$ 140.00  
TOTAL INCOME: \$ 2003.50

(\$770.78) LOSS

Liz asked why the monthly summary showed a loss of \$771 but the bank statement showed only \$73 difference. Patty said the bank statement was for 12/1-12/31/23. The statement of income and expenses represents items that may not have cleared the bank yet.

4. **HILI/TES**

Janice reported that Canva Pro requires users to login to their gmail account before logging into Canva Pro. This is because our account is linked through Mary Jo's account.

5. **ALATEEN**

Gary presented the Alateen report and financial statement:

Ohio Alateen will hold a Spring Rally, April 15th, 10am-3pm, at Faith Lutheran Church, 2726 W Market St, Fairlawn Oh 44333. Any Alateen and any Sponsor or any adult interested in Alateen Sponsorship is welcomed to attend. Cost is FREE and a lunch will be provided. KOMIAC this year is being hosted by Kentucky Alateen. The date has not been announced but is usually the last full weekend in July. More details to follow. Any questions, please let me know.

Joleen asked if the east side group still needed a sponsor. Gary said he thought they did but would check.

A question was asked regarding AMIAS recertification of Alateen groups/sponsors. Gary noted this process occurs about every 5 years. Sponsors are sent notification from the state that they need to get another background check.

2022 ALATEEN TREASURER REPORT

ALATEEN CLEVELAND CHECKING ACCOUNT

\$ 7,910.13- 12/31/22

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INCOME

\$ 703.35- Al-Anon Group Donations

\$ 140.00- Individual Donations

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\$ 843.35- TOTAL INCOME

EXPENSES

\$ 1,390.00- KOMIAC REGISTRATION FEES

(3 Adults & 6 Alateens)

\$ 743.70- VAN RENTAL

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\$ 2,133.70- TOTAL EXPENSES

6. **WEBSITE**

Carolyn submitted the 2022 website stats:

	Total Users	Average Time on Site	Search Acquisiton	Direct Acquisition	Referral Acquisition	Most Popular Page	Mobile Users	Desktop Users	Tablet Users
<b>January</b>	856	2:44	468	380	30	Meetings by Day	401	428	27
<b>February</b>	755	2:30	400	349	21	Meetings by Day	397	339	19
<b>March</b>	836	2:07	447	354	44	Meetings by Day	480	332	24
<b>April</b>	797	2:12	470	319	19	Meetings by Day	481	288	28
<b>May</b>	881	1:58	795	607	15	Meetings by Day	457	391	38
<b>June</b>	882	1:52	856	648	8	Meetings by Day	553	281	53
<b>July</b>	848	1:50	878	721	12	Meetings by Day	533	278	41
<b>August</b>	937	1:52	920	734	10	Meetings by Day	588	314	40
<b>September</b>	976	2:09	879	811	6	Meetings by Day	632	306	45
<b>October</b>	1178	1:54	562	517	9	Meetings by Day	750	393	41
<b>November</b>	855	2:10	481	288	3	Meetings by Day	518	300	40
<b>December</b>	859	1:40	481	292	5	Meeting by Day	543	292	28
<b>SUM</b>	10660	0:58	7637	6020	182		6333	3942	424
<b>AVERAGE</b>	888.3	2:04	636.4	501.7	15.2		527.8	328.5	35.3

Five meeting updates have been made since our last meeting. As always, updates and questions can be sent to [cleveland.ais.website@gmail.com](mailto:cleveland.ais.website@gmail.com). If you have fliers to post in Hi-Lites and on the website, please send them to the website email as well.

**7. PUBLIC OUTREACH:**

Regina stated that her group has not met recently but is moving forward with several activities. Public outreach will participate in a presentation at the South Brooklyn library on substance abuse awareness on January 24. The state representative for outreach has proposed a monthly Zoom meeting for all outreach groups on the last Wednesday of the month. Regina will provide further detail as they become available. Public Outreach is also exploring ways to reach more of the suburban libraries. The balance in the public outreach fund is \$937.67.

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

### **Chosen Agenda Items (CAI's)**

Each CAI submission has a limit of 100 words. Name the CAI topic in 25 words or less. Provide the rationale, an explanation of why you think this CAI is important, in 75 words or less. If you or your group have an issue that you would like to hear discussed at the WSC, please send it to me in the 25/75 word format, by February 15. I will let you know what our Area submits. You can read past Conference CAI's in the Conference Summary document on the [al-anon.org](http://al-anon.org) website. Remember this should relate to Al-Anon as a whole.

### **AARP Update**

Carmen I. has resigned due to health reasons and Irena H. is the new AARP with Rose R. continuing to be the assistant. There are 42 AIMIAS that need recertifying by June 15th. Irena & Rose want to send reminder emails within the month.

### **Road Trip Update:**

The 2022 Road Trip, right here in Cleveland had a record attendance, with 137 registered guests, and over 20 WSO Staff and Trustees. The room was full, with over 150 in attendance! The location of the 2023 Road Trip will be revealed after the January 2023 Board meeting.

### **WSO Finances:**

Our WSO finances show a slight improvement, with contributions remaining strong. Literature sales are still below the pre-pandemic level.

**CAL Literature:** It was noted that all literature is now in print and available for purchase. The electronic **2022-2025 Al-Anon Service Manual (P-24/27) v2** available online at [al-anon.org](http://al-anon.org). WSO says despite delays due to production and paper shortage they expect the print volume soon and that the vendor will ship mid-February.

### **News about Electronic Groups:**

- The first Group Transfer Between Areas Request Form has been translation into three languages and will be available this week.
- The form will support groups within the GEA (Global Electronic Area) that wish to transfer to a geographic area; therefore, it will initially only be available in the Electronic Meetings AFG Connects community. This approach minimizes confusion and accidental misuse. Staff will begin building the Group Transfer Form next for groups registered in geographical Areas that wish to transfer to the GEA.
- Another challenge is how to display meetings that intend to attract local newcomers rather than global newcomers? The Electronic Meeting page displays groups in the Global Electronic Area. These groups intend to attract newcomers from all over the world so the key information is meeting time and platform.
- Local electronic groups, in contrast, intend to attract members close in proximity, although they agree to adhere to our Traditions and welcome any Al-Anon member. For physical groups, the meeting search simply places a pin on the map that corresponds with the meeting location address. What to do about these local electronic groups? We recognized that we also need to place a pin, which means we need a physical location for them too. Once again, we have a plan! Moving forward, the WSO will require a zip/postal code for the neighborhood where each local electronic group is looking to attract new members. We will place a pin near the geographic center of that zip/postal code. To avoid meeting search user confusion, we will pick a location such as an

intersection, park, or waterway. Our plan also includes new pin icons to differentiate between in-person, electronic, and hybrid meetings.”

## 9. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- a. Canva Pro: See Hi-Lites report.
- b. Insurance Policy renewal: No volunteer has stepped forward to take over Jan S’s duties. Patty said that Jan will write a paragraph for the HiLities about what is involved and is glad to assist whoever takes over.
- c. CD renewals:

Betty presented information from NY Community Bank (formerly Ohio Savings) about new interest rates and terms for the CDs that are coming due. Hernan presented rates from a variety of other banks and credit unions. Considerable discussion ensued about how long to invest, whether to use local or online banks, interest rates, customer service of our current bank, where interest rates may be headed in the next year and whether to combine both CD’s into one.

Sydney made a motion to move \$50,000 from the larger CD coming due to a bank offering 5.12% for 18 months or shorter term if that bank is reputable. If the bank is not, into NY Community bank at the 3.5% rate. The motion was seconded by Jolene.

Vote:            For: 16            Against: 4            Abstaining: 4

Hernan made a motion to amend the previous motion: If we can’t or don’t want to use the current rate, go to another bank. Patty seconded the motion.

Vote:            For 22            Against: 1            Abstaining: 1

- d. Al-anon structure presentation: In the interests of time, Sydney will present or send to anyone interested.
- e. Bylaws review/update (postponed until February)
- f. Stepping Stones Foundation donation (postponed until February)

## 10. NEW BUSINESS

- a. Proposal to offer scholarships to Al-Anon members to attend the Al-Anon International Conference in Albuquerque, NM

Patty checked with several WSO staff about the feasibility of offering scholarships. WSO indicated that it is not appropriate for us to do so and that doing so might also impact our nonprofit status.

- The International meeting in Albuquerque is a healing weekend, not service work. Members are reimbursed for service work only.
- “In keeping with Traditions Six and Seven, the group does not provide financial aid to members in need or to any outside enterprise.” [2022-2025 Alanon/Alateen Service Manual, p. 54](#)
- In maintaining the principal of anonymity, no individual’s gift is acknowledged publicly, not can the gift be earmarked for any specific purpose or program.” [2022-](#)

[2025 Alanon/Alateen Service Manual, p. 103](#)

- Under Warranty One: “Money charity to members is not a group, intergroup, or World Service Office.” [2022-2025 Al-Anon/Alateen Service Manual, p. 219](#)

A motion was made to adjourn the meeting and seconded. The meeting was adjourned by unanimous agreement at 8:39 following the Serenity Prayer

**The next meeting will be Friday, February 17 at 7:00 p.m.**

Respectfully submitted,

Liz S., Secretary



### **UPCOMING EVENTS**

**\*\*The Ohio Area needs volunteers to help with the possibility of a hybrid meeting. Without tech volunteers, the AWSC and the Spring Assembly will be in person only. Last, but certainly not least, we need a Registration Chair for these meetings, and a local committee chair for the AA Convention in Fairborn, OH on August 11-13.\*\***

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| April 1, 2023        | Spring AWSC meeting (District Reps)<br>Beech Maple Lodge (in Black Lick Woods)<br>6975 E Livingston Ave<br>Reynoldsburg, Ohio 43068<br><a href="#">Black Lick Woods Map</a>   |
| April 20-23, 2023    | World Service Conference (WSC), Virginia Beach, VA  |
| May 13, 2023         | Spring Ohio Area Assembly (Group Reps)<br>Spring Hollow<br>13 W Main St.<br>Westerville, OH 43081   |
| June 29-July 2, 2023 | Al-Anon International Conference, Albuquerque, NM<br>Early registration is open for Al-Anon International Conference<br>Registration prior to May 10 is \$200. After May 10 registration is \$225.<br><a href="https://al-anon.org/wso-events/2023-al-anon-international-convention/">https://al-anon.org/wso-events/2023-al-anon-international-convention/</a> |
| August 11-13, 2023   | AA Convention<br>Fairborn, OH   |