

GREATER CLEVELAND AL-ANON INTERGROUP COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting of

February 17, 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 CTC. The meeting was conducted via Zoom and 20 persons were in attendance.

1. **MINUTES:**

The secretary summarized the January 20, 2023, meeting minutes that were sent previously to council members via email and shown on-screen for those present to read. Patty made a motion, seconded by Hernan, that the minutes of the meeting be approved with the following corrections:

- The meeting opened with a reading from ODAT, not HFT.
- Alateen: "east side meeting" replaced with "west side meeting."
- CD renewals: The motion made by Hernan should read: If we can't get the 5.12% rate, use the best available rate from another bank.

2. **OFFICE:**

Vivian reported that things are going well in the office. The hard copy Service Manual is now available, and she will order for those who would like one. She does not want the office to get stuck with a lot of extra copies.

Nancy is tracking the cost of mailing the HiLites. The last issue was 15 pages. As postage costs have increased, it may be necessary to raise the \$15 subscription price in the coming months.

3. **TREASURER**

Beginning Balance: \$23,074.57

Ending Balance: \$23,161.72

CD 1 - #8191 \$30,778.39 (2/8/2023)

CD 2 - #3125 \$50,118.16 (1/29/2023)

EXPENSES:

Rent: \$495.00

Internet/Phone: \$137.04

Sales Tax: \$108.65

Per Diem: \$230.00

Postage: \$156.72

Office Supplies: \$ 26.48

Literature Order: \$1,134.21

Philadelphia Insurance: \$645.00

TOTAL EXPENSES: \$2933.11

INCOME:

Literature Sales: \$1368.35

Hi-Lites \$ 45.00
DONATIONS:
PayPal: \$ 10.10
Groups: \$ 627.19
Phillips 66: \$ 57.17
TOTAL INCOME: \$2107.81

(\$825.30) LOSS.

Patty reviewed the differences in the bank balances versus income/expenses. She noted that sales tax is paid a month behind, so December is paid in January. Also, PayPal might not show up in the current month. Renewing the insurance policy accounted for the increased loss this month.

4. **HILI/TES**

Janice reported that the March HiLites will probably be published a little early.

5. **ALATEEN**

Ohio Alateen is putting on The Ohio Spring Rally on April 15th, 10am-3pm, at Faith Lutheran Church, 2726 W Market St, Fairlawn. Any Alateen, Alateen Sponsor, or anyone interested in checking into Alateen Sponsorship is invited to attend. COST IS FREE and a lunch is provided, and you can leave early or come late if need be. It's a good opportunity to check out the Alateen Program.

The KOMIAC Conference is being hosted by Kentucky Alateen this year and I should find out more about it this weekend. Kentucky is holding a ZOOM Meeting on it this Sunday and I plan on attending. More to follow.

Thank you for all your support.

Sincerely, Gary J- Alateen Cleveland
res (440)835-8807, g.jokela@att.net

6. **WEBSITE**

No report.

7. **PUBLIC OUTREACH:**

Regina F. reported that Public Outreach has added the state Zoom meeting to their informational growth. Sheri B. offered the first meeting on Wednesday, January 25, 2023. This will continue every month on the last Wednesday of every month. One other committee member from Cleveland joined in. (Veronica D.) A lot of valuable information was shared and a couple of questions I had were answered. The next meeting Cleveland has will be concerning our growth in various areas and the zoom meeting will be presented as well. Another thing we will need to consider is the cost of expanding our contacts and possibly investigate replenishing our budget when we bring that information to Intergroup. The latest project is an upcoming Health Fair at Westlake High School, Tuesday, March 21, 2023, from 11:00 am to 1:15 pm. Veronica has volunteered thus far and I am working

on reaching Fred S., who participated with me last year at their Health Fair. As Public Outreach moves forward, we will keep you posted. Please remember, we are all members of Public Outreach as we spread the good news of Al-anon.

8. DISTRICTS / OHIO AFG LIAISON:

Rose R (Alternate Delegate) and Ann F (Delegate) will be available on Zoom. Saturday, March 25, 2023, at 10 a.m. This will be an orientation session for new DR's, but also an opportunity for "seasoned" people to ask questions or get a refresher. We will cover how to access the Group Records for your District, and how to connect with District Representatives, throughout the US, Canada, and the WSO, via AFGConnects.

Please feel free to invite anyone you think may be interested. Especially think of those who may be Alternate DR's, any members who are interested in the DR position. If you have questions beforehand, please email them to either of us (delegate@ohioal-anon.org or alternatedelegate@ohioal-anon.org). We look forward to seeing you on Zoom. Here is the link:

Saturday, March 25, 2023, at 10 a.m.
Meeting ID: 846 6858 4403
Passcode: 574456
Phone access: 1(305) 224-1968

Reminder, our Spring AWSC will be in person on April 1, 2023, at Beech Lodge in Reynoldsburg, Ohio. Please send your DR or a proxy to the meeting! Rose and Ann will also be doing an in-person GR orientation the morning of that meeting. The Spring Assembly will be at Spring Hollow W. Main St. in Westerville, OH 43081. The Ohio Area has purchased 50 booklets "P24 Al-Anon and Alateen Groups at Work", so first 50 attendants receive one for free.

The new paper Service Manual is available to order, on the WSO website! The Fall AWSC projected date is August 19, 2023. The meeting will be at Just North Congregational Church, 2040 West Henderson Road, Columbus, Ohio.

The Ohio Area continues to need volunteers: tech support, registration chair, and archives coordinator. Also please be aware that once every three years elections are coming up at the Two-Day Fall Assembly (October 2023 - exact date TBA). The next AlaNews coming to your email from alternate delegate Rose R will contain a brief synopsis of each elected position. Think about taking a three year turn to give back to the program that has given so much!

9. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- a. A volunteer still has not stepped forward to renew the Insurance Policy annually. Patty is awaiting Jan's submission for the HiLites.
- b. The WSO sent a response to Hernan's letter regarding the IVR system. They indicated that they were unaware of any issues and requested examples. Hernan will contact them again.
- c. Betty placed \$50,000 of the larger CD in a new 14-month CD at NY Community Bank (NYCB, formerly Ohio Savings) with a 4.45% rate. NYCB matched Huntington Bank's rate. The remaining \$373 was transferred to the checking

account.

She suggested placing the smaller CD (Balance \$30,778.39) into a liquid CD with a 3% fixed rate for 12 months. This would allow us to withdraw funds every 7 days as needed. She noted that the liquid CD can be changed to a fixed rate at any time without penalty. Discussion ensued.

Vivian made a motion, seconded by Patty that we place \$30K in a liquid CD. The motion failed (For 6; Opposed 9; Abstain 3).

Patty made a motion, seconded by Morgan, that we place the funds in a 14 month CD with an APR higher than 3%. The motion passed (For 14; Opposed 4). It was also asked if NYCB would again match Huntington's rate.

- d. Whether or not to donate to the Stepping Stones Foundation lead to much discussion. The Foundation was founded by Lois to preserve and protect the papers and home of Lois & Bill W. While there was a lot of support for the idea, others felt that contributing would conflict with Tradition 6, would lead to requests from other organizations, and might be enabling. Many felt that we should focus on the needs of the Cleveland area. Individuals are free to donate if they wish.

Gene made a motion that an article could be put in HiLites that groups can contribute if they wish. There was not a second. Only 3 members were in favor of contributing.

- e. Sydney presented an overview of the structure of different levels of Al-Anon and the history of the Cleveland Intergroup Council. She asked that members contact her personally if they have questions. There were questions about which counties are in the Council. Mary Jo will check on the status of Medina

10. NEW BUSINESS

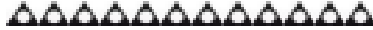
- a. Proposal to purchase hard copies of WSO Manual for districts: postponed until February.
- b. Sydney asked DRs to log into the Al-Anon website to check the information on AFG's in their districts. Mary Jo is the alternate record keeper for the state and volunteered to print a copy of all the meetings in our districts.

A motion was made to adjourn the meeting and seconded. The meeting was adjourned by unanimous agreement at 8:38 p.m. following the Al-Anon declaration.

The next meeting will be Friday, March 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)
Beech Maple Lodge (in Black Lick Woods)
6975 E Livingston Ave
Reynoldsburg, Ohio 43068
Black Lick Woods Map |
| April 15, 2023 | Alateen Spring Rally
Faith Lutheran Church
2726 West Market St.
Fairlawn, OH 44333 |
| 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
Early registration is open for Al-Anon International Conference
Registration prior to May 10 is \$200. After May 10 registration is \$225.
https://al-anon.org/wso-events/2023-al-anon-international-convention/ |
| August 11-13, 2023 | AA Convention
Fairborn, OH |
| August 19, 2023 | Fall AWSC
Just North Congregational Church
2040 West Henderson Road
Columbus, Ohio |