GREATER CLEVELAND AL-ANON INTERGROUP COUNCIL — SEPT. 18, 2026

Zoom log in: Meeting ID is 847 9751 3760. Dial in by phone: 312-626-6799 followed by that ID. MEETINGS: THIRD FRIDAY OF THE MONTH — NO MEETING IN JULY. 13 were present (hybrid format) at count time. Bob, the Chairperson, opened the meeting at about 7 pm, with the Serenity Prayer & a daily reading.

Council approved the August Minutes (with a few edits) & their inclusion in Hi-Lites.

As to the Office, Nancy reported that: it is operating smoothly with the volunteers covering & answering/retrieving calls promptly; members interested in volunteering may contact the Office & it recommends that they have 2-3 years under their belt and be an Al-Anon member only; Vivian increased orders from WSO as the Office had run out of HAAW, CTC & HFT; the Office is well stocked now; the new AFA is available & will be ordered soon; and speaker certificates are ordered from AA at $30 for 100 ($0.30 ea.).

Gratitude Night 2026, is scheduled for Friday, November 6th; Jolene has reserved St. Malachi Parish Hall, but is waiting to hear as to the contract, when money is to be paid for it (before/after event?) & security guard cost. Hernan reported that thanks to a checklist from Jolene and the vote of Monday Night Men's Group, it will spearhead the planning, bringing/having beverages prepared (need a hot water dispenser for tea) & coordinating its execution; Regina, Jolene & Kathy M's Group (Pathways to Recovery) have volunteered to help as well; and Rascal House is the best nearby for pizza.

As to Public Outreach (PO), Regina reported that: Sydney represented Al-Anon at the 9/12/26 Health Fair from 10 am to 2 pm & exhibited a display, pamphlets, Hope cards and AFAs; various members will represent us on 9/19/26 at NAMI in Edgewater Park; PO paid $78 for 500 more Hope cards & will seek reimbursement; AA nicely had a table right next to ours at the Fair; and PO made contact with (and mailed material to) 7 of 12 agencies. Nancy suggested the Office increase our price for new AFAs to $0.55 ea. and certificates' price at $0.35 ea. Motion therefor were made & passed.

Patty gave her Treasurer's Report (TR): the CDs' deposits (with stated maturity dates/rates) totaled $75,435.19 (at 8/10/26 renewal); the August beginning checking balance was $19,554.98, its ending balance was $19,447.10; literature purchases from the WSO were $1,748.90; literature receipts by the Office were $1,838.32 (THANK YOU to Groups & individuals for paying their CAL bills), and the net was <$133.59>. NOTE: "If you want to see and hear the monthly TR, come to Council meetings!" Patty said that computers need to be ordered and suggested a $4,000.00 cap on the combined amount for 2 computers, 2 monitors, and membership for support. A Motion therefor was made & passed.

As WSO liaison, Betty reported that: the Fall Assembly is coming up (see below); eBooks are available at the WSO store; WSO has a good website & Facebook presence; the Proclamation from Mayor Bibb is a feather in our cap; and WSO has issued a statement emphasizing use of CAL at meetings as opposed to AA or other outside material (see Oct. Hi-Lites). Nominations were taken for Chairperson, Secretary & Treasurer: Bob, Hernan & Patty were nominated. Vote's in Oct.

As to the Website, it was reported that the Spanish link is helpful & the language is a bit formal but good overall.

As to the Annual AFG Picnic, Sheila said that the same location has been reserved for 7/11/27 at the same cost ($250).

As for today's Budget Committee report & some discussion items, see the attached Summary. Some ideas were mentioned such as: an Office open house; Saturday hours; plea letters; dealing w/ the local effects of third-party sellers, eBook sales & WSO sales to Amazon; bundling; CAL+; G-41 & G-18 as to budgets; and a task force. No further reports.

Next hybrid meetings: Oct. 16 & Nov. 20. Meeting closed at about 8:30 pm after the Declaration.

CALENDAR OF UPCOMING EVENTS

10/17-18/26	Fall Ohio Area Assembly, Columbus, Ohio
11/06/26	Gratitude Night @ St. Malachi Hall

