CT District 12 Report

29 April 2020

In the beginning of the year almost half of our 19 Al-Anon meetings did not have GRs Members have stepped up or are continuing service so we now have 3 Al-Anon meetings without GRs. Our two Alateen meetings do not have GRs, Wednesday night’s meeting has teens, the Tuesday Alateen meeting is not regularly attended and one of the sponsors has stepped down.

Currently we have 6 Al-Anon Zoom Meetings; 1 Alateen Zoom meeting and the First Congregational Church in Madison has agreed to stay open so 4 of our groups are meeting there. This information is on our CT Al-Anon website.

We will host our first Zoom District meeting this Monday night and hope it is well attended. One of the focuses we are carrying over from last month regards who is allowed to vote, who has a voice, and how this affects groups without GRS. There was a motion put in place in February that does not fall in line with Al-Anon traditions.

*Motion: That the GR vote, and in the absence of the GR the Alternate GR can vote; in the absence of both; a group’s member can vote for the group. Additionally, if the Alateen group has no GR or Alternate GR the Alateen Sponsor can vote. (1 vote per group)*

So we are doing the footwork to look at this more closely and then revisit that decision when the group reaches a satisfactory conclusion. Work in progress!

Lastly, a recent issue: a GR voiced a concern about anonymity, (1) the use of last names and addresses on the Confidential Contact Lists, (2) questioned the need to distribute the information and (3) members viewing other members on social media. As DR this was a challenging issue as there was an expected solution imposed in the email. #3 is an outside issue was not addressed in the response, the anonymity issues were simply addressed with the use of CAL [see below] the program provides the solution in its literature – this turned out to be a great opportunity to apply the principals of program.

References cited in the response email:

\* Anonymity and contact lists -Service Manual V2 - Page 100.

\* Warranties 4 & 5 - Service Manual V2 Pg 216 -221

\* Presumed Goodwill - Many Voices One Journey Page 370

\* Obedience to the Unenforceable - How Al-Anon Works Page 122

\* Conflict Resolution Flip Cards

Respectfully Submitted,

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