

**SPRING ASSEMBLY MINUTES**  
**30 Greenfield Street, Wethersfield, CT**  
**June 10, 2023**

Meeting was called to order at 12:07 pm by Chair Lisa G. with a moment of silence followed by the Serenity Prayer.

Welcome was given by Marissa W. and Bob M. representing the hosts for districts 6 and 7.

Al-Anon's Twelve Steps, Traditions and Concepts were read by our Past Delegates.

**Roll Call** was taken by Karen V. Absent were DR's 1, 9, 10 and 12 and Alt. DR 2

**Chair's Opening Remarks:** Lisa G. welcomed everyone to the Love, Laugh, and Grow Together, Delegates Spring Assembly. She thanked Districts 6&7 for hosting the Assembly and for all who have helped facilitate this event. She acknowledged the presence of the past Delegates and welcomed everyone. She reminded everyone of the voting item on the PEG, electronic meetings, and it would be a simple majority vote. She thanked Katie D, Alternate Delegate, and the task force members for their hard work She looked forward for the update from our Delegate's first World Service Conference!

**Secretary's Report:** Karen announced a correction to the 2022 Fall Assembly Minutes—Jackie B read the correction the checkbook ending balance was correct but the expense should have read \$3,473.26 not .36 cents. Motion was made by Janinne G. (GR11) to accept the minutes as amended; seconded by Ron S. (GR3). Motion passed unanimously.

**Treasurer's Report:**

**Checkbook balance ending May 31, 2023**

Beginning checkbook	\$34,382.09
Income-Group Contributions	8,941.00
Less Expenses	<b><u>(7,403.90)</u></b>
Ending checkbook balance	\$35,919.19

Motion was made by Jackie B (GR 4) to accept Treasurer's Report as presented; seconded by Bob M. (DR7). Motion passes unanimously.

**Voting Member Count Group Representatives** Count was taken for voting.

**Alternate Delegate's Report:** Katie D. welcomed everyone to the Spring Assembly – the first in person since 2019!

She let the members know that at the May Area meeting, a report was represented from the Permanent Electronic Group Task Force and wanted to thank the task force committee – Jackie B, Gina R., Robert T., and Ron S. as well as everyone who provided feedback, questions, and input regarding the report. Later today the Group Representatives will vote to determine if we will adopt the recommendations and admit permanent electronic groups into the CT Al-Anon Area. This is a historic moment for our Area and fellowship! She wanted to thank Gina and Kate R. for working with her on the workshop earlier that day. They presented on "Links of Service." The goal was to provide practical tips and information to help those in service or considering service beyond the group level, and she truly appreciated the partnership in putting the workshop together and hope that it was helpful to those who attended. If you were not able to attend, the presentation posted to the CTalanon.org website and available for distribution. Over the coming months Katie hopes to be able to visit District meetings around the state and get to know the DR's and GR's and hear directly from them.

**Delegate's Report:** Elaine gave her report from the 63rd World Service Conference “Love, Laugh, and Grow Together” “Aimer, rire et grande ensemble” “Amir, reir y crecer juntos. The items that were discussed in her presentation were:

- **WSO ANNUAL REPORT**
- **FINANCIAL PICTURE/AUDIT 2022**
- **BUDGET FOR 2023**
- **Program Services**
- **Board of Trustees**
- **Tradition 7 Myths**
- **Chosen Agenda Topics**
- **Attracting members into Service. What works? What doesn't work? What are the barriers to service participation? 2. How can we better tap into our wealth of experience from Past Delegates at the Area and Conference level?**
- **Transforming Electronic Groups**
- **WSO Visit**
- **Alateen Electronic Group**
- **Copyrights and Trademark**
  - **Road Trip- You and Your Board Connect**
  - **2023 AL-ANON INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION**

Elaine presented a power point presentation going over all bullet points thoroughly. The power point presentation has been provided for all to read.

**2023 Convention Chair:** Deborah thanked her committee for and her co-chair Janice R. for all their service in this fellowship. They reached their maximum number of 400 registrants for the 45th CT AFG Convention, Let It Begin with Me in 2023. Registrants were from 11 different states, Connecticut, Massachusetts, New Jersey, New York, Rhode Island, New Hampshire, Maine, Florida, Pennsylvania, Virginia, and Texas. One discovery that was made and the AWSC is aware of is related to our electronic equipment used for the Serenity Breakfast and Convention and housed at the LDC. It had not been used for the past 3 years. The Convention Electronics committee were new to this service role but experienced with electronics. They did an outstanding job running the electronics and translation equipment throughout the Serenity Breakfast and Convention. However, it was found that much of the equipment was in disrepair or unusable. The Area Budget does have a line item of \$1000 for Electronics. Hopefully this can be used for ongoing maintenance, repairs, and purchases as needed. The total ending cash after all expenses were paid and \$5,000.00 in seed money was returned was \$2833.06. The committee voted to distribute the excess funds equally to the WSO, CT Area and LDC in the amounts of \$925 to each. The remaining balance in the Convention checkbook is \$58.06.

Gross income, including contributions \$18,469.18.

Total expenses -\$15,813.94

Net income from convention \$ 2655.24

Starting Cash (checkbook) +\$ 177.82

Seed money from Area +\$ 5000.00

Ending Cash \$ 7833.06

Return of Seed Money -\$ 5000.00

Total Excess Funds \$ 2833.06

Profit Distribution -2775

(WSO \$925, Area \$925, LDC, \$925)

Ending Cash (checkbook) \$58.06

**BREAK 20 MINUTES**

### **Permanent Electronic Group**

Alternate Delegate Katie D read the motion: . A motion on May 5<sup>th</sup> was made by Marissa W DR 6 to **vote to adopt the permanent electronic groups task force recommendations at the spring 2023 CT AFG Assembly**. Justice K DR 8 Second the motion on May 5th. 18 votes for Yes; 0 No; 0 Abstained. Motion Carried.

There was further discussion on the motion on the floor and a vote was taken. 96 voting Group representatives were present. 95 votes for yes; 1 No; 0 Abstained. Motion carried.

### **Phone Service Leslie S.**

With the help of some wonderful members, Leslie was able to set up our Google Voice number. There are five members volunteering with answering calls and the calls average about one call a day. She is looking for more volunteers to take calls. It is a great service for anyone that likes Public Outreach and working the 12th step. It is a three-month commitment. Volunteers are set up with the Google Voice number and when a call comes in from the Al-Anon Family Group number whomever is free answers the call. The calls are usually for information about meetings, but sometimes the caller just needs to have someone listen. We never give advice, just information. She thanked everyone for their service!!

### **Group Records Coordinator Jackie B**

Jackie thanked the DR's and District Group Records Coordinators who have help her in her new role.

She participated in a couple of World Service training meetings held virtually, giving her a chance to get the latest on how World Service has been working on the Al-Anon website to allow for the registration of Permanent Electronic Meetings.

The latest update sent to Jackie by World Service about Group Records involved the announcement that soon AGRC's will be able to perform a search of Permanent Electronic Meetings by Geographic Area. Once CT sends in our process to admit Permanent Electronic Groups, she will have access to this type of search on the World Service website. In this same announcement WS conveyed that once an Area has a process in place, groups which are temporarily meeting electronically will have 6-12 months from the rollout of this new Electronic Meetings by Geographic Area search to decide whether their meeting will be permanently electronic or not.

Recently Jackie B. was contacted by a DR regarding the confirmation of active vs. inactive groups in their districts per a report she was able to generate on the World Service site by district. Most DR's have responded to her so with some accuracy she was able to say there are 171 active groups in CT. At this point it looks like there will be 10 meetings that are definitely planning on becoming permanently electronic and would like to join CT. Also, there are at least 6 more groups considering becoming permanently electronic.

Lastly, Jackie B. will be asking Robert T. soon to post onto our CT website the newest Group Records Change Form as well as the New Al-Anon Group Registration Form. These are the only printable forms available on the World Service Al-Anon website. These forms are for physical meetings only. Forms as to any changes to or new group registration for electronic groups will need to be completed online at Al-Anon.org. She is looking forward to another 2 ½ years as your AGRC.

### **Convention 2024- Chair Janice R**

She is looking forward to our 46th Annual Al-Anon and Alateen Convention with AA participation (our 2nd in person). The dates of the Convention are March 16th-17th, 2024 and it will be held at the Sheraton South, 100 Capital Blvd, Rocky Hill, CT which is the same place as last year. The committee is planning on meeting on Sunday, September 10th, 2023, at the Hotel from 1:00 pm to 3:00 p.m. They will have some meetings in person and several of them will be held on Zoom. Please come and join the fun of planning, making new friends in the fellowship and doing our 12th step work together with Janice and her committee. There will be several committees that are available. If you have any questions, please email me at [Convention2024@ctalanon.org](mailto:Convention2024@ctalanon.org) She introduce her Co-Chair, Kate A. Kate and Janice have worked together not only on the Program Committee for the 2022 Zoom Convention; they also worked on the 2023 Convention together while she was Program Chair and she did a fabulous job. She looks forward to working with her again.

## **Convention 2024 -Co-Chair Kate A**

Kate A. is honored to be the co-chair for the 46th CT AFG Convention. She announced that today marks the beginning of our Theme Contest, which as many of you know is a sure sign the Convention is getting under way. What this means for Kate personally, is a lot of letting go and prayer!! As everyone can attest to here, service is an opportunity for growth.

The flyer will be sent to the webmaster and posted on our website, distributed to groups, and circulated in other ways. Hopefully, anyone who wants to participate will be informed of the guidelines and have an opportunity to submit their ideas. The winner, of course, will receive a free registration to the Convention and one free night at the hotel, along with a good feeling every time they see their chosen theme.

Currently, she is negotiating with the Sheraton hotel regarding the Serenity Breakfast contract. The Serenity Breakfast will be held on January 21st, 2024. There will be a flyer distributed in the Fall with further details. She has a good feeling about this Convention. Let's get the word out and have some fun!

## **Board of Directors -**

Carol D. introduced herself as the President/ Chairperson of the Board of Directors (BOD) of the CT Al-Anon Family Groups Services, Incorporated. Traditionally, this is a Service Arm of the CT AFG Assembly. Legally it is a separate entity, responsible for legal issues such as signing all contracts (the only people able to legally sign a contract are the President or the Treasurer of the BOD), annual filings of corporate tax returns, annual filings with the CT Secretary, as well as obtaining insurance coverage and overseeing the Literature Distribution Center (LDC). Although the BOD and the Area Assembly are separate, it is her hope that we will continue to work together for the good of Al-Anon as a whole and attract new Board members. There are 8 other members on the Board: Michael C., Treasurer, Janice R., Secretary, Ann T-V, Shirley B., Kathy G., Katie D., Stephanie S., and Martha N.

Updates since the Fall Assembly:

At the Annual Board meeting in March. All the BOD members agreed to continue to Serve. She is very grateful to be working with a very talented and supportive Board. She did not have any resumes for a new member.

- Stephen, our previous LDC Manager, resigned in February. Janice R., Katie D., and Carol D, along with our 2 wonderful volunteers, Catherine, and Trish, have been volunteering there so they did not need to close. Very grateful.
- Wonderful news: There is a new LDC Manager, Lois F., who started on May 23<sup>rd</sup>. With her experience we hope to continue to make upgrades and changes that will make the LDC more efficient and user friendly.
- A new computer was purchased.
- Orders are increasing and the sales at our 2023 Convention were very successful. Carol would encourage all groups to place literature orders with our LDC rather than WSO. You are helping to support CT (Tradition 7) and you can come in and look at the CAL.

To place a literature order please mail, email [LDC@ctalanon.org](mailto:LDC@ctalanon.org), or call 860-244-0022. You can pay by Credit Card, PayPal, Check, Money Order or Cash if in person.

The LDC is grateful to all the groups and individuals who continue to support the LDC and to send generous Contributions.

- They are about to renew the Lease with Second Church of Christ in Hartford (South Congregational Church) for one-year at the monthly payment of \$700/month. This is a \$100 increase/month and the first increase since we opened there. The LDC will need to be fully self-supporting. This provides us with the use of 2 rooms on the second level (the LDC), locked storage rooms in the basement for supplies, electronic equipment and Archives and use of Gray Hall for Assemblies if we wish to return in the future. There is parking available and there is a camera allowing LDC staff to see who is at the door and then the member is buzzed in to enter.
- Katie D. and Ann T-V are continuing to work on a formal employee handbook for LDC employees and volunteers.

Closing: Al-Anon Declaration

Chairperson Lisa G. took the floor to thank everyone for attending.

Motion was made by Joy (GR8) to adjourn the meeting; seconded by Kevin (GR4). Motion carries.

Al-Anon Declaration was led by past delegate, Kary L.

Respectfully submitted,

Karen V. AWSC Secretary