

CLEVELAND AL-ANON COUNCIL
Minutes of the Meeting of
January 15, 2021

The meeting began at approximately 7:03 p.m. with the Serenity Prayer. The meeting was conducted via Zoom. There were 12 persons in attendance.

The minutes of the December 18, 2020, meeting were read, with motion made to accept the minutes as read.

VOLUNTEERS/OFFICE REPORT:

1. Nancy remarked that there was nothing new to report. Calls and orders are coming in slowly and things are quiet now. She also noted that the inventory is finished.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Merri presented her report for December (attached to these minutes).

1. The balance as of November, 2020, was \$20,173.29, and the balance as of December, 2020, was \$18,677.18. Highlights from the report include: (a) two deposits of \$563.80, (b) three debits totaling \$1,469.61, (c) literature sales of \$379.22, (d) donations of \$305.56, and (e) sales taxes paid of \$26.22. Donations from the following groups and individuals included: Ramona, David S., Elizabeth G., Stepping UP, New Dawn, Suburban West, Chris N., and the Monday Night Men's Group.
2. The CD at Ohio Savings has been placed in a 12-month liquid account with the rate of 0.30%. The effective date is January 7, 2021.

HILITES: Mary Jo gave her report.

1. The February HiLites are nearly ready. She noted that every month updates are provided for group meetings. This information is provided on the website as well.

ALATEEN: Gary presented the 2020 Alateen Treasurer's Report as follows:

1. The Alateen Cleveland checking account balance on 12/31/19 was \$6,013.94, and the balance on 12/31/20 was \$8,025.98.
2. Income for 2020 was \$1,212.04 (including \$381.00 donated by the Chagrin Falls Alateen Group toward their KOMIAC expenses), and there were individual donations of \$800.00, totaling \$2,012.04 for income for the year.
3. Expenses were zero, because KOMIAC was postponed.

Gary remarked that the Alateen groups are suffering greatly because of the pandemic, not being able to meet in person.

PUBLIC OUTREACH: Regina gave her report as follows:

1. She reiterated the Public Outreach committee's efforts with regard to the distribution of *Al-anon Faces Alcoholism* to the libraries. Since their last meeting, 30 copies of AFA were mailed to the Medina County Main Library. Five copies will be at each of the six branches for pick up once the public is allowed in again.
2. A discussion followed concerning use of the business cards. She will be contacting Kathy and Nancy for the cost of making the cards, and the number remaining in the office.

GREATER CLEVELAND AL-ANON WEBSITE:

Mary Jo provided the following information:

1. In the month of December 2020, the clevelandal-anon.org website received 520 clicks. The most popular was "electronic meetings" followed by "meetings by day" then "how do I get started?" followed by "information for newcomers". Of the 520 clicks, 206 clicks came from desktop computers, 292 from mobile phones, and 22 from tablets. Of that total, 513 were from the U.S., 1 was from Australia, and 1 all the way from Hong Kong. Please announce at any meetings you attend: the website now contains a live link to sign up for the spring workshop under Upcoming Events at the bottom right hand corner of the homepage.

OLD BUSINESS:

1. Merri presented information from Praesidium, the background check company, that Council is considering using. A discussion followed on what Council's financial criteria will be for the background checks, and this criteria consists of: (1) past-due balances, (2) any bankruptcy filings, and (3) credit scores. This is in addition to the criminal background check. Praesidium's fee schedule was next discussed. Merri also noted that the office's accounting firm is agreeable to storing the information obtained for a fee. More discussion to follow.
2. Betty remarked on information she received concerning a possible better CD rate from Ohio Savings, but she was informed that it was not for businesses.
3. Updates on the "Not Spring Yet Workshop" – Mary Jo remarked on the percentages of sponsor-sponsees, temporary sponsors, and attendees needing sponsors. She noted that five more sponsors are still needed. Council's Zoom number will be used for this event. All of the speakers are ready. There will also be an opening speaker who will speak about how the steps have been worked in the past. She encouraged everyone to register, which can be done through hilites.clev.ais@gmail.com.
4. Sheila and Merri noted that the Statement of Continued Existence for Greater Cleveland Al-Anon Intergroup Council had been filed with the Ohio Secretary of State. A short discussion followed.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. 2020 Taxes - Motion was made and passed to permit Merri to file for an extension to file the office's 2020 taxes.
2. Mary Jo noted that there will be a District Representative training session with Theresa on January 30, 2021, via Zoom. The time is 10:30 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.



CALENDAR OF UPCOMING EVENTS

- 1/30/21 New District Representative training session – 10:30 a.m. – on Zoom
- 2/20/21 Spring Workshop on Sponsorship - Steps 1-5 - 9 a.m. - 2 p.m. on Zoom
- 3/13/21 Area World Service Conference (AWSC) – 12:30 p.m. – on Zoom
- 5/2021 Spring Assembly – date and time to be determined
- 6/25-27/21 Ohio Area Convention – online – details to be determined



The meeting closed at 8:22 p.m. with the Lord's Prayer. The next meeting will be held on February 19, 2021, via Zoom. All are welcome to attend - Meeting ID is 863 9482 8658#. Or dial by phone 929-205-6099 followed by the meeting ID.

Respectfully submitted, Sheila C., Secretary
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