

CLEVELAND AL-ANON COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting of
February 19, 2021

The meeting began at approximately 7:05 p.m. with the Serenity Prayer. The meeting was conducted via Zoom. There were 20 persons in attendance.

The minutes of the January 15, 2021, meeting were read, with motion made to accept the minutes as read.

VOLUNTEERS/OFFICE REPORT:

1. The office is operating all right. Not many orders are coming in currently. Four volunteers are coming in to the office at the present time.

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

1. All of the financials will be sent to the accountant for tax preparation for 2020, and there will be no need to request an extension.

HILITES: Mary Jo gave her report.

1. The March HiLites are nearly ready. She noted that word must be getting around that members may join the email subscription list because she received 13 new email requests (up from 13 subscribers, so now a total of 26, doubling the number of subscriptions). She also noted that every month updates are provided for group meetings. This information is provided on the website as well. A question was raised about the cost for a printed copy, and the cost is \$15.00 for a year's subscription to the HiLites by mail.

ALATEEN: Gary presented his report.

1. Ohio Alateen will be holding a Zoom Sponsors(AMIAS) Worksop on Sunday, March 21st, 11am-3pm for any Sponsors or anyone interested in checking out Alateen Sponsorship. We will be talking about a lot things, including existing in these Covid Times. The ID# for this Zoom meeting is 84987415825, Pass code 140331. Feel free to call or email me if any questions.

Thank you for all the support you've been during these times.

PUBLIC OUTREACH: No formal report at this time. Regina noted that the committee will be getting together in a week or so to continue operations. District Reps. will be reached out to to see if the committee can collaborate with them as far as District Rep. activities. Copies of *Al-anon Faces Alcoholism* have been distributed to libraries in Lake, Cuyahoga and Medina County, as well as to the Lakewood Public Library. Copies will also be sent to Huron, Lorain, and Erie Counties, but Regina has not had a response from them. There is no hub library for these counties.

GREATER CLEVELAND AL-ANON WEBSITE: Sheila provided the following web information from Mary Jo for the month of January:

1. In the month of January 2021, the clevelandal-anon.org website received 650 (up from 520 in December 2020) clicks. The most popular was "meetings by day" followed by "electronic meetings." Of the 650 clicks, 272 clicks came from desktop computers, 351 from mobile phones, and 27 from tablets. Of that total, 641 were from the U.S., 2 from Canada and 1 from Australia. The increased traffic likely came

from the live link sign up for the spring workshop (February 20th) under Upcoming Events at the bottom right hand corner of the homepage.

2. A question was raised concerning the ability to donate electronically. Merri will check with the bank to see if this can be done and report back to Council.

DISTRICTS / OHIO AFG LIAISON: Mary Jo presented her report as follows:

The January 30th DR training went extremely well. There were 24 participants. A list of materials used in the training (accessible by one click) can be found on the ohioal-anon.org/calendar. Theresa M. (Ohio chair), Jo S. (Delegate) and Ann F. (Alternate Delegate) will follow through with **another** DR training February 27th for any interested member in addition to DR's (or alternates - DR's are encouraged to get alternates) that missed January 30th. **Any** interested members may participate - you do not have to be a GR or a DR - please go to www.ohioal-anon.org/calendar in order to register. Up to seven task forces are (on Zoom) finishing up their meetings on topics like AA Cooperation, Alateen, IT, Cashless Payments, Meeting Improvements, Budget Committee, and Insurance Renewal. The task forces are submitting reports for AWSC (March 13th at 12:30 on Zoom) which is the planning event that ultimately fuels the agenda for the Spring Assembly (May date TBA). Please note that the agenda with reports will be on the website two weeks prior (February 27th). AWSC members can submit any possible questions after reading the reports prior to the meeting on March 13th. Please submit your question to chairman@ohioal-anon.org. A main purpose of AWSC is to help prepare the agenda for assembly where GR's may be presented with motions to be voted on. On March 20th there will be the US North Central Regional Delegates Meeting (US CRDM) which will be virtual this year so attended by our current delegate, our alternate delegate and as well as past delegates. There are still the following service positions (which are standing committee chairs) open: Budget, Review, Registration, and Webmaster (actually a committee to assist the webmaster). There is also an opening for Archives Coordinator. Please email the chairman if you are willing! **Save this date:** The Ohio Area Convention will be virtual June 25-27 (as will the AA convention August 20-22). Much more information available on the Ohio Al-Anon website [ohio al-anon.org](http://ohioal-anon.org). As always, thank you for your group's financial contributions (very much appreciated) that can be made to **Area Treasurer** (treasurer@ohioal-anon.org), AFG of Ohio, Inc., P.O. Box 42084, Brook Park, OH 44142-0084.

OLD BUSINESS:

1. Mary Jo gave an update on the workshop and the number of people registered. The speakers for the steps are Patty – Step 1; Louise - Step 2; Sydney – Step 3; Regina – Step 4; and Lou – Step 5. Liz. G., from Girard, Pennsylvania, will give an historical overview of the steps.
2. Motion was made by Mary Jo to set a time for a second similar workshop, this one for Steps 6 through 12. The date will be April 17, 2021 (a Saturday). The motion was seconded and approved.
3. Sydney happily remarked that many people are being served through this workshop.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Merri noted that she had received five requests from the WSO for donations. After discussion, motion was made to send \$250.00 as a donation from Greater Cleveland Al-Anon to the WSO. The motion was seconded and approved.
2. Merri asked everyone to hold the date for October 23, 2021, as that is when the World Service Office Trustees will be traveling to Cleveland. More details to follow.



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
- 8/20-22/21 AA Convention w/AI-Anon participation - online



The meeting closed at 8:00 p.m. with the Lord's Prayer. The next meeting will be held on March 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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