

CLEVELAND AL-ANON COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting of
March 19, 2021

The meeting began at approximately 7:10 p.m. with the Serenity Prayer. The meeting was conducted via Zoom. There were 15 persons in attendance.

The minutes of the February 19, 2021, meeting were read, with one correction under Public Outreach, in that copies of *Al-Anon Faces Alcoholism* have not yet been sent to Huron, Lorain and Erie Counties. The original minutes noted that they had been sent. With that correction made, motion was made to accept the minutes as read.

VOLUNTEERS/OFFICE REPORT:

1. Vivian remarked that things were going well. There are four volunteers currently working at the office, and calls are being taken remotely as well.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Merri presented her report for the month of February (attached to these minutes), as well as the year-end financial reports for the office. Some highlights include:

1. Literature sales for February were \$345.01; donations were \$300.10 from Courage to Change, Lisa and Sean R., Monday Sunshine, Al-Anon Saturday 4th Step, and Sharon.
2. The financials were prepared and sent to the accountant before the end of February.
3. The Form 990-N postcard and the Ohio Attorney General filing were completed on March 17, 2021.
4. Requests for copies of the year-end financial reports for the office may be obtained by contacting Merri G., Treasurer, at (216) 695-0792.

HILITES: Mary Jo gave her report.

1. The April HiLites are in good condition. She noted several of the items that will be in the HiLites. Meeting information/changes are being kept up to date. She noted that there also is original artwork being done by a local member.

ALATEEN: Gary presented his report.

1. Ohio Alateen will be holding a Zoom Sponsors(AMIAS) Workshop on Sunday, March 21st, 11am-3pm for any Sponsors or anyone interested in checking out Alateen Sponsorship. We will be talking about a lot of things, including existing in these Covid Times. The ID# for this Zoom meeting is 84987415825, Pass code 140331. We have also been holding meetings on this year's KOMIAC. Ohio Alateen is in charge of running the Conference this year as well as last year's that had to be held through Zoom. It's looking like a repeat of last year because of the virus. More details to follow.

PUBLIC OUTREACH: Sheila presented Regina's report:

1. The Public Outreach committee met on March 3rd via conference call. They are working on pricing an ink stamp for putting our information on the magazines *Al-anon Faces Alcoholism*, pricing printing business cards, contacting the last few counties, and PSA skits and posters, all to get the word out about Al-Anon. We will have information on these topics at the next meeting.

GREATER CLEVELAND AL-ANON WEBSITE: Gary remarked that things are moving along well. Sheila provided the following web information from Gary for the month of February:

1. For the month of February 2021, the clevelandal-anon.org website received 516 queries. The most popular was "meetings by day" followed by "electronic meetings." Of that total, 508 were from the U.S., 4 were from Canada, and 3 were from Australia.

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

AWSC The March 13th AWSC went very well with 19 participants. Up to seven task forces presented reports on topics like AA Cooperation, Alateen, IT, Cashless Payments, Meeting Improvements, Budget Committee, and Insurance Renewal. This is the planning event that ultimately fuels the agenda for the **Spring Assembly** (May 15, 2021 on Zoom). Please note that the agenda with reports is up on the website. 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. The full minutes for the AWSC will be posted on the website and sent to CMA's & GR's soon, probably next week. Members may send corrections and additions to chairman@ohioal-anon.org.

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. **GR Training** is being planned for April 10th . Please encourage all GR's, alternate GR's and any interested member to attend! 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** GR training May 1st for any interested member in addition to GR's (or alternates - GR's are encouraged to get alternates) that missed April 10th. **Any** interested members may participate - you do not have to be a GR - please go to www.ohioal-anon.org/calendar in order to register.

Open Positions: 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. We also need a member with insurance experience to assist with our review committee. 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 ohioal-anon.org.

Contributions: Please encourage 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. As a follow-up to a question raised last month concerning the ability to donate electronically, Merri contacted the bank that holds our office account for information. Carolyn P. gave some insight into her experience with electronic donations. One of the methods she described was through PayPal. She described the fees that would be charged per transaction for a nonprofit organization such as ours. Merri indicated that she would also like to be able to track the donors to thank them for their contributions. Carolyn will do further research and report back to Council. Merri noted that Ohio Al-Anon is implementing cash-less payments through PayPal.
2. Mary Jo gave an update on preparations for the second Spring Workshop for Steps 6 through 12. The date will be April 17, 2021 (a Saturday), from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. Speakers and participants are

needed, and there will be time to talk after the speakers as before. To sign up, the information is on the website.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. A question was raised concerning Gratitude Night and whether St. Malachi will be open this year for the event. Merri noted that she will check with them and report back to Council.
2. Renewal of Zoom account – Motion was made and passed to renew the office's Zoom account for the year at a total of \$161.89.
3. Merri described several positions currently open with the Ohio Area and WSO. She also presented information on an opening for a Regional Trustee candidate from Ohio for the US North Central Region. Every three years, the Ohio Area has the opportunity to select a candidate for Regional Trustee. Any interested member must present himself or herself for approval by the Group Representatives at the Spring Assembly on May 15, 2021. For further information, contact Theresa M., Ohio Chairman, Panel 61, at theresabm44@gmail.com.



CALENDAR OF UPCOMING EVENTS

- 3/20/2021 US North Central Regional Delegates meeting – virtual
- 4/17/2021 Second Spring Workshop – Steps 6 through 12, via Zoom
- 5/15/2021 Spring Assembly – via Zoom
- 6/25-27/21 Ohio Area Convention – online – details to be determined
- 8/20-22/21 AA Convention w/Al-Anon participation - online



Motion was made to close the meeting at 8:30 p.m., with the Lord's Prayer. The next meeting will be held on April 16, 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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