

## CLEVELAND AL-ANON COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting of  
June 18, 2021

The meeting began at approximately 7:04 p.m. with the Serenity Prayer. The meeting was conducted via Zoom. There were 15 persons in attendance. The minutes of the May 21, 2021, meeting were read and motion made to approve the minutes as read.

### **VOLUNTEERS/OFFICE REPORT:**

1. Vivian reported that orientation is being given to a new volunteer. Calls are coming in. Things are moving along all right at the office, and meeting information is continuously being updated, especially now for in-person meetings.

**TREASURER'S REPORT:** Merri presented her report for the month ending May 31 (attached to these minutes).

1. There was a discussion concerning the ordering of new checks for the office and how they should look. She suggested ordering new checks without the office address and telephone number so that they can still be used if the office moves or if a new telephone number is obtained. Council approved the suggestion and checks will be ordered through Huntington Bank.
2. A discussion followed on the use of PayPal for donations to the office as well as paying for literature. Carolyn Palmer gave a brief report on the office's use of PayPal and how it will work. It is still in the building stage.
3. Merri presented a corrected office statement for January through December 2019, and an updated Huntington Bank deposits list.

**ALATEEN:** Gary presented his report.

1. Alateen is struggling to get back in the Cleveland Area. I believe the only meeting back to face to face meetings in Cuyahoga County is the Rocky River Group that meets on Tuesday night and even that one can use more kids. I believe the Hudson Group that Zooms on Saturdays is still active but aside from that, I don't know of any other Groups in surrounding counties that are still active. The virus has done a number on us and that goes for the rest of us Ohio. What do they say, One Step at a Time? That's what we are trying to do. KOMIAC this year is still planning to do something, something on the line of Zooming on either the 24th or 25th of July. More info to follow. Gary J, Alateen Cleveland Res(440)835-8807, email: [g.jokela@att.net](mailto:g.jokela@att.net).
2. A question was asked if advertising could be used to encourage more Alateens. A discussion followed on past Alateen groups meeting at the different high schools.

**PUBLIC OUTREACH:** Regina gave her report.

1. The Public Outreach Committee is preparing to purchase two information stampers for the AFA's and any other use, 5,000 Business cards for numerous places of distribution(suggested by State Coordinator) 150 AFA's and 1 book of postage stamps for small mailings. The next project is the posters and PSA which have also been suggested by our State Coordinator. Hopefully we can begin in August to accomplish those goals.
2. The Case Western Reserved session regarding Controlled Prescribed Substances was not attended by Public Outreach this year, but we extended our desire to continue with the program that can help families who may need direction when a family member or friend becomes addicted to prescribed substances.

3. Other venues that Public Outreach has been involved in during pre-pandemic times may open up soon and perhaps we will have more opportunities to be of service to the general public.

#### **GREATER CLEVELAND AL-ANON WEBSITE:**

1. Gary and Mary Jo provided the following web information for the month of May: For the month of May 2021, the [clevelandal-anon.org](http://clevelandal-anon.org) website received 576 queries. The most popular was "Al-Anon meetings by day" followed by this series of clicks: Area News-Notices-Electronic Meetings. Of that total, 570 were from the United States, 2 were from India, and 2 were from Ireland. 333 mobile phones, 218 desktop computers and 25 tablets were used to access the website.
2. Regina gave a report on the website committee: The Website Committee was announced during the May 2021 Intergroup Meeting. The topics of the website being outdated, meetings returning to face-to-face status, HiLites documenting certain information, the gmail account, Google doc. etc. were presented. At that time no clarity was given on a goal or anticipated result to be reached by the committee. As a volunteer to be on the committee, Regina sent an email out to the other three members asking when could we coordinate times to meet? Within two weeks there was only one positive response and two emails stating that the other members were resigning or quitting the committee. Therefore, the existing committee recommends that they meet with the Intergroup Officers for direction on what needs to be accomplished. By doing this the traditions and concepts can be used, questions can be asked and possibly answered, information can be investigated, problems can be solved, and changes can be made if necessary.

#### **DISTRICTS / OHIO AFG LIAISON:** Mary Jo presented the following report:

1. **Liaison Report:** The Ohio Area Convention is June 26th on Zoom. Youngstown Districts 4 and 9 are hosting. Amazingly, the committee reached out to GR's in their areas and literally groups are creating the different breakout room topics. The format uses a speaker followed by the choice of two different ones every hour. Sign-up and registration links in the newsletter, or on the Cleveland and Ohio websites. Fall AWSC will be August 28th on Zoom. Fall Assembly is October 16th on Zoom. The Road Trip (WSO Board of Trustees travelling to inform, take your questions and concerns) will be October 23rd in Cleveland at the Westin Hotel. The cost will include luncheon. We encourage as many people as possible to attend! The May 15 Assembly meeting minutes were sent out to GR's and CMA's for review. The Ohio Treasurer sent out an appeal letter in May. Please read to groups and send your group's contributions to AFG of Ohio, Inc., P.O. Box 42084, Brook Park, OH 44142-0084.

#### **HILITES:** Mary Jo gave her report.

1. The July newsletter is almost complete.

#### **OLD BUSINESS:**

1. Al-Anon picnic July 11, 2021, from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. at Wildwood/Euclid Creek Reservation in Cleveland MetroParks - A flyer for the picnic is in the HiLites and will also be put on the website. Members mentioned what they will be providing in the way of food and entertainment. Speakers have been obtained, and we are hoping for an Alateen speaker as well. The picnic is open to all.
2. Gratitude Night – More discussion to follow. A chairperson/committee is needed for this event.

#### **NEW BUSINESS:**

1. A member suggested that Council do a group inventory to help gauge members' reflections on their own participation as council members using the G-8a and G-8b Al-Anon Guidelines forms as a guide. The

following was discussed and decided as a way to do this: The questions listed under Form G-8A – "My Part as a member of the Al-Anon or Alateen Group" will be answered under the slightly different heading of "My Part as a member of Intergroup Council" and will be e-mailed out to members of council who will provide their answers confidentially to an e-mail address of another non-council Al-Anon member. Mary Jo will provide a link at the end of the July HiLites where to send these answers. These answers will then be discussed at the August meeting. Council secretary will send out the form G-8a to the members and they may choose two or three questions from the section referenced to answer (all of the questions do not have to be answered).

2. Upon discussion, motion was made and approved to have Intergroup Council do this group inventory
3. Betty will check with Rosary Hall to determine when it will reopen for in-person Council meetings and will report back in August.



CALENDAR OF UPCOMING EVENTS

- 6/26/21 Ohio Area Al-Anon Convention – online – one day only
- 7/11/21 Al-Anon Picnic – Wildwood Reservation – in person
- 7/31/21 KOMIAC, via Zoom
- 8/20-22/21 AA Convention w/Al-Anon participation – online
- 8/28/21 Fall AWSC, via Zoom
- 10/1-3/21 Salt Fork weekend – in person - early registration beginning May 1<sup>st</sup>
- 10/21/21 Fall Assembly, via Zoom
- 10/23/21 Board of Trustees road trip to Cleveland
- 11/5/21 Gratitude Night



The meeting adjourned at 8:42 p.m. The next meeting will be held on August 20, 2021 via Zoom (no meeting in July). 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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