

## CLEVELAND AL-ANON COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting of  
October 15, 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. Introductions were then made. Sydney P. agreed to chair the meeting in Betty's absence. The minutes of the September 17, 2021, meeting were read, with a correction made to the location of the new Alateen meeting, being Independence rather than Brecksville, and also to list the new Zoom identification number for the office. The minutes were then approved with these corrections.

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

1. Vivian reported that there are now volunteers to fill all days but Fridays (the office is closed on Fridays). She also noted that the large-print and regular print *One Day at a Time* books are on back order.

**TREASURER'S REPORT:** No report at this time.

**HILITES:** Mary Jo reported that November's HiLites are almost ready. She also noted that our new website will be launched November 1, 2021. A member requested that the meeting list remain in the HiLites for the time being for the benefit of those members who only receive it by mail. Council agreed for Mary Jo to leave the meeting information in the HiLites until the meetings become more stable.

A suggestion was made to also put a section in the HiLites directed solely to Alateens.

**ALATEEN:** Gary presented his report.

Alateen is still here, though we've lost a few meetings with this Virus. There is a new Alateen Meeting that has started in Independence on Wednesday night at 7 pm that also has an Al-Anon meeting at the same time. So if there are any parents, grandparents, aunts, uncles, or family friends who know a kid who could use Alateen, you can drop them off at the meeting and attend an Al-Anon meeting at the same time. I know this Virus has affected everybody and everyone is trying to get some normalcy back in their lives. This might help.

Thank you for all the support the Cleveland Area has been for us.  
Gary J, Alateen Cleveland (res. 440 835-8807) ([g.jokela@att.net](mailto:g.jokela@att.net))

**PUBLIC OUTREACH:** Regina presented her report:

1. The Public Outreach Committee had a phone meeting Wednesday, October 13, 2021 at 4:45 pm. There were three people present, including one new member Mary B. We reviewed what had gone on since our last meeting in March, which included the purchase of new AFA's, business cards, information stamps and ink refills. We now have a representative for each of the eight counties. There was a report of a member who found *Courage to Change* at their local library and was inspired to attend an Al-Anon meeting. We still wish to reach out to Police and Fire Departments more and will add to the list. The two pamphlet displays used in the past for health fairs, etc. will be put at the main office for use by those who need it for Public Outreach events. There will be information forthcoming concerning posters and PSA's. The next events are: A Community Outreach Festival with Adult Children of Alcoholics welcome to pass out Al-Anon Literature, Saturday, October 16, 2021 at the church on 99th and Denison. The members passing out pamphlets etc. will be Veronica and Fred. The other event is the Controlled Substance Physicians Seminar at Case Western Reserve. It will be on Zoom this time. Regina will be the speaker. Our balance after purchase of stamps, business cards and 175 AFA's is \$1,371.41. Our meeting adjourned at 5:18 pm.

- Regina raised a question concerning the budget allotted to Public Outreach and whether it had to be used up by December of 2021. Sheila said she would check with Merri G. to find out.
- Motion was then made to allow Regina to keep the monies allotted in the budget to be carried over into 2022.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Regina E. Franklin, Public Outreach Coordinator.

**GREATER CLEVELAND AL-ANON WEBSITE:**

- Mary Jo reported that the new website launch is scheduled for November 1, 2021. A member, Bruce S., volunteered to create a spreadsheet of all the Al-Anon meetings. Much work is being done to get the launch ready.
- The Fall Assembly is set for October 16 and 17. She described what the Assembly will be voting on.
- Ray and Mary Jo provided the following web information for the month of September: For the month of September 2021, the [clevelandal-anon.org](http://clevelandal-anon.org) website received 533 queries. The most popular was "Al-Anon meetings by city" followed by "Ohio Al-Anon Round Up". Of that total, 523 were from the United States, 3 were from Australia and 2 from Ireland. 335 mobile phones, 184 desktop computers and 14 tablets were used to access the website.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

- Gratitude Night 2021 – Mary Jo described ongoing preparations for the Zoom event. There will be an AA speaker (Mary C.), an Al-Anon speaker (Shealean), and an adult child of alcoholics speaker (Gail). Several members will be doing the introductory readings, and two films will be aired – Lois W. and Lois and the Pioneers.
- Zoom information for Gratitude Night is: Meeting I.D. #884 9933 2310, and phone dial in number is 929-205-6099. This information can also be found on the Gratitude Night flyer that is in the HiLites

**NEW BUSINESS:**

- Election of Officers – The current chairperson, Betty M., and secretary, Sheila C., will continue to serve another year in those positions as no one volunteered for these positions. No one stepped forward for the treasurer position and the office manager position remains unfilled (although elections for this position were put on hold for the time being). Much discussion followed with the suggestion made to draft an amendment to the By-Laws in connection with unfilled positions. Patty D. will prepare the amendment and present it at the November Council meeting to review.



CALENDAR OF UPCOMING EVENTS

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| 10/16-17/21 | Fall Assembly, via Zoom   |
| 11/5/21     | Gratitude Night   |
| 3/19/22     | Spring AWSC - Committee meeting – details to be announced             |
| 4/26-30/22  | World Service Conference – New York City (to be attended by delegate) |
| 5/21/22     | Spring Assembly – time and place to be determined                     |
| 6/22        | Ohio Area Conference – Toledo (tentative) – details to be determined  |
| 7/30-31/22  | KOMIAC – time and place to be determined                              |
| 8/5-7/22    | Ohio AA Convention – Dublin, Ohio                                     |

8/20/22 Falls AWSC Committee meeting (time to be determined)  
10/22 2-Day Fall Assembly – to be determined  
11 or 12/22 Trustee road trip – details to be determined



Motion was made to close the meeting at 8:36 p.m. followed by the Lord's Prayer. The next meeting will be held on November 19, 2021, via Zoom. All are welcome to attend - Meeting ID is 847 9751 3760. or dial by phone 312-626-6799 followed by the meeting ID.

Respectfully submitted, Sheila C., Secretary

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