Topic/Charge

Increase the fund donation to \$4,000.00 from \$2,000.00 as stated in the Handbook, Section XIV, part H, item #2.

Background information:

In the past, we have used the funds to help with expenses to rent a bus or two buses to travel to KY, MI or IN for KOMIAC. The monies have assisted the Alateens to pay minimal charges in order to participate in the conference with added funds from each city's fundraisers and donations.

Historical information

In the past, some of the costs of bus transportation were:

2017-IN \$4460

2018-KY \$3860

2019-MI \$3350

2022-IN Van rental \$743 (Cleveland)

Keeping in mind that was for Friday through Sunday, Hotel and meals for the driver(s).

Existing motions that appertain to this topic

None

What do we know about our members or prospective members' wants, needs, and preferences that are relevant to this discussion?

Alateen is a part of Al-Anon and in our efforts to be self supporting it is necessary to have financial support for the Alateens with this conference.

What do we know about the capacity and strategic position of the organization relative to this discussion?

First, the money is available to help defray these costs and second, the Alateens cannot raise enough funds to cover the entire costs of transportation, fuel costa and meals to and from the event (KOMIAC).

What do we know about the current realities and evolving dynamics that are relevant to this discussion?

At this time, we do not have the Alateen membership numbers we had 3 years ago and right now buses are not needed. However, transportation costs have increased dramatically and there is still a need to rent vehicles or cover costs for Sponsors that drive to this conference. 7 passenger van rental with options and fuel costs is \$1375. 12 passenger van rental with options and fuel cost is \$2230. Prices may rise due to mileage also. Quotes are on the way.

What are the ethical implications of our choices (pros and cons)? This includes consideration of how the Legacies apply. Identify both pros and cons.

Pros:

Support of our Alateens and their recovery

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This includes their experience of planning the program when it is Ohio's turn to host. Teens will grow in the understanding of service in general and especially above the group level. This will prepare them for transitioning into Al-Anon and ensuring the future of Al-Anon Family Groups.

Cons:

Monies may not always be available to give assistance

Concept One –responsibility and accountability

Though many Areas support an Area Alateen Conference, multiple Area Conferences are not considered a part of the World Service Conference Structure.

Service structures subsidize travel and participation in service events as they are able to based on contributions from members to that service structure as per their agreed upon policies and procedures. Does applying this to "fellowship events" violate Tradition Seven's principle of being self-supporting

DISCUSSION
Need for motion

Motion:

from the responsible membersSome Areas consider all Area Conventions/Conferences as fellowship events as and such individuals pay their own way without support from the Area.