

Budget Committee Report

Two Day Fall Meeting

October 15, 2022

Good Afternoon,

I would like to start this report with a little **background** on the work of the Budget Committee which is a standing committee.

On page 53(57) of the current *Al-Anon/Alateen Service Manual* – “Group funds are used to support Al-Anon’s purpose of carrying its message of help and hope to those who still suffer.”

In the Ohio *Bylaws* Section C- Financing - “The Budget Committee will determine annually what the total budget will be.” At the WSC the budget is constantly reviewed during the year and revised as necessary as has been shared in the quarterly letters from the WSO during the year.

- Our committee consists of 5 members: Cheryl C., Theresa M., Merri G., Ann R, Ginny C., and Barbara W.
- We present to the Assembly a suggested budget at the beginning of each year, based on requests received and approved procedures as found in our Ohio Section D -Budget
- We have committee meetings ahead of each AWCS and Spring/Fall meeting and for any urgent issues.
- We receive requests for funds not covered in the *Ohio Handbook* guidelines making recommendations for acceptance or rejection based on budget needs of the Area.
- Our *Handbook*, Section XIV-Expenses & Motions gives us specific guidance on the procedures we should use, specific line items/ amounts approved and procedures to use.

The “**Spiritual Principles of Al-Anon’s Self Support**” guide us (see “Financial Matters” in the *Al-Anon/Alateen Service Manual*). Particularly “Tradition Seven which is Gratitude in Action.” Other spiritual principles that guide this include:

- Abundance
- Anonymity
- Gratitude
- Responsibility
- Trust
- Unity

Lastly *Warranty 1* which states “that only sufficient operating funds, including an ample reserve, be its prudent financial principle.” Page 215(217) “..prudence is a middle ground, a channel between fear on the one hand and recklessness on the other.”

This brings me to the **Current Update: Our Budget Committee met October 9,2022.**

- We had a request to consider a one-time expense for food and hospitality for a group that attended the 2022 KOMIAC held in Indiana. This is not normally done when donating to Alateen transportation to KOMIAC (page 21, Section

- H.2. After considerable discussion with the current Officers, approved the \$74.20 for a total amount of \$1110.17
- Rose led a discussion on future funding for Alateen. We agreed that a KBDM should be launched so that this can be considered for the 2023 Budget.
 - Theresa led a discussion of the current Per Diem allowed expense. We agreed that this should be reviewed and brought to the Assembly with a request for members to look at the Handbook Guidelines and provide feedback to Cherryl C (Budget Chair) or Theresa M (Chairman).
 - Lastly, A review of the Budget Line Items definitions will be undertaken by the committee in future meetings.

Sincerely,

Cherryl C., Budget Chair