

**Area World Service Committee Meeting
March 17, 2012**

Dear AWSC members,

Thank you for your participation (physically, or in Spirit!) at our meeting in March. Below (and attached) are the minutes from our meeting. Please share this information with the Group Representatives in your District, so our Ohio AI- Anon membership is informed.

CHAIRMAN: Sandy F

We opened the meeting with the Serenity Prayer. Malinda M read the Traditions, Louise W read the Concepts and Terry N read the General Warranties. We conduct knowledge based decision making here in Ohio. There is no more motion madness. An informed group conscience through the KBDM and is done before motions are formed which allows for dialogue keeping personalities out!

INTRODUCTIONS – There were 26 members in attendance

SECRETARY'S REPORT- Karen M

Terry N made a motion to accept the minutes from August 13, 2011 AWSC meeting as written. Janice R second. Motion carried.

2011 TREASURER REPORT

Robin R presented the 2011 year end financial report since Robin is unable to attend Spring Assembly. The closing financial report for 2011 can be viewed and downloaded from www.ohioal-anon.org. Questions about the report can be sent to Robin R at robinrex@sbcglobal.net no later than May 5th.

2012 TREASURER REPORT- Theresa M

Balance as of 12-31-11	\$34,882.46
Income after 12-31-11	2,320.48
Expenses after 12-31-11	1,905.06
Balance as of 3-16-12	\$35,297.88

ALTERNATE DELEGATE/NEWS LETTER: Ginny C

Officers and DR's please submit your sharings for the AI-A-Notes by March 26. DR's please tell about any events or happenings that have occurred since fall or are upcoming.

DELEGATE'S REPORT- Rex M

I do not have much to report. I participated in two Conference calls. I will be attending Regional Delegates Meeting next weekend and World Service Conference in April. I will have more to report at Assembly May 19, 2012.

COORDINATOR AND STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS AND CONVENTIONS

ALATEEN- No report

ARCHIVES- No Report

FORUM- Sharon B was unable to attend. Sandy gave her report for her. She asked us to make sure meetings are sharing the copies of the Forum that is being sent to the group.

GROUP RECORDS- I am now able to access our Group Records online, directly from the WSO database. This gives us the most up to date information available at any time.

As of 9:00 PM, March 16, 2012, Ohio Area has: 441 active AI-Anon Groups – of these there are 4 groups that hold multiple meetings, that is more than one meeting a week. One group has 6 meetings a week and 3 groups have 3 meetings a week.

Of those groups, 152 have submitted annual updates so far – 34%;

19 groups in a "no mail" status – mail sent to the Current Mailing Address (CMA) has been returned as "unable to forward". Groups remain in "no mail" status for a period of two years.

119 groups in an “inactive” status – groups that have been in a “no mail” status for over two years are put on inactive status. In addition, when WSO is notified that a group is no longer meeting, it is placed on “inactive” status as well. 21 groups that are “marked for deletion” – groups that have been on inactive status for over one year with no activity, and are scheduled to be deleted from the WSO database. Once a group’s WSO ID number is deleted, it cannot be retrieved.

As of February 8, 2012, we also have: 40 Active Alateen groups; 1 Alateen group in a “no mail” status; 3 Alateen groups in an “inactive” status

In addition, of the 441 active Al-Anon groups, there are 278 groups with GR’s listed (63%). I cannot guarantee that the GR information is totally correct because I haven’t had time to go through and compare the WSO database against the old database in the old laptop computer. My energies have been focused on ensuring the CMA addresses and GR addresses meet USPS “standards”, and verifying the actual name and location of the Group meeting places, by using Map Quest, Google Maps, Yellow Book dot com, etc.

I have the district reports on my laptop and can print them off for the DR’s that are here.

LITERATURE- Shirley M was absent. Ginny C reported that a timely reprint “Parents Of Alcoholics” (R-18) will be coming out soon. Sharings on the “Intimacy” publication are still being accepted. The B-22 “How Al-Anon Works” will have a page added, talking about the “3 C’s”. The Legacies Workbook is due out July, 2013.

PUBLIC OUTREACH- Sandy reminded everyone of the upcoming Addiction Studies Institute, to be held August 22-24 in Columbus. She asked all Districts NOT in an Al-Anon Information Service (AIS) to please send 50 copies of their meeting schedules to her by August 1. AIS’s were requested to send 100 copies to her by August 1. The schedules are handed out to the professionals attending the Institute.

BUDGET- Robin R
The proposed 2012 operating budget was presented. It can be found on the AFG OF OHIO website.

BY-LAWS & HANDBOOK-Barbara W-No Report

REVIEW AND AUDIT- Louise W- Final review for 2011 will be given at Spring Assembly

OHIO WEBSITE- Michael K- no report

COMPLAINCE LIASON AND AAPP- Janice R
WSO has 42 Alateen groups registered in Ohio. As of 3/17/12 only 6 Sponsors have re-certified. I received a list from WSO of all certified Al-Anon Members Involved In Alateen Service (AMIAS) Last year there were 267 AMIAS and/or Sponsors certified. So far only 44 AMIAS have re-certified.

All reports of who is re-certifying must be sent to WSO by June 15th. I must have all paperwork, including fingerprinting, by June 1st in order to have them to WSO by the 15th.

If you have any questions or concerns please call or email me at janicer6328@yahoo.com or 419-666-4939.

REGISTRATION COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN- Eleanor T

2-DAY FALL ASSEMBLY AND CONVENTIONS

2-DAY FALL ASSEMBLY- Districts of Dayton Oct 20-21, 2012

OHIO AREA CONVENTION –Districts of Youngstown
June 29-July1, 2012 at MT Union College in Alliance. \$120 complete package, walk-ins welcome. Details revealed at Spring Assembly

SPECIAL REQUEST

Please keep Rex M in your prayers as he serves at the 52nd World Service Conference. Sandy passed out envelopes for us to mail to Rex to wish him well. Please send your notes/cards of encouragement to:

Rex McVicker
Hold for WSC 4/15-4/19, 2012

Stamford Marriott Hotel and Spa
243 Tresser Blvd.
Stamford, CT 06901

Please mail these to arrive between April 15-19. Use his home address as the return address:
290 Ripley Ave
Akron, Ohio 44312-2765

NEW BUSINESS

- Group Records Coordinator Phil H presented a Knowledge Based Decision Making proposal to “align AFG Of Ohio’s current mailing address with that of the World Service Office”. Basically, this proposal would mail the all communications from AFG of Ohio to the Group’s Current Mailing Address instead of the Group Representative. The Committee voted in favor of preparing a motion for the Spring Assembly to consider.
- ASI Task Force Co-Chair Marrison D presented a Knowledge Based Decision Making proposal to make funding the ASI an annual budget line item, rather than coming to the Assembly every year asking for funds to participate. The Committee voted in favor of preparing a motion for the Spring Assembly to consider.
- Sandy reminded everyone of the upcoming Addiction Studies Institute, to be held August 22-24 in Columbus. She asked all Districts NOT in an Al-Anon Information Service (AIS) to please send 50 copies of their meeting schedules to her by August 1. AIS’s were requested to send 100 copies to her by August 1. The schedules are handed out to the professionals attending the Institute.
- There were discussions about the \$20,000 CD that’s coming due April 7th. The Budget Committee recommended reinvesting the amount into two \$5000.00 and one \$10,000.00 CD. The recommendation was accepted by AWSC members to present to Assembly.

Motions

Motion 2012-1 – For a three year trial, starting in 2013, include funding for the Addiction Studies Institute as a budget line item. This will allow participation without prior Assembly approval each year as is required when funding is taken from the Action Committee/ Coordinator’s Fund as has been done in 2010, 2011, & 2012

Motion 2012-2 – Authorize extending the proposed amount of \$704 from the Action Committee/Coordinator’s Fund for participation in the 2012 Addictions Studies Institute, And or additional \$325.00 from the Equipment Fund for a Retractable Banner Stand for use at the Addictions Studies Institute and all other events.

Motion 2012-3 – Move to align AFG of Ohio current mailing address with that of the World Service Office. That is mail will go to the CMA instead of the GR; AWSC & DR’s will still receive mailings as before

DATES TO REMEMBER

Alateen Spring Rally- April 21, 2012, Ascension Lutheran Church, 1479 Morse Rd, Columbus

Spring Assembly- May 19, 2040 West Henderson Road, Columbus

OAC—June 29-July 1 Mount Union University, Alliance, Ohio See flier for more information

KOMIAC- July 27-29 Baldwin Wallace University

AWSC –August 11, 2040 West Henderson Road, Columbus, Ohio

Two Day Fall—October 20-21 District of Dayton

Our Spring Assembly is May 19 in Columbus

Sandy asked for a motion to adjourn our meeting. Rex made the motion to adjourn and Melinda seconded it. All voted to adjourn at 3:45

We closed with the Al-Anon Declaration: **Let it begin with me, when anyone, anywhere reaches out for help, let the hand of Al-Anon/Alateen always be there and let it begin with me.**

Respectfully submitted,
Karen McK
Area Secretary