

**AREA WORLD SERVICE COMMITTEE MEETING
AUGUST 29TH 2009**

CHAIRMAN: Barbara W

Dear AWSC members

Thank you for your participation (physically, or in spirit!) at our meeting on Saturday. Below (and attached) are the bullet points from our meeting. Please share this information with the Group Representatives in your District, so our Ohio Al-Anon membership is informed.

We opened the meeting with the Serenity Prayer. I asked Ruth to read the steps, Jody to read the Traditions and Allen to read the concepts. The group was reminded through the review of the etiquette suggestions to stop and start on time-2 minutes at the mic-To show courtesy to one another, no repeating at the mic- no clapping on opinions but Yes to clapping on reports- No side conversations- follow agenda- stay on topic and please have cell phones set to vibrate.

*Districts represented- 25 members were present representing districts:
4,6,7,9,10,14,15,24,25,27,31,33,39,45,48,51,57*

SECRETARY'S REPORT- Merri G

Rose and Teresa Approved the March 21st minutes with one correction. Barbara our chairman is not Barbara M but Barbara W.

TREASURERE'S REPORT- Robin R

Balance as of 12-31-08 is	\$35,828.55
Income after 12-31-08 was	\$8,865.09
Expense after 12-31-08 was	\$10,675.99
Balance as of 08-25-09 is	\$34,017.66

ALTERNATE DELEGATE: Janice R

The second edition of the Al-A-Notes was finished in July. Due to having Surgery, Sandy F. volunteered to have them printed for me. She put the labels on and sent them to Merri G the secretary for bulk mailing. Merri had some trouble with the Cleveland Post who rejected the mailing. The staples had to be removed and a new cover sheet had to be put on with a new label aligned properly with the ancillary endorsement. If you subscribed to have a personal copy and did not receive it please call me or come and see me. If your Group Representative did not receive the group copy, see Judy A our Group records coordinator.

I want to thank everyone for their prayers, calls and concerns. Your support has been a blessing.

DELEGATE'S REPORT- Sandra F

The AIS(Al-Anon Information Service)/Inter-groups are being added to e-communities. (e-Communities is a link to WSO.) WSO will be adding an e-Community for Al-anon Information Services, and have asked to provide them with a contact. Ohio has seven AIS locations. Each AIS is to send this contact information.

The 2009 World Service Conference Summary is here. There is a copy for each officer, coordinator, standing committee chairman, and District Representative. *** Please sign your name stating that you took a copy of the summary.

Additional copies may be ordered from WSO. It may also be downloaded from the members' website. Click on Publication, then click WSC summary. ***

A new survey for members is on the members' website. Everyone is encouraged to participate in the survey. Click on the Survey for Members. Instructions can also be found in the Inside Al-Anon section of the September issue of the *Forum*. Share the information with all members.

Property ownership information is now available on the English version of the Members' Web site. This is the information requested so the discussion can begin about ownership of the property in Virginia Beach. Any members who have questions or concerns about the WSO property ownership are asked to E-mail me so that I can take them to the next Spring Delegate meeting.

TEAM, formally known as Regional Service Seminars, information is now on the members' web site. I encourage everyone to look at it.

Post Cards with a beautiful picture of WSO was given to all AWSC members in attendance.

COORDINATOR AND STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS AND CONVENTIONS

ALATEEN- Yvonne R

The Alateen Fall Rally will be held at John Knox in North Olmsted on October 17th 2009. I want to thank assembly for giving us funds to help with Komiatic which was a great success!

ARCHIVES- Sharon B-Absent

FORUM- Shirley M

I now have an E-mail address : smehling@live.com

GROUP RECORDS- Judy A

I am still getting new groups. It costs us every time we send out an incorrect address so please remind the members of your groups to send in address changes to both the Ohio and WSO group records departments. If anyone has knowledge in how to us ACCESS E3-07, please contact me.

LITERATURE- Ginny C

There is a new literature project using the book called "Discovering Choices(B-30) for a meeting topic. The due date is January 15th 2010. 1, Select a meeting topic using the book Discovering Choices. (The index may give you some ideas)2. Select a brief, appropriate quote from the book on this subject (one Paragraph or less). Please include the page number.3. Write five original questions that can stimulate conversation (not YES or NO answers and not questions already in the book) on this topic for group discussion.4, Please return via e-mail or mail to the World Service Office by January 15th.2010. Al-Anon Family Group Headquarters Inc. 1600 Corporate Landing Parkway, Virginia Beach, VA 23454. Phone 757-563-1600 or Fax 757-563-1655 or E-mail-wso@al-anon.org, Attn: B-30 Lit. Project. Deadline for Alateen Book is October 15th 2009. Deadline for "How Al-Anon's History has affected your recovery" is due October 31st, 2009

PUBLIC OUTREACH- Vicki M-Absent

BUDGET- Steve F-

Please do not over spend!

BY-LAWS & HANDBOOK-Barbara M- No changes made.

REVIEW AND AUDIT- Donna K-

Every thing looks good.

OHIO WEBSITE- Mike K-Absent

COMPLAINCE LIASON AND AAPP- Rex M- No Report

2-DAY FALL AND OHIO AREA CONVENTION LIAISON- KAREN M- Absent

2-DAY FALL ASSEMBLY AND CONVENTIONS

2-DAY FALL ASSEMBLY- Districts of Cleveland- Sheila C& Alice W

Barbara W gave some suggestions on speakers for the 2-day Fall Assembly which the Cleveland Meetings of Districts will contact for acceptance. A skit has been planned for the night of the banquet. The Cleveland area Treasurer was concerned about what to do with the banquet money but the state officers assisted in answering all her questions. Please make your reservations as soon as possible at the Marriott. The state provides \$300 for the hospitality room and any left over money should be returned to the state. All food in the hospitality room must be pre-packaged(Cleveland Rules) and purchased by the districts of Cleveland. Any amount over \$300 must be absorbed by the Districts of Cleveland Treasury. It cost \$5.00 a day to park at the Marriott. The Handbook thoroughly discusses any questions on travel expenses for officers, Coordinators, Dr's and Gr's so please read for clarification.

OHIO AREA CONVENTION 2009-Mickie and Jenny

Ginny shared that the Ohio Area Convention in Oberlin was very successful. The weather cooperated and the speakers and fellowship were awesome!

OHIO AREA CONVENTION 2010- Jennifer F

A sight selection committee visited several locations. Embassy Suites Hotel Columbus was chosen as the site for the 2010 Ohio Area Convention. It will be held June 4-6, 2010. Jennifer F. Is the chairman for the event. Details will be available at the Fall Assembly meeting.

2009 OHIO STATE AA SERVICE CONVENTION WITH AI-ANON PARTICIPATION-Amy H.

The 2009 Ohio State AA Service convention was held in Columbus. Area 53 was the host Area. A full report will be given at Fall Assembly by the chairman Amy H.

2010 OHIO STATE AA SERVICE CONVENTION WITH AL-ANON PARTICIPATION:- Rose R

Rose R. has been appointed AFG of Ohio's 2010 Ohio State AA Service convention with Al-Anon Participation Chairman. This will be the 54th Ohio State AA Convention. The dates will be August 13th thru the 15th 2010 at the Holiday Inn French Quarters in Perrysburg, Ohio. Rooms will be \$89.00 plus tax. Early Registration will be \$20.00 and Alateens will be \$10.00. Prices will be listed on flier. You can view the flier at the website as follows: 2010OhStConv.AI-Anon@bex.net. We will be requesting \$200 seed money for the Hospitality room. Alateens hopefully will have a meeting room. We plan on having a speaker or a panel as well. We plan on selling Al-Anon literature and having workshops so all ideas are welcome. Rose's E-mail- roseydago@bex.net.

2010 TWO DAY FALL ASSEMBLY- Theresa M.

Hosted by the Districts of Cincinnati on October 9th & 10th. Theresa M is the DR 15 chair.

DISTRICT HIGHLIGHTS

District 48 Allen D talked about his area participating in National Recovery Month. They are making packets to hand out that contains the phone number and websites of WSO and how to order literature on line. Allen talked about a how our program is offering a glimmer of light to mental

health professionals and that in their area there is a Mental Health recovery services board which covers both mental health and drug addiction and alcohol services. Allen is a Clinical Supervisor in the field in his area and had the opportunity to speak up during one of his employee board meetings about Al-Anon.

The Cleveland Area was asked to participate in selling tickets for a Playhouse Square play called the Story of Dr. Bob and Bill W to tell the story of the founding of Alcoholics Anonymous in Akron in the 1930's. The play will run from April 9th to May 2nd. Our tradition 6th prohibits from selling tickets as an organization but if asked we are more than willing to set up a table with literature and answer any questions about Al-Anon.

OLD BUSINESS

WSO's Area Highlights (sent to all District Representatives in our U.S./Canada service structure) printed an article by Barbara W. about the success of KBDM (an informed group conscience) in Ohio. This article originally appeared in our Al-A-Notes and celebrated the demise of "Motion Madness" at AWSC and assembly.

NEW BUSINESS

Merri G handed out guidelines for bulk mailing so that members would be well informed of the Cleveland Area guidelines when preparing their mailings.

Sandy F presented for discussion the purchase of a power point projector to be used at Assembly and other AWSC and or OAA functions. The AWSC voted to do some more research on the actual cost of the equipment and to get ideas from our Webmaster on what equipment would be needed to make the projector run successfully. We also talked about the possibility of renting the equipment rather than buying it so that storage and update would not be an issue. This motion could be presented at the 2-Day Fall.

TEAM (Together Empowering Al-Anon Members)- Sandy F, our delegate asked us to take the flier she received at WSO which she handed out at the AWSC meeting to our meetings for discussion. The WSO would like to host events in areas in Ohio where members will attend to hopefully broaden the Al-Anon message of hope. The agenda will be a collaborative effort between the hosting Area(S) and WSO.

On August 28, 2009, in an informed group conscience (KBDM - knowledge based decision making), the following motions were composed and selected to present to our two day fall assembly:

MOTIONS

Motion 2009-1 presented by Sandra F., Delegate

I move to change the wording in the Handbook from RSS (Regional Service Seminars) to OAC (Ohio Area Convention) on all lines in the handbook.

Topic: Changing the term RSS (Regional Service Seminar) in the Handbook to OAC (Ohio Area Convention).

Background Information – what we know:

Historical perspective: At the 2009 World Service Conference, the term R.S.S. was changed to T.E.A.M. (Together Empowering Al-Anon Members). There aren't any R.S.S.'s any longer.

Existing motions that pertain to this topic:

T.E.A.M. is discussed on pages 24/25 in the 2009 World Service Conference Summary.

See Page 16 of 28 in the Handbook: Section on Regional Service Seminars

What do we know about our membership's needs, wants, and preferences?

Winners of the yearly drawings would like to attend an event.

What do we know about our capacity (resources)? Changing the terminology in the Handbook will not affect the budget.

What are the implications of our choices? pros and cons

Pros: The new term will have the language consistent.

What we wish we knew, but don't:

Will members who are selected actually attend OAC?

Motion 2009-2 presented by Merri G., Secretary

To take responsibility for registration at assemblies from the Secretary to a Standing Committee responsible to the Secretary and Group Records.

Motion 2009-3 presented by Barbara M., Handbook and By-Laws

Replace the current description of the Ohio Area Alateen Processes for Implementation of Alateen Requirements, in By-Laws, with the new description as attached to this motion.

Responsibilities of the Area Alateen Process Person (AAPP)

1. The Ohio Area 44 Compliance Person will serve as the Area Alateen Process Person (AAPP).

2. The Ohio Area Alateen Process Person (AAPP) will serve as the Area Authorized Signature of the "Al-Anon Member Involved in Alateen Service" (AMIAS) form.

3. The AAPP will keep on-going current records of the AMIAS certifications and Alateen group registrations and changes. The AAPP will keep the Ohio Alateen Coordinator upto-date on all AMIAS records by periodically sending him/her a current list of AMIAS

certifications. In this way, the Alateen Coordinator will have accurate and current information when contacting approved members in November each year to verify their continuing service.

4. The AAPP, who will receive AMIAS forms from the DRs, will:

- a. Send a memo to acknowledge receipt of the AMIAS form.
- b. sign the form as the Area Authorized Signature, make a copy for the AAPP records, and send the form to the Al-Anon World Service Office. The WSO will verify the Area Authorized Signature, process the AMIAS form by assigning an ID# and returning the form to the AAPP.
- c. Send a second memo to the AMIAS informing the member of the completion of the certification process and the ID# assigned by the WSO.

5. The AAPP, who receives "Alateen Registration/Group Record Changes" from new and current groups, will verify the certification of the sponsors and the CMA (Current Mailing Address) and send the forms to the WSO after making copies for the AAPP records. The AAPP will make copies of the processed forms received back from the WSO and send them to the Ohio Alateen Coordinator and the Ohio Records Coordinator.

6. The AAPP will receive from the members the annual AMIAS re-certifications from January 1 through May 31. While renewals for AMIAS certification will be received throughout the year, forms received by the AAPP after May 31 will not be included in the annual re-certification paperwork sent to WSO.

a. The AAPP will coordinate all AMIAS records on an on-going basis in order to comply with the WSO deadline of July 1 for the annual re-certification process.

b. The AAPP will complete a "Status Change" form for any AMIAS who has not completed the Ohio Area re-certification process and send it to the WSO along with the Annual Re-certification paperwork.

7. The AAPP will keep a record of the "Alateen Annual Update" form which each Alateen group receives from the WSO in the Spring, complete with group information, and returns to the AAPP. The AAPP will make note of any new and/or changed group information and forward these forms to the WSO. After receiving these forms back from the WSO, the AAPP will send to the Alateen Coordinator and the Records Coordinator copies of the "Alateen Annual Update" forms which reflect changes to any groups.

8. The AAPP will send AMIAS forms and Alateen group registrations and changes to WSO throughout the year. For the "Alateen Registration/Group Records Changes", only the changed information needs to be filled in, eg. provide the Group ID# or group name, check the change (Sponsor, CMA, etc.), and fill in the new information.

Motions 2009-2 and 2009-3 are proposed insertions for our Ohio By-Laws, so it is imperative that our Group Representatives communicate this message to the groups.

The presenters of these motions will provide:

- detailed background information
- existing motions that pertain to this topic
- what we know about our membership's needs, wants and preferences
- what we know about our capacity (resources)
- what are the implication of our choices (pros and cons)
- what we wish we knew, but don't
- and answer any questions needed for clarification

DATES TO REMEMBER

October 10-11, 2009 Two Day Fall Assembly /Cleveland Airport Marriott 4277 W 150th St Cleveland, OH 44135//Registrations begins at 9:00 and New GR orientation is at 10:00 a.m.

October 17th, 2009 -Fall Alateen Rally John Knox Presbyterian Church 25200 Lorain Rd North Olmsted, OH 44070-2092 (440) 777-3744 //9:00am - 3:00pm

March 27th 2010-AWSC Meeting- 2040 W. Henderson Rd. Columbus, Oh 12:30 pm

May 22nd, 2010-Spring Assembly at 12:30pm- 2040 Henderson Rd. Columbus Ohio. New Gr Orientation Meeting is at 10:00.

August 28th 2010- AWSC Meeting- 2040 W Henderson Rd in Columbus Ohio at 12:30PM

October 9th&10th 2010- 2 Day Fall Assembly- The meeting will be hosted by the Districts of Cincinnati.

Our Spring AWSC Meeting date is: March 27, 2010

Barbara asked for a motion to adjourn our meeting. Phil voted to adjourn and Rose seconded it. We closed with the Al-Anon Declaration.

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, Merri G. Secretary