

Greater New Orleans Al-Anon Intergroup
April 19, 2010

- **CHAIRPERSON**: *David S* opened the meeting with a Moment of Silence followed by The Serenity Prayer: *Bill Y* read the 5th Tradition. *Robert J* read the 12th Tradition. Minutes from January 18, 2010 meeting were approved.
- **SECRETARY**: *Peggy B* 16 people are present and 11 are Intergroup Representatives.
- **TREASURER**: *Charlene B* passed out the treasurer report. The report was accepted as submitted. Net Income reported is \$1350.81.
 - ✓ One known upcoming expense is Insurance.
 - ✓ *Doe A* motioned that the treasurer report be accepted and *Glendy F* seconded.
- **CO CHAIR**: *Sue A* announced that the AA speaker for the banquet is Melanie S.

- **CENTRAL OFFICE:** No report. We discussed the continuing need for a Central Office Manager and additional volunteers.

- ✓ Intergroup is still in need of:
 - Central Office Manager
 - Group Services Chair

✓ The following is a list of answerphone thru 10/10/10:

Group Name	Date of Answerphone Duty
Gateway to Serenity	4/2-4/4
Gottawanna Recover	4/9-4/11
High Noon	4/16-4/18
Hope for Today Adult Child	4/23-4/25
Jackson Ave. AFG	4/30-5/2
Let's Keep it Simple (MW)	5/7-5/9
Let's Keep it Simple (F)	5/14-5/16
Let's Keep it Simple (S)	5/21-5/23
Live and Let Live	5/28-5/30
New Beginnings	6/4-6/6
New Life AFG	6/11-6/13
Newcomers of LaPlace	6/18-6/20
No Name AFG	6/25-6/27
Airline Park***	7/2-7/4
Path to Recovery	7/9-7/11
Roundtable	7/16-7/18
Saturday Night Action	7/23-7/25
Slogans of Serenity	7/30-8/1
Suburban West Monday Morning	8/6-8/8
Sunday Night Al-Anon Parents	8/13-8/15
TGIF	8/20-8/22
Thursday Night Al-Anon (Serenity)	8/27-8/29
Transcontinental	9/3-9/5
Tuesday Night Al-Anon Adult Children	9/10-9/12
Tuesday Night Covington	9/17-9/19
Tuesday Noon Al-Anon (Serenity)	9/24-9/26
Wednesday's Child	10/1-10/3
Woodland	10/8-10/10

***Instead of Northshore Parents Al-Anon Group please put in its place:
Airline Park.

- **ALATEEN:** *Doe A* discussed the need for Alateen sponsors. Below is a flyer handed out to emphasize the need for sponsors. **IN ALL OF LOUISIANA THERE ARE ONLY 3 ACTIVE ALATEEN GROUPS!!!** Please discuss this at your meeting and have interested people contact those listed on the flyer.

Alateen Sponsors Needed

Did you know that there are only 3 active Alateen meetings IN THE STATE OF LOUISIANA! There are currently 12 inactive meetings (We keep them on a list for 1 year then close them).

Did Al-Anon help you? How can we help the teenagers who are affected by somebody else's addictions?

Please sign up to be an Alateen Sponsor! If we don't open any more meetings, the teens lose. We have to open more meetings before the kids can attend them. You may not see any attendees for the first few weeks, but the word will get out. At the Metairie All For One and One For All Alateen Meeting, we stay for 10 minutes. If no teens show up by then, we leave or attend the Al-Anon Meeting.

Requirements for Sponsorship:

Be an Al-Anon member for at least 2 years.

Must be age 23 or older.

Have a criminal background check done, this is free to any potential sponsors. It is paid for by State funds.

Please think about it. It is very rewarding to see how these teens grow in the program. On a personal note, I was leaving the movie theater in Metairie and heard my name. A young man came up and asked if I remembered him. I did. He was a former Alateen member. He told me how much Alateen changed his life. While things have not changed at home, he was changed. He is now attending college and is going places in this world.

To become a sponsor, you can contact me at 504-615-8261 or 504-831-4026. Barbara (the State Coordinator) can be reached at 954-665-7609. Or, you can call Central Office at 504-888-1356. Thank you!



- **AWSC Liaison**: *Cindy D* submitted the following **February 2010 Area Assembly** report.
- ✚ **SECRETARY**: There were a couple corrections to the last minutes that will be posted.
- ✚ **TREASURER**: Report will be posted online.
- ✚ **BUDGET & FINANCE**: Please request your reimbursements. It helps us to track cash flow. If you wish to donate it back, please send it back as a separate check.
- ✚ **DELEGATE**: WSO is making a push for Districts to be ready for an influx of calls after the movie “When love is not enough” on April 25 on CBS at 8:00pm Central. Make sure our meeting lists are up to date. May want to plan a potluck or get together with Al-anons to watch. Also, elections are coming up in November. Please plan for and pray on any positions you might be interested in holding. Please continue to support the committees. They do a great job.
- ✚ **COMMITTEES: Convention**: The 37th LA State Al-Anon Convention is July 16th through 18th, 2010 in Lafayette. Mail-in registration deadline is July 3rd. Holiday Inn Central deadline for convention room rate is June 15th, (337) 233-6815. Jan 30th was first planning meeting. Theme: “Wheels of Discovery.” Raffle tickets available. Lisa at (337) 654-7802 or convention@la-al-anon.org Also send donations to AFG Conventions, PO Box 2074, Lafayette, LA 70502. **Group Services**: When you update your information, send it to your DR first. Those who send it straight to WSO are creating double work. They are also trying to reach out to new groups and creating a spread sheet to try and follow attendance using the information from our registration sheets – so don’t forget to register. **Fellowship Communication**: Set a goal that everyone would bring a sharing to next assembly. Also planning an LA Treasure Chest subscription drive. **Membership Outreach**: Distributing a survey to see/ask why /what are the barriers to people attending Area Assembly. Will include this survey in LA Treasure Chest as well as email to DRs to use as a communication tool with their GRs. May want to check out WSO website/members. (Group name + afg) → blogs → concepts to prepare for our guest speaker and workshop at November Assembly, Ric B, executive director from WSO. We will foster communication with Group Services Committee and also work with Convention Committee to advertise Area Assembly at the convention. The Purple poster is still circulating. We are developing an action list and also updating the calendar on the website. **Public Outreach**: Want to involve members in a pamphlet campaign. Please remember to thank radio stations etc. for PSAs. Again, please update your group’s information before the movie. Contact your local CBS affiliate to express gratitude and ask that they show PSAs for Al-anon.
- ✚ Al-Anon website now includes a section for the Action Committees. Keep sending flyers if you want them on the calendar. Also, for members only, the budget is now online. Also new policies and procedures were just posted. Sara would also like info from districts to proof against what she has currently. If we would like to see, do, etc anything different, please send your suggestions in to Sara F. She also requested that we begin using the emails set up for us through the website. If you need help, contact Sara at WebsiteCoordinator@la-al-anon.org
- ✚ **MOTION**: Officers will make recommendations of candidates for trustee positions (regional) South Central Region (LA, OK, MO, TX, AR). Clara motioned, Bill seconded, passed unanimously with 38 voting.
- ✚ **TABLED**: Area Assembly is looking for input to resolve an issue of expenses in Alateen. At present Al-Anon, in LA, requires background checks every three years for Alateen sponsors. WSO has changed their requirements to require a background check only at the initial application of an Alateen Sponsor. Continue these every three years at approximately \$28 per check times 48-53 adds up. There was extensive discussion on this topic and it was tabled

with the recommendation that anyone having concerns review the standards for Alateen sponsorship on the website. www.la-al-anon.org after you sign in as a member, then under the Alateen drop down list you will find the document titled “Alateen Sponsor Requirements.”

- ✦ Marsha handed out NEW updated “Qualifications & Duties Officers & Coordinators” and “Procedures Digests.”
 - ✦ **MOTION:** Funding of \$1200 for Ric B to attend November Assembly and conduct workshop. Bill moved, Drewe seconded, passed unanimously with 38 voting.
 - ✦ Linda read the emails to and from AA regarding Area Assembly meeting locations. They stated that AA would be staying at its current location in Baton Rouge for 2011 & 2012. Cliff mentioned that AA was very apologetic for not getting back to us sooner and wanted to express their desire for us to stay with them. A special thanks to Clara, Joy and Sue who did lots of research on other possible places for us to meet.
 - ✦ **MOTION:** To stay with AA for 2011 and 2012 at the Holiday Inn South in Baton Rouge for Assembly. Bertie moved, Sara seconded, passed unanimously with 38 voting.
 - ✦ **ALT. DELEGATE:** DRs make sure your information is correct on the websites. Remember the goals for the Action Committees are for everyone, not just the committee.
 - ✦ Next Assembly District 10 is responsible for the fundraiser (Silent Auction). Please bring donations or send them with your GR to Assembly. Come ready to buy great stuff too! Al-anon is also responsible for the hospitality room at the May Assembly. Baton Rouge has stepped up and will be making Spaghetti and Meatballs. District 10 is responsible for bringing Parmesan Cheese.
 - ✦ Deadline to submit material for the next LA Treasure Chest is April 23, 2010. Please pass this around to your groups. They can be submitted online to: Rmca51@aol.com.
 - ✦ If you have dates/up coming events you may send them to Jay P. online: lateldigital@cox.net. He has a master calendar that he will post them on. This calendar is also going to be on the website to encourage traveling around between groups and or districts. If you attach a flyer, that will be posted to the website too. You may send holiday flyers to the website coordinator also. Sara F. is the web mistress, WebsiteCoordinator@la-al-anon.org.
 - ✦ The next assembly is May 22-23, 2010.
 - ✦ **LITERATURE:** Reminder, please order at least three weeks in advance. Now have laminated legacy posters if groups want. Sold \$798.00 at this assembly.
 - ✦ **FORUM:** Sylvia needs information or letters on how we use the Forum. The Assembly Workshop was a fabulous fun session making a small poster board project from old copies of the Forum. It was very helpful for teaching us about the history of the Forum and for each of us having an opportunity to share why the Forum is important to us in our recovery. Please encourage all Al-Anon members to subscribe to the Forum.
 - ✦ Area Assembly is still encouraging all attendees to bring another member with them. Area Assembly will be holding elections for assembly officers in November. All Al-Anons are encouraged to read Concept Nine (pg. 184) in the Service Manual. Then read the essay (pg. 186) by Bill W. on leadership. Intergroup also has some positions open for people wishing to get involved in service work.
 - ✦ Respectfully Submitted,
 - ✦ Cindy D.
- **PUBLIC OUTREACH:** *CHERYL K* attended the April AA Service Board Meeting. She believes that attending will strengthen the bond between Al-Anon & AA.
- ✓ ARRNO has been Changed to an “on call” meeting. We will be contacted if they want us to conduct a meeting.

- **GROUP SERVICES:** No chair. The members of the group decided on the following:
 - ✓ The summer fundraiser is set for July 10.
 - ✓ Speaker Chair, Kathleen S will has contacted to be the Al-Anon Speaker.
 - ✓ It will be at Grace Episcopal Church again this year.
 - ✓ Entrance donation of \$10 includes dinner and 3 bingo cards
 - ✓ Volunteers are needed to set up, clean up, cover the door, etc.
 - ✓ Donations of sweets and bingo gift items
 - ✓ **Flyer** and the cover letter was reviewed and approved. (attached)

- **OLD BUSINESS:**
 - ✓ ARRNO is now an “on call” status.
- **NEW BUSINESS:**

The Basket was passed and the meeting adjourned with the Lord’s Prayer ~ 8:27PM.



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www.la-al-anon.org

- ✓ **2010 Intergroup Meetings,**
(7PM 2nd floor St Augustine Church) – **Bring a friend!!**
2010 July 19 Oct 18
- ✓ **2009/10 Area Assemblies, Bring a friend!!**
Holiday Inn South – 9940 Airline Highway, Baton Rouge, --225.924.7021
2010 May 22 & 23 Aug 28 & 29 Nov 13 & 14
- ✓ **Al-Anon State Convention, 7/16-18** Lafayette, La.
- ✓ **Greater New Orleans Intergroup Summer Fun(d)raiser –**
 - 7/10 – see attached flyer
- ✓ **Banquet - 9/11** – More to follow.