

AWSC

Meeting Minutes
AFG Area 22_LA
Sunday, November 3, 2019

****UNAPPROVED MINUTES****

The regularly scheduled meeting of the Louisiana Area World Service Committee (AWSC) was held at the Alexandria Convention Center on Sunday, November 3, 2019, at 9:00 a.m., in Alexandria, LA. Tammy M., Chairperson, opened the meeting with a moment of silence followed by the Serenity Prayer. Volunteers read Al-Anon's Twelve Traditions and Twelve Concepts of Service, including the General Warranties.

Tammy announced the 2020 Assembly weekend dates in Alexandria: January 18-19, April 4-5, August 15-16, and November 7-8.

Rachel B., Area Secretary, called the roll of AWSC members. She then asked for any corrections to the minutes from the August 18, 2019 AWSC meeting. A motion to accept the August 18, 2019 AWSC minutes as submitted was made by Hope L., District 12 Representative, and seconded by Randy W., Area Alateen Process Person. Minutes were approved as submitted.

COORDINATOR REPORTS

Alateen: Danielle H., Alateen Coordinator

- ◆ Hispanic Alateen Coordinator position open at the World Service Office (WSO); Group Services specialist Sergio Tuñiga left
- ◆ Alateen meetings in elementary schools; one school counselor attends and one Al-Anon Member Involved in Alateen Service (AMIAS) attends
- ◆ In conference call, we talked about using the "closed" meeting designation for Alateen versus the new "family and friends only" or maybe Alateen members only
- ◆ Can teenagers attend Al-Anon meetings and district meetings? Yes, definitely.
- ◆ Need to convey in meetings that Alateen is for friends and families of alcoholics; friends and family of drug addicts are welcome but we do not use that wording in Al-Anon
- ◆ Deep-South Alateen Conference (D-SAC) board will meet in January to decide if it is cost-effective to have DSAC in 2020

Archives: Vicki D., Archives Coordinator

I am preparing information for the new Archive Coordinator. I will donate my books *Lois Remembers* and *Many Voices, One Journey* to that person. I will also volunteer to take part in an Archives Committee.

Budget & Finance: Dave K., Budget & Finance Coordinator—absent; report given by Eric N., Treasurer

Convention: Kay B., Convention Chair—absent; report given by Mary F., Associate Public Outreach Coordinator

While we wait for our new State Delegate to appoint the new State Convention Chairman, we would like to update you on the status of next year's convention. The DoubleTree has given us some lower priced options (less space reserved) and the Wyndham has begun to look like a real possibility. The last group that held a function there drew over 500 people – and were allowed to bring in food to feed the attendees. The new Convention Chairman, along with their committee members, will be looking at these locations, as well as possibly a few others, and will bring their decision to the first 2020 Assembly. Be thinking about a theme – you can send your suggestions to convention@la-al-anon.org.

Some of you would make great convention committee members – please be thinking of what you might like to do!

Literature: Jay P.—absent; no report

La Treasure Chest (LATC): Duke H., LATC Newsletter Editor

The Forum: Jeanine G., Forum Coordinator

	State	Group		Other		Total	
		Subscriptions	Copies	Subscriptions	Copies	Subscriptions	Copies
September	LA	21	23	189	191	210	214
October	LA	20	21	189	194	209	215
November	LA	19	20	194	200	213	220

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The Other column includes all subscriptions sent to individuals, Districts, Al-Anon Information Services, Literature Distribution Centers, or others. It contains both the number of subscriptions from individuals and others as well as the number of copies sent that month to individuals and others. Some individuals and others receive more than one copy of the magazine. (For example, if your province has 106 subscriptions from individuals and others and receives 112 copies, then between those 106 individual and other subscribers there are 6 extra copies being sent.)

P.S. This does not include electronic subscriptions – WSO does not keep track of those

Group Records: Heidi H., Group Records Coordinator

Online Group Records Update is complete!

We currently have 7 groups without a valid mailing address or email address. I emailed those contacts without a DR to get good addresses for those groups. WSO is removing groups where the mail is being returned from the online meeting lists.

Reminder to DRs and GRs to update records with new GR's contact info on the Area Assembly form or the WSO form.

Public Outreach: Angelique L., Public Outreach Coordinator

Website Coordinator: David M., Website Coordinator—absent; report given by Rachel B., Secretary

- ◆ Delegates Corner updated monthly or when Delegate deems necessary – this is a blog and can be found on the Home page.
- ◆ Several Knowledge-based Decision Making (KBDM) documents were uploaded as requested.
- ◆ Several fliers were uploaded to web inviting all to attend Nov. 2 – 3 Assembly for the importance of voting and meeting the guest speaker.
- ◆ Area Assembly Page is a one stop shop webpage with much info about Assembly from current information & scheduling – hotel info with booking capabilities – KBDM is there – the Newcomers Brochure – Qualifications and Duties and much more – the latest add was update reports from the Treasurer and Budget and Finance. Updated as needed and/or requested.
- ◆ Recently paid \$21.17 which is the annual dues for the web domain name for Lake Charles Al-Anon. I feel a need for Lake Charles area to conduct a search for someone in that area to be of service for the Lake Charles Al-Anon webpage and accounts.
- ◆ La Treasure Chest was received and uploaded on Members' Page.

OFFICER REPORTS

Delegate: Carmen O. (via telephone)

- ◆ If anyone has the Service Profile to turn in please do so to the new delegate
- ◆ Calendars: Proposal, 250, how many, prepay-submitted to Chairperson-only if not resolved on Saturday
- ◆ KBDM on Alateen: Drafting KBDM on Alateen: Strengthening Minimum Safety Requirements
- ◆ Chosen Agenda Items: Safety...
- ◆ Complete name, addresses, email, phone number for new panel are needed. As coordinators are identified I will work with Tammy to submit until 12/31/2019. If you don't have a designated email for AFGconnects to be separate from personal email may consider creating one. This does not apply to Alternate Delegate or Alternate Chairperson who do not have AFT community access. Tammy, I will forward the coordinators list for WSO that does not include all of the coordinators LA Area has (newcomers, DR, etc.)
- ◆ Outreach project to groups who financially made contributions to WSO. Group records provided name, phone numbers, and email. Conversations included "In the loop", LA Website, trial period of Assembly all in one day to save money for groups, hearing their voice and concerns.
- ◆ Thank you for your kindnesses to my son when I brought him to Assembly; your acceptance patience and tolerance have been deeply appreciated.

Alternate Delegate: GW

- ◆ This is our 12th weekend together and the completion of a cycle.
- ◆ I'd like to first give a big Thank You to Lynette for sharing her time and experience, strength and hope with us on this special Assembly weekend. I was glad that I was able to get back in time to hear Lynette share her story, but I had to miss the workshop as I was attending a wonderful family event.
- ◆ It has been a privilege and an honor to serve as your Alternate Delegate for Panel 57.

Alternate Chairperson: Cindy D.

- ◆ Trial Schedule Change for the Assembly weekends: It was decided at the April 2019 Assembly that we would try a new schedule for the August 2019, November 2019, and January 2020 Assembly weekends. The trial feedback so far has been positive. Please continue to think about these schedule changes. Assembly will need to choose whether to continue, revert, or make changes in January 2020.
- ◆ Spirit stick was won by District 8, but Districts 6 and 10 were only one person shy of a tie.
- ◆ Assignments for January 2020 Assembly in Alexandria:
 - ♣ Saturday morning meeting: Shirley Y – District 5
 - ♣ Saturday morning registration: Danny C – District 2
 - ♣ Salts: Allan L – District 14
 - ♣ Sweets: Mary F – District 8
 - ♣ Sweets: Charlotte B – District 19
 - ♣ Saturday Night Owl Meeting: Allison M – District 1
 - ♣ Sunday Morning Meeting: Tom D – District 6
 - ♣ Sunday Morning Registration: Danielle H – District 15

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: Tammy M., Chair

- ◆ Danielle H.: KBDM on safety; the ultimate goal would be to come up with guidelines for safety for the groups in our Area, and the KBDM is to help us decide if we want to move forward with making those guidelines or not
- ◆ Rachel B.: KBDM on possible Area 22 Policies & Procedures Handbook; if you have any questions or comments to add to the document, please email secretary@la-al-anon.org
- ◆ Eric N.: would like to have an internal review audit; wants to start a thought force to get this started
- ◆ Angela A.: October 2020 Road Trip! You and Your Board Connect event update: We submitted a completed bid to the WSO to be considered to host this event. However, the requirements for submission of a bid had changed for this year, so we adjusted our bid to meet those requirements, and we were still able to get it in on time. The announcement for which Area is chosen to host the event will be made in December. If we are chosen, we will let you all know as soon as possible.

NEW BUSINESS: Tammy M., Chair

- ◆ Area fund-raising calendar: The AWSC voted to allow Alyson M. to present a prototype for a calendar at the next AWSC meeting in January
- ◆ Jane S. wants a conversation to start about passwords and websites
- ◆ Tammy sold copies of the 2019 WSC Summary (P-46) for \$5 each

The meeting was closed with the Lord's Prayer and the Al-Anon Declaration.