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**The MINUTES OF THE August 21, 2006 MEETING OF  
THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

On August 21, 2006, the annual board meeting was held at the Information Center. The following persons were in attendance:

Kay C. - Chair	Three C's (non-voting)
Heather W. - Treasurer	Sunset Serenity (non - voting)
Charlotte T. - Secretary	Courage To Change (non-voting)
Kitty G. - Information Center Employee	Unity (non-voting)
John T.	Anderson Mill (voting)
Betty F.	Freedom to Recover (voting)
Gail M.	Just for Today (voting)
Pat E.	Northland (voting)
Beverly H.	Steps to Freedom (voting)
John L.	Westlake (voting)
Dick P.	Independence (voting)

- 1) **Opening.** The meeting was called to order at 6:30 p.m. by Kay C. with a moment of silence followed by The Serenity Prayer.
- 2) **Introductions.** Those attending the meeting introduced themselves and stated whether they were a voting or non-voting participant (officer or visitor).
- 3) **Readings.**
  - i) The Al-Anon Preamble from *How Al-Anon Works for Families and Friends of Alcoholics* was read by Kay C.
  - ii) The Twelve Traditions and Twelve Concepts were read by the group, turn by turn.
- 4) **Announcement of a Quorum.** The quorum is 5 or greater which is 40% of 13, the number of voting board members present at the 2005 December meeting. 6 voting members were in attendance at this meeting.
- 5) **Acceptance of June 19th Minutes.** Kay C. requested all to review the minutes submitted by Charlotte T., secretary. Corrections were made. John L. moved to approve the minutes, Pat E. seconded the motion, and the minutes were approved with a consensus vote.
- 6) **Chair's Report** - Kay C. had no report.
- 7) **Treasurer's Report** - Heather W.
  - a) Income and Expense Report through July 2006 - Contributions for July were \$68.73, although that is empty on the report. She reported that by the end of July, the Center was in the black again after the large expense of the air conditioning repairs earlier in the year. 248.75 collected during donations at the birthday celebration of the center, and \$100 of that was given as a donation to the Stress Clinic for allowing us to use their space. Expenses for electricity were higher in July due to the increased AC use during the birthday celebration.
- 8) **Information Center Report.** - Kitty G.
  - a) Kitty reported that the average of **6 calls per day** is up from the last board meeting, **and 2 walk-ins per day.** Kitty also compared how much literature was sold versus how much the center sold and for the first time in the history of her working here there was a discrepancy of \$270 less than we bought. This discrepancy is surely because of the change in literature prices. She expects it to go back up next time. She has made **a scrapbook of the celebration** for

viewing at the Information Center for anyone who is interested. Kitty also is halfway finished with the annual **inventory**, Jane A. helped her finish all the books. Now she is working on the pamphlets. She also keeps a daily inventory of what she sells, but the annual inventory is conducted to double check this.

b) Stress Clinic using our space - Finally, Kitty would like to ask the board to help the Stress Clinic because of a fire at Fry Auto Mechanics. They have asked to use the Info Center office for a couple hours on Wednesday nights while they are out of their office in the next three weeks. There would be a greater AC usage and the board decided they could accept funds to help cover the cost of those bills, but not any beyond this in order to refrain from taking outside contributions. The board discussed this. Gail M. asked if we kept money here (\$23 is now in the office). Kitty said she could lock it on Wednesday nights. Pat E. made a motion to allow **the Stress Clinic to use our facilities** until their own space is available for use again. John T. seconded the motion. The vote passed unanimously.

9) **Secretary Report** – Charlotte T. - Pointed out the **nominations form** in the agenda packet. Charlotte also asked what the December meeting would be and the group confirmed that **Dec. 18<sup>th</sup>** would work **for Officer Elections**. This is also the meeting when we set our quorum. Since the last meeting, we mailed out **postcards** to all groups and have three new groups who we have not been hearing from. It's not a good turnout overall (only 7-8 postcards have been returned) but three new groups is good news. And the website is constantly adding new names to our rosters. John T. added that when he chaired this Board he found that it was a good service opportunity because it is easy enough to just create the agenda.

10) **New Business:**

a) **Birthday Celebration** - Kay C. thanked everyone for their work for this event and heard good things about the afternoon from groups and at the district meeting. Pat E. said she would like to put a blurb about the event in the Beacon so other Information Centers know what this Board did. Kitty G. said she heard some complaints that there were not enough parking spaces, and that the space was too crowded to come into when people arrived. That's a great problem to have, more people than we had prepared for, but in the future we should plan for more than 50 people.

b) **Officers for the 2007 Board** - Please ask your groups for nominees to serve as officers of the Board. We have a Chair and Secretary positions available, and Heather W. has another year of service as Treasurer that she can choose to do. Heather W. indicated she is willing to serve another year, but also willing to allow others to serve if they are interested. Those wishing to nominate can send their nominations to the Secretary, Charlotte@MailWarp.com, or by sending an email through the website. Pat E. also reminded us to announce this at the District meeting in October. Kay C. will be sure it is in the District 6 newsletter. A flyer for announcing this is included in this month's minutes.

c) **November Assembly in Rockport** - Kay C. may not be able to attend. Is anyone else from the Board planning on attending, possibly as group representatives from a group? Pat E. is flying down. If anyone else is interested in attending, please let Kay C. know. The Information Center will pay the way. John L. asked if there would be speakers. In May, they have more, but there are speakers in Nov. as well. The job requires listening to hear if there is any business that effects the Information Center and then make a report to the Assembly about our work. That usually happens on Saturday afternoon. Pat E. is willing to make our report if necessary.

d) **Area World Service Committee Meeting - Nov. 9<sup>th</sup>** in Houston is the Area World Service Committee Meeting. This assembly is between the two annual assemblies for the district reps and officers to get together and meet in a home or specified place to put together business to bring to the assembly. Also, the ad hoc committees report there. They gather the material for the assemblies, but make no decisions. They are like planning sessions. This happens twice a year. Assemblies meet in May and Nov. And the Area World Service Comm. Meeting will meet in Jan. and Sept. Some issues coming up will be the prayers that are not conference approved. The District Representatives are the Committee chair persons at this level.

d) **Business from the floor** - Pat E. asked how the change over from old to new literature prices is going. Kitty said she had just changed the prices for all literature, even pieces that do not sell well.

11) **Group Announcements** - Kay C. reported on the **Three C's** group in Lakeway about their Sunday night, 6:45 meeting, at Lakeway Church. Al-Anon is growing in the lake area and is held at the same time as an A.A. meeting. Gail M reported from **Just for Today** that there were no announcements. Betty from **Freedom to Recover** announced they had a consistent 10 people who attended and have had newcomers to Al-Anon. They are also sending 2 people to the Nov. assembly. Pat E. from **Northland** reported that they are one of the groups who has multiple meetings under one group name. John T. reported from **Anderson Mill** that they meet Tuesday at 7:30pm. They discuss a step on the first week of the month, allow the chair to choose the topic for the second and fifth weeks, host a speaker on the third week, and on fourth weeks celebrate birthdays. Their attendance is stable at about 15-20. Dick P. from **Independence** Group meets at St. David hospital across from the learning center until the end of the year when they are looking for another meeting place. If anyone has a good idea for a new meeting location, please let him know. Often have more people present than they can hear from, although they try to allow everyone to talk. Beverly H. from **Steps to Freedom** said they do step discussions starting on

Step 1 in July. They have steady attendance even though it tapers off intermittently. Heather W. from **Sunset Serenity** reported that they have about 10-12 in attendance which is almost a doubling in attendance. They try to have babysitters available and are using a youth member of the church. They meet Thursdays at 6 pm at Christ Episcopal about 2 miles west of 183 from 1341. Kitty G. discussed how to get there from Lago Vista. If drivers get to Lime Creek Road, they have gone too far. Map Quest makes it look closer to 183 than it is.

**Adjournment.** Kay C. adjourned the meeting and the group read the Al-Anon Declaration in closing.

LET IT BEGIN WITH ME  
When anyone, anywhere reaches out for help,  
Let the hand of Al-Anon and Alateen always be there,  
And let it begin with me.

Next Meeting –Oct. 16, 2006– 6:30 pm at the Information Center.

Respectfully submitted:

Charlotte T  
Information Center Board Secretary