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**MINUTES OF THE October 16, 2006 MEETING OF
 THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

On October 16, 2006, a regular board meeting was held at the Information Center. The following persons were in attendance:

Heather W. - Treasurer	Sunset Serenity AFG (non-voting)
Charlotte T. - Secretary	Courage To Change AFG (non-voting)
Kitty G. - Info. Center Employee	Unity AFG (non-voting)
John T.	Anderson Mill AFG (voting)
Mary Margaret B.	Courage To Change AFG (voting)
Betty F.	Freedom to Recover AFG (voting)
Susan P.	Hilltoppers AFG (voting)
Gail M.	Just for Today AFG (voting)
Pat E.	Northland AFG (voting)
Brenda B.	Serenity Trails AFG (voting)
Beverly H.	Steps to Freedom AFG (voting)
Christina N.	Serenidad AFG (voting)
Stephanie M.	Three C's in Lakeway AFG (voting)
John L.	Westlake AFG (voting)

- 1) **Opening.** The meeting was called to order at 6:30 p.m. by Heather W., our treasurer who filled in as chair for Kay C. our Chairperson.
- 2) Those attending the meeting introduced themselves and stated whether they were a voting or non-voting participant. Several new faces were welcomed: Christina, Brenda and Stephanie.
- 3) **Readings.**
 - i) The Al-Anon Preamble from *How Al-Anon Works for Families and Friends of Alcoholics* was read by Heather W.
 - 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. 11 voting members were in attendance at this meeting.
- 5) **Acceptance of Aug. 21st Minutes.** Corrections were made to the minutes. Mary Margaret B. moved to accept the minutes as amended. John T. seconded the motion. The vote passed unanimously.
- 6) **Chair's Report.** Kay C. had nothing to report.
- 7) **Treasurer's Report.** Heather W. reported that September was extremely low for contributions, only \$109. Hilltoppers gave \$1350 very generously in October, so contribution totals were back to healthy levels. Note, on the contributions report PVT stands for private or anonymous donations. Mary Margaret B. asked how groups generally decide to give. This is done differently as the group conscience of every group is led. Pat E. reported that Northland gave 10% above bills. Other groups give the same donation amount each month. On the Profit and Loss Report, the only unusual expense was the annual payment of our Yellow Pages entry. This is paid each year around August. We are listed in both the yellow and white pages and the cost was the same as last year's. The current balance of our prudent reserve savings account is \$24,000. At the end of the year, amounts

over our prudent reserve are contributed to District 6 and the World Service Organization. \$23,656 is the current one year estimated running costs.

- 8) **Information Center Report.** Kitty G. reported that the center averaged 6 calls and two walk-ins over the last two months. In the prior reporting period, the center had bought more literature than it sold. Kitty was happy to announce that this period the center sold more than it bought. The Center bought \$3,821.64 and sold \$5553.97, making a profit of \$1,732.63.
- 9) **Secretary Report.** Charlotte T. reported that we have received four new groups information through the postcard contacts that were mailed out in June. She also reported that the website is reaping many interested email addresses of friends and groups following the work of the Information Center. She passed around a list of years Directors have served on the Board and discussed the by-laws concerning terms of service. A Director can serve on the Board for three consecutive years and then should take at least a year off before serving again. We have the opportunity to interest others from our home groups in the work of the Information Center by allowing them to serve on the Board.

10) **Business.**

A) Nominations for Officer Positions of the Board are open and to be voted on at the next meeting, Dec. 18th. Nominees for the positions of Chair and Secretary are especially welcome. The only requirements are that the individual have two years in Al-Anon and not be also a member of Alcoholics Anonymous. Flyers about these positions are available for download at our website, www.austinalanon.org, on the Information Center Reports page.

B) November Assembly in Rockport - Kay C. asked if anyone was attending this assembly that is willing to give the Information Center report. Pat E. volunteered. She is attending Nov. 4 & 5th. Pat E. will give the report that Kay C. provides for her.

C) Gail M. brought a question from the floor concerning more specific location maps to group meetings (beyond street addresses). John L. will attempt to make site specific information available for a limited number of groups to test whether pop-ups might help make the website more helpful.

11) **Group Announcements.** Susan P. announced that Hilltoppers now has an online meeting. They even have an online "God Box" should people be interested in using that. Regularly, there is a forum and discussion topic for members to contribute to. You can find the Hilltoppers meeting website from our website, www.austinalanon.org, by clicking on "Links." There is the first link. Hilltoppers also has an Alateen group now going at 10:30 am on Saturdays. They are ready for more youth to attend so spread the word!

12) **Adjournment.** Heather W. adjourned the meeting with the recitation of the Al-Anon/Alateen Declaration

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 – Dec. 18th – 6:30 pm

Respectfully submitted:

Charlotte T
Information Center Board Secretary