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**MINUTES OF THE December 18, 2006 MEETING OF
 THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

On December 18, 2006, a regular board meeting was held at the Information Center. The following persons were in attendance:

Kay C.	Courage to Change (non-voting)
Heather W. - Treasurer	Sunset Serenity AFG (non-voting)
Charlotte T. - Secretary	Courage To Change AFG (non-voting)
John T.	Anderson Mill AFG (voting)
Steve S.	Faith AFG (non-voting)
Susan P.	Hilltoppers AFG (voting)
Charlie A.	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)
Dick P.	Independence AFG (voting)

- 1) **Opening.** The meeting was called to order at 6:30 p.m. by Kay C. our Chairperson.
- 2) Those attending the meeting introduced themselves and stated whether they were a voting or non-voting participant.
- 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. 9 voting members were in attendance at this meeting.
- 5) **Acceptance of October 16th Minutes.** Pat E. moved that we accept the minutes as presented. Charlie A. seconded the motion. The minutes were accepted unanimously.
- 6) **Chair's Report.** Kay C. thanked the board members for their participation and for making her role as chair an easy job. Pat E. reported on attending the Area World Service Committee meeting on November 3rd. Her report is attached at the end of these minutes.
- 7) **Treasurer's Report.** Heather W. reported that the Center received \$478 in contributions from Dec. 1-10th. During November contributions were down; \$180 was received the whole month. The profit and loss report has nothing particularly unusual except some repair work on the fluorescent lights of the Information Center. At this point, expenses have exceeded income for 2006 by \$3451.29 but Heather estimates that by the end of the fiscal year (Dec. 31st) the center will be within a 1% margin of the year's budget. The board applauded this.

- 8) **Information Center Report.** Kitty G. reiterated Heather's report saying that some rewiring and bulb replacement was done on two of the three fluorescent lights to the tune of \$185. She also reported that the Center averaged six calls a day and two walk-ins during the Oct. 17th - Dec. 18th period. During this same period, the center brought in \$3363.07 in literature sales and sold \$4636.50. So we're ahead by \$1273.43 at this time.
- 9) **Secretary Report.** Charlotte T. reported that since we created our own mailing list for minutes and announcements from the Information Center 28 groups and 5 individuals have expressed interest in receiving updates directly. She also thanked the group for allowing her to serve as Secretary and looks forward to passing the torch to another trusted servant this coming year.

10) **Business.**

A) **Kitty's Year End Bonus** - The Board talked about giving Kitty a year end bonus as is typically done at this meeting each year. After a discussion of Kitty's great value to the center, Charlie A. moved that the bonus should be \$500 (+ employee FICA so the check reads exactly \$500). Pat E. seconded the motion and the board voted unanimously to thank Kitty for her service through this bonus.

B) The **quorum for 2007** was set based on 40% of the voting members in attendance at this meeting. In 2007, a quorum of 4 voting members will be required to conduct Information Center business at board meetings.

C) **Elections** were held for 2007 Officers. **Charlie A.** was nominated to serve as **chair**. Charlie introduced himself. He has 15 years in the program, he has served on the board previously, and served as its Treasurer. Charlie stepped out of the room, discussion was held. He was elected unanimously. **There were no nominations for Secretary at this time.** The decision on how to proceed was tabled until the February meeting. The groups are encouraged to continue announcing this great service opportunity. The requirements for the office are that the individual have two years in Al-Anon and not be both a member of Alcoholics Anonymous and Al-Anon. **Heather W.** was nominated to serve another year as **Treasurer**. Heather stepped out of the room. Pat E. made the nomination and John T. seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous in favor of Heather serving a second year. The Board thanked Heather for her continued service.

D) Business from the Floor - The 2007 Budget will be presented at the February meeting. One Board member asked if the Center expected any new literature in 2007. There is none that we know of.

11) **Group Announcements.** Charlie A. announced the **All Texas Conference** in San Antonio, TX, Feb. 9-11 at the Airport Hilton. Pat E. announced that the **Area World Service Committee Meeting** will be at Kathy's house in Yoakum in January. At this meeting they will prepare for the May and November Assembly meetings where Al-Anon business is conducted. Charlie A. will represent the Information Center at that meeting. Susan P. announced that Hilltoppers have **an Alateen meeting at 10:30 on Saturday mornings** that is desperately seeking more youth. Please announce to all groups that 13-19 year olds are invited to help form the core of this new group. John T. announced that his group is working on ways to educate newcomers on "**cross-talk**" **etiquette**. They are adding a sentence or two to their meeting preamble to discourage clapping or directly asking questions of the group.

12) **Adjournment.** Kay C. 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 – February 19th 2007 – 6:30 pm

Respectfully submitted:

Charlotte T
Information Center Board Secretary

Austin Al-Anon/Alateen Information Service
Liaison to AWSC Meeting
November 3, 2006
Fulton Beach, TX
December 18, 2006

I attended the Area World Service Committee Meeting held on Friday, November 3rd.

Bennie P., our Delegate for Texas East, reported that she would be going over the Knowledge Based Decision process on Saturday. Hopefully using the Knowledge Based Decision in our assembly will help with the communication and make it possible for everyone to be more informed before making motions at the assembly. This is used at the World Service Conference and the Districts are also encouraged to start using this process at District level.

The treasurer, Diane B. presented the ETAAA Budget that will be voted on Saturday in the business meeting. Much of this discussion was covered in the AWSC meeting in September and Diane presented the final draft which is to be voted on.

The big items coming up for vote on Saturday at the Business meeting are the Alateen Conference Guidelines for Area 53 and the guidelines for A Day in Alateen (one day conference). There was an open discussion on Friday night which was based on the Knowledge Base Decision so questions could be asked and be more informed. The Texas East Alateens have not had a conference in two years. This came about by low attendance and the changes that have been made in Alateen Sponsors being required to be certified. Also, the Alateen Conference now comes under the umbrella of Texas East Assembly so it was necessary to come up with new guidelines.

After much discussion on Friday night and again on Saturday morning at the Business Meeting, new Guidelines were voted in with several amendments.

Several other items of interest were: The Al-Anon International Convention with AA participation will be held in Pittsburg, PA in July 2008. Start saving your money to attend as it will be a great experience. The Ask It Basket Questions will no longer be published in the Conference Summary. Many of these questions are redundant and appear every year or so. If you should have questions, please send them to our delegate and she will get answers for you or your group.

The Public Outreach Magazine put together for reaching professionals for Al-Anon referral was a great success. The World Service Office received orders for 168,000 copies.

The next AWSC meeting will be January 13, 2007, in Yoakum, home of the Dist. 3 District Rep., Kathy M. and host for the May 2007 Assembly.

The Austin Information Center furnished Spanish literature for the assembly and they appreciated very much our helping out. There were quite a few Spanish speaking Al-Anons at the assembly and the Texas Valley really appreciated the literature being available.

Respectfully Submitted,
Pat E
Liaison for November 2006 AWSC