

**Minutes of the August 20th, 2007 meeting of the Board of Directors of the Al-Anon
Information Center, Austin, Texas**

On August 20th, 2007, a regular board meeting was held at the Information Center. The following persons were in Attendance:

Charlie A	Chairperson	(non-voting)
Heather W	Treasurer	(non-voting)
Linda B	Secretary	(non-voting)
Kitty G	Paid Employee	(non-voting)
Pat E	Northland AFG	(voting)
Stephanie M	3 Cs (Lakeway) AFG	(voting)
Gail M	Just For Today AFG	(voting)
John L	West Lake AFG	(voting)
Brenda B	Round Rock AFG	(voting)
John T	Anderson Mill AFG	(voting)
Ann J	Freedom to Recover AFG	(voting)

- 1) Opening. The meeting was called to order by Charlie A, Chairperson.
- 2) Introduction. Those attended introduced themselves and stated whether they were voting or non-voting participants.
- 3) Readings. The Al-Anon Preamble from HOW IT WORKS, FOR FAMILIES & FRIENDS OF ALCOHOICIS was read by Heather Wilson. The Twelve Traditions & Twelve Concepts of Service were read by Attendees.
- 4) Announcement of quorum (By-Laws, page 4) – Chairperson – 4 persons constitute a quorum as based on number of voting Directors at the December 2006 meeting. Motion was made and passed to accept the minutes as posted on the web-site.
- 5) Reading of Minutes from the June 2007 meeting. Corrections to Minutes as follows: Add John T's name as attendant of June meeting. Under the item 10, letter b. Change the date of Feb. 22 to January 22 and the host from District 17 to Waco. Under Item 11, letter g, change the word Come to Came. Under item 11, letter h, change the statement "the pre-teen group included ages 5 thru 12" to read "The pre-teen group at Westlake noon Saturday included ages 5 thru 12" Motion was made and passed to accept the minutes as corrected.
- 6) Chairperson's Report.
Charlie A, Chairperson, brought up the topic of finding a new meeting place for the AIC. John T reported that he had checked with the owner of the building where the AIC is currently located and was told that there would be no changes anytime in the near future. The ownership of the building is part of a large Estate and is included in a trust. It was agreed by all that we would keep the AIC office in its current location as long as possible.

- 7) Treasurer's Report: Heather reported on the balances ending the period of mid-June to August 20. Balance in Checking account is \$10,082.75. Balance in Savings, \$24,509.07. Sales of Literature is about \$12,000. Discussion followed regarding literature purchases and sales. Brenda B had a question regarding an item on the treasurer's report about money donated to the center by a group that closed. Heather explained that when an AFG folds they sometimes donate what money and literature they have to the AIC.
 - 8) Information Center Report. Kitty reported the activities of the office averaged at 6 calls a day and 3 walk ins a day. About \$3,961 of literature was purchased, about \$12,000 sold. Total donations for the period was \$ 1243. The explanation for the increase in sales was partly due to the popularity of the new Al-Anon book, *Opening Our Hearts – Transforming Our Losses*. Kitty reported the availability of a CD Rom of *Courage to Change* to be used on the computer. Pat English explained the benefit this has had on one of the Alateens who is hearing impaired. The CD Rom can be used on the computer to read the current days reading or selected dates and topics. John T made a motion that Kitty order at least 5 of the CDs. The motion was seconded and carried.
 - 9) Secretary's Report: Linda B reported that a better effort would be made to get the minutes out in a timelier manner during the next period. Also mention was made that the members of the board should be notified about the next meeting. John L said he would make sure the members of the board were notified by email prior to the October meeting.
- 10) Business: Discussion of upcoming events
- a) World Service Committee Meeting , September 22 in Fredericksburg
 - b) District Meeting, October 20th, hosted by Home Group, Cedar Park. Kitty will attend.
 - c) Announcement and discussion about the International Al-Anon Convention in Pittsburg in July, 2008.
- 11) Reports
- a) Pat E, Northland Alateen meeting is having attendance of 14 – 16 every Thursday night. She reported there is a lot of bonding and showing of social connections among the members. 3 Alateens attended the last district meeting. There was a question from the Board about the # of groups now. Pat reported there is the Georgetown Group, the Westlake Saturday noon group for ages 6-11, the Wimberly Group, the Northland Group and the Bastrop Group. Also Pat reported about the Alateen groups in the public schools. The groups have trouble getting started at the beginning of the school years as they have to get cooperation from the councilors.
 - b) Brenda B reported that Serenity Trails AFG in Round Rock meets Friday Nights.

- c) Heather W reports that Came To Believe AFG in Cedar Park is going good. It is a new group. Discussion meeting meets Tuesdays at 6:15 PM. The Third Tuesday of each month is a Tradition meeting. She also mentioned Spiritual Awakening AFG down south at Convict Hill.
- d) John L reported that Westlake AFG is doing well.
- e) Gale M reported that Just For Today AFG meets Monday thru Friday at First Baptist Church down town. Thursdays are literature discussion meetings from *Survival To Recovery*. Tuesdays alternate the steps, traditions, concepts and slogans. It is a healthy meeting attendance ranging from 12 to 20.

Final Discussion: Positions for Chairman, Secretary and Treasurer are up for re-election.

The meeting was closed with the Al-Anon Declaration.