

**Minutes of the June 15th, 2009 meeting of the Board of Directors of the Al-Anon
Information Center, Austin, Texas**

On June 15th, 2009, a regular board meeting was held at the Information Center. The following persons were in attendance:

Kitty G.	AIC office employee	(non-voting)
Pat E.	AIC Chairperson	(non-voting)
Lisa R.	Treasurer	(non-voting)
Linda B.	Secretary	(non-voting)
Ellen R.	Hilltoppers AFG	(voting)
Paula H.	Anderson Mill AFG	(voting)
Judy W.	Unity AFG	(voting)
Mireya R.	Esperanza AFG	(voting)
Martha A.	Esperanza AFG	(non-voting)
Benita M.	Serinidad AFG	(voting)
Mary C.	Independence AFG	(voting)
Denise J.	3-C's Lakeway	(voting)

- 1) Opening. The group held a moment of silence followed by the Serenity Prayer. The meeting was called to order by Chairperson, Pat E.
- 2) Introduction. Those attending introduced themselves and stated whether they were voting or non-voting participants.
- 3) Readings. The Al-Anon Preamble from HOW AL-ANON WORKS, FOR FAMILIES & FRIENDS OF ALCOHOLICS, The Twelve Traditions, The Twelve Concepts of Service and a passage from Lois's Story as related in PATHS TO RECOVERY, Lois's story, was read by attendees.
- 4) Announcement of quorum: There were 7 voting members present at this meeting. That meets the quorum. (6 voting persons were present at the December 2007 meeting. By-Laws, page 4. 3 persons constitute a quorum as based on number of voting Directors at the December 2008 meeting.)
- 5) Reading of Minutes from the April 20th, 2009 meeting. Benita M. made a motion to approve the minutes as presented. Judy W. seconded the motion. All were in favor of accepting the minutes as presented.

CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT: Pat E. reported a humorous visit to the center from an Al-Anon member. While he was there he used the toilet and reported to Kitty that the toilet was running. Kitty told him it had been doing so for some time. He then went and bought the parts to repair the toilet, came back, did the repair and then left. That was all the chairman had to report.

TREASURER’S REPORT:

Lisa distributed her spreadsheets. (attached)

She reported the insurance company had misplaced our payment but coverage was not interrupted. She also reported she had received a check back. She had sent the person a letter but had not heard back yet. The amount of the check was \$21.80. It was requested she include a \$5 fee as well as funds to cover the returned check.

INFORMATION CENTER REPORT:

Kitty G. reported that there had been repair to the lights. The Transformer boxes were replaced. The Electric Company that did the repair will send us a bill.

Kitty G. presented the following reports of literature sales and contributions for the period of April 20th thru June 15th, 2009. There was an average of 4 calls and 2 walk ins per day for the period.

Literature Sales (39 day period)	
Anderson Mill AFG	\$ 92.80
Bee Caves AFG	\$ 90.20
Bridge to Shore AFG	\$ 65.85
Courage to Change AFG	\$ 34.50
Esperanza AFG	\$ 17.20
Faith AFG	\$ 317.15
Gateway AFG	\$ 16.00
Great Hills AFG	\$ 226.70
Hilltoppers AFG & Lockhart Prison	\$1,559.95
Hope for Today AFG	\$ 50.30
Hornsby Bend AFG	\$ 32.50
Independence AFG	\$ 14.75
Just For Today AFG	\$ 109.50
Live & Let Live AFG	\$ 14.00
Northland AFG	\$ 281.55
Oak Hill AFG	\$ 3.00
Lakeway (Tue) AFG	\$ 33.80
One Step At A Time AFG	\$ 36.30
Serenidad AFG	\$ 69.60
Serenity Seekers AFG	\$ 72.70
Shoal Creek AFG	\$ 106.35
Three C’s AFG	\$ 245.15
Westlake AFG	<u>\$1,091.70</u>
TOTAL	\$5,283.25

Out of Town Sales (39 day period)

Belton (Steps & Tradition AFG)	\$ 34.20	
Cedar Park (Came to Believe AFG)	\$ 82.50	
Copperas Cove AFG	\$ 14.00	
Georgetown (New Pt of View AFG)	\$ 176.45	
Pflugerville (Path to Serenity AFG)	\$ 150.80	
San Marcos AFG	\$ 117.50	
Temple (New Group)	\$ 73.70	
Waco (H.O.T.)	\$ 103.60	
Waco (TeCan)	\$ 65.70	
Wimberley AFG	<u>\$ 39.95</u>	

Total \$ 845.90

Walk in Sales \$ 779.35

TOTAL SALES \$6908.50

(Literature Sales for Previous Period: \$6,144.76)

TOTAL LITATURE SOLD FOR THE PERIOD	\$6,908.50
LITERATURE PURCHASED FOR THE PERIOD	<u>\$2,986.24</u>
Difference	\$3,922.26

DONATIONS

Bee Caves AFG	\$ 300.00
Courage To Change AFG	\$ 135.00
Esperanza AFG	\$ 25.00
Hilltoppers AFG	\$1,076.29
Hope AFG (Cedar Park)	\$ 100.00
Just For Today AFG	\$ 109.00
Lake Way (Tues) AFG	\$ 50.00
Paths to Serenity AFG (Plugerville)	\$ 25.00
Private Donation	\$ 200.00
Serenity AFG	\$ 27.00
Shoal Creek AFG	\$ 100.00
Suburban AFG	\$ 100.00
Spiritual Awakenings AFG	\$ 54.44
Unity AFG	\$ 150.00
Northland AFG	\$ 240.00
Westlake AFG	\$ 400.00
Wimberly AFG	<u>\$ 60.00</u>

TOTAL DONATIONS FOR THE PERIOD \$3,151.73

(TOTAL DONATIONS FOR THE PREVIOUS PERIOD \$2,014.59)

6) **SECRETARY'S REPORT:** No Report

7) **BUSINESS:**

OLD BUSINESS: Pat E submitted the following report as Liaison to World Service Committee from the AIC from the East Texas Al-Anon Assembly that met May 29-31 in Diboll.

*Austin Information Center Liaison to
Area World Service Committee
ETAAA, Diboll, Tx
May 29, 2009*

I attended the East Texas Assembly in Diboll on May 29th. The main focus of the Spring Assembly to is hear the report from our Delegate Rosie M who represented Texas East at the World Service Conference in Virginia Beach, Va. In April 2009.

One of the main topics Rosie shared was regarding the Knowledge Base Decision Making which they use at the WSC and we also have been using this at our Texas East Assembly and our District 6 Meetings. The basics of this process is to have the discussion regarding a topic and after the discussion a motion may be presented and voted on by the Group Representatives. The old process caused a lot of confusion where a motion was made and voted on and then everyone did not understand what they were voting on. A lot on discussion came after the motion and most of the time the motion had to be amended.

Rosie explained that we were not using all of the process. An idea is presented at the Area World Service Committee meeting. If it seem feasible, the Chairman of the Assembly appoints a Thought Force that looks into the topic, researches the idea, looks through motions and past experience and brings their findings back to the AWSC. A Task Force is then appointed that looks into the feasibility of the action that needs to be taken and brings the results back to the AWSC. The AWSC then votes if this should be presented to the Assembly for a motion to put it into effect or if the motion fails there is no further action.

We will no longer have Regional Service Seminars put on by the World Service Office. We will now have T.E.A.M. (Together Empowering Al-Anon/Alateen Members). These will be put on by the Areas and maybe several Areas combine to put them on, e.i. Texas East and Texas West. We will be hearing more about these from our Area and Delegate.

New Motions that were approved at the 2009 WSC will be posted on the members website. When these motions are posted, you will be able to the WSO/members website and print out the changes to the Service Manual and insert the pages in your own 2006-2009 Service Manual.

E Cal, on the WSO members website has been on a three year trial basis. Due to lack of participation it was decided to discontinue the E-Cal.

The definition of a "Experienced Sponsor" in the Alateen Sponsor's Certification Process has been in discussion. The Area Alateen Coordinator along with District Alateen Coordinators and getting together to come up with a definition of "Experienced Sponsor".

Our Delegate, Rosie M who lives in Humble will be attending our District 6, District Meeting in July and give her report. I think the date if July 18th but I do not know the location of the host group; maybe Pflugerville or Wimberley.

*Respectfully Submitted,
Pat E
Austin Information Service,
Liaison to AWSC*

NEW BUSINESS:

Chairperson, Pat E. mentioned the District Meeting, July 18th in Flugerville. She asked for ideas to get more groups in the area to send representatives to the Austin Information Center Board Meetings.

ITEMS FROM THE FLOOR:

Kitty G. commented on the wisdom and efficiency found in our Service Manual that was put together by the World Service Office.

There was a question about the Agenda of the upcoming district meeting but no one had that information.

Judy W. brought up concerns about the process of the group representatives in getting information from the Area Assembly to the groups.

The next East Texas Area Al-Anon Assembly will be in Kerrville, Oct 31 – Nov 1.

There was some discussion about Pat E.'s report and it was agreed that some good stuff was coming from Assembly

Meeting closed with the Al-Anon Declaration.

Respectfully Submitted, Linda B, Secretary