

**Minutes of the August 17<sup>th</sup>, 2009 meeting of the Board of Directors of the Al-Anon  
Information Center, Austin, Texas**

On August 17<sup>th</sup>, 2009, a regular board meeting was held at the Information Center. The following persons were in attendance:

Pat E.	AIC Chairperson	(non-voting)
Lisa R.	Treasurer	(non-voting)
Linda B.	Secretary	(non-voting)
Mireya R.	Esperanza AFG	(voting)
Beiuta M.	Serenaded AFG	(voting)
Anne W.	Steps To Freedom AFG	(voting)
Alice M.	New Focus AFG	(voting)
Ruth P.	Just For Today AFG (Elgin)	(voting)
Judy W.	Unity AFG	(voting)
Stephanie M.	3 C's Lakeway AFG	(voting)
Mary C.	Independence AFG	(voting)
Michelle W.	Thursday Even @ Covenant Pres.	(voting)
Julie K.	Just For Today AFG (downtown)	(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 10 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 June 15<sup>th</sup>, 2009 meeting. The minutes were approved.

**CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT:** Pat E., Chairperson submitted this report.

**Austin Information Center  
Board Meeting  
August 17, 2009**

We have had several things going on over the last two months that we need to be brought you up to date on.

When Lisa, treasurer, gives her report, I have asked her to bring us up to date on the repair of the Air Conditioning at the office. Even though we rent our space, the upkeep

and repairs of electrical, plumbing, air conditioning, etc. are at the expense of the leaser. Since Lisa pays our bills and she and Kitty found the air conditioning company for our repairs, she is better able to update us on this information as well as our warrantee on the A/C.

Our last District 6 meeting was held in Pflugerville on July 18<sup>th</sup>. I gave a short report for the Information Center since Kitty was not able to attend. We did provide literature for the meeting and this was handled by Rosa A., the District Literature Coordinator.

Rosie M, our East Texas Delegate, attended the meeting and gave an update report. She shared on the Knowledge Base Decision Making the information that she gave us at the May Assembly in Diboll. We start with a idea that is given to a Thought Force committee and that is followed by the Task Force Committee that brings the information back to the group to see if further action needs to be taken and a motion made to carry through with the idea.

Also, Rosie shared that the World Service Office, Literature Committee, is working on a new book. The working title is "Tracing Our Growth". This will be a book about Al-Anon history. The book will tell Al-Anon story from the perspective of Al-Anon members, including those whose personal progress involved working in Al-Anon Service on the challenging issues of their day. Sharing's might include founding of Alateen, the first Conference, the creation of Conference Approved Literature, the influx of adult children of alcoholics, the affect of Treatment Centers for Alcoholics, the relocation of the WSO, the introduction of the Alateen safety requirements or many other events and achievements. We should be receiving more on this asking for sharing's and coming in the mail to the groups.

Thank all of you for serving on the Information Center Board and being a part of our growth in service. Let it Begin with Me.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Pat E,  
Chairman of the Board 2009

#### **TREASURER'S REPORT:**

Lisa R-F, distributed her spreadsheets. (attached)

Lisa contacted the landlord at the time the air conditioner went out and found that tenant is responsible for repairs to the air conditioner. The rent for the facility is \$375 a month and has not gone up any in the 6 years of the lease. The a/c unit that went out had been purchased about 5 years ago and some parts of the repair/replacement were covered by the warranty. AIC had to pay about \$1,400 for the part not covered. Also soon after the A/C went out the thermostat also went out and had to be replaced. Lisa reported that the repairman that did the work was more reasonable than others that she had contacted and she was familiar with his work.

**INFORMATION CENTER REPORT:**

Kitty G. was not available to attend this meeting but she did have this report ready to pass out to the attendees.

**Literature Sales (44 day period 6/15 – 8/17)**

Anderson Mill AFG	\$ 208.45
Bee Caves AFG	\$ 105.85
Bridge to Shore AFG	\$ 113.30
Courage to Change AFG	\$ 27.15
District Sales	\$ 199.50
Esperanza AFG	\$ 66.15
Freedom To Recover AFG	\$ 51.85
Gateway River of Hope AFG	\$ 50.80
Hilltoppers AFG	\$1,705.45
Hope For Today AFG (Tues Noon)	\$ 14.35
Independence AFG	\$ 44.00
Just For Today AFG	\$ 117.80
Lakeway AFG (Tues Noon)	\$ 217.20
Learning and Recovery AFG	\$ 155.20
Live and Let Live AFG	\$ 14.00
Living Gratitude AFG	\$ 15.40
Northland AFG	\$ 284.40
Public Outreach	\$ 9.90
Serenaded AFG	\$ 28.70
Serenity and Solutions AFG	\$ 89.65
Serenity Seekers AFG	\$ 231.80
Step to Freedom AFG	\$ 236.75
2222 AFG	\$ 85.25
Unity AFG	\$ 264.00
Westlake AFG	\$ 406.70
TOTAL	\$4,743.60

### Out of Town Sales (44 day period)

Belton (Steps & Tradition AFG)	\$ 139.35
Cedar Park (Hope AFG)	\$ 230.55
Cedar Park (Came to Believe AFG)	\$ 25.60
Elgin AFG	\$ 38.85
Georgetown (New Pt of View AFG)	\$ 90.00
Georgetown ?	\$ 27.05
Lockhart Prison	\$ 320.00
Marble Falls (ODAT AFG)	\$ 71.30
Pflugerville (Path to Serenity AFG)	\$ 52.70
San Marcos AFG	\$ 209.50
GLBT	\$ 36.40
Temple (New Group)	\$ 216.65
Waco (A.I.S)	\$ 93.50
Waco (H.O.T.)	\$ 76.80
Waco (TeCan)	\$ 389.30
Waco (T.N.T.)	<u>\$ 200.80</u>
	\$ 2,517.85 Total
Walk in Sales	<u>\$ 901.00</u>

### TOTAL SALES

**\$10,315.68**

TOTAL LITATURE SOLD FOR THE PERIOD	\$8,162.45
LITERATURE PURCHASED FOR THE PERIOD	<u>\$4,912.84</u>
Difference	\$3,249.61

### DONATIONS

Anderson Mill AFG	\$ 28.78
Bee Caves AFG	\$ 300.00
Esperanza AFG	\$ 24.25
Faith AFG	\$ 20.00
Great Hills AFG	\$ 100.00
Great Hills AFG	\$ 150.00 (donated to Lockhart Prison)
Just For Today AFG	\$ 110.10
Living Gratitude AFG	\$ 108.40
Lakeway Tuesday AFG	\$ 50.00
Northland AFG	\$ 197.60
Path to Serenity AFG	\$ 25.00
Private	\$ 37.00
San Marcus AFG	\$ 150.00
San Marcus AFG	\$ 200.00 (donated to Lockhart Prison)
Serenity Seekers AFG	\$ 95.10
Suburban AFG	\$ 100.00
Serenity Trails AFG	\$ 20.00
Shoal Creek AFG	\$ 100.00
Spiritual Awakenings AFG	\$ 79.00
Westlake AFG	\$ 98.00
Wimberly AFG	<u>\$ 60.00</u>

**TOTAL DONATIONS FOR THE PERIOD \$2,153.23**

(TOTAL DONATIONS FOR THE PREVIOUS PERIOD \$3,151.73)

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

7) **BUSINESS:**

**OLD BUSINESS:** At the August meeting Pat E. Asked for ideas on how to get more groups to send representatives to AIC Board Meetings. One of the things she had done toward this end was to use a current meeting schedule to identify and contact as many Alt. Group Representatives as possible. She asked that Representatives present take a schedule and help with this effort. She had done some color coding to help classify the groups to be contacted. Pat had also included in her report at the district meeting the need to get more Alternative GRs interested.

**NEW BUSINESS:** Mary C. had a question about the holiday bonus for Kitty. Pat E. explained what the previous boards had done and spoke about Kitty's dedication and the fact that her dedication keeps us successful and in the black. The bonus is symbol of our appreciation. The bonus had already been approved by the budget committee and the amount already voted on.

It was suggested that we change the December meeting from the 21<sup>st</sup> to the 7<sup>th</sup> because of the 21<sup>st</sup> being so close to Christmas.

A question was asked about officers coming up for election. Pat E. read from the By-Laws about the Qualifications of Officers and Directors the duties of officers, particularly secretary and treasurer since these two offices are coming up for election in December.

#### **ITEMS FROM THE FLOOR:**

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

Meeting closed with the Al-Anon Declaration.

Respectfully Submitted, Linda B, Secretary