

Al-Anon of SE Wisconsin Intergroup **MEETING MINUTES**

Nov 17, 2011, 7:00 PM

Al-Anon Family Groups of Southeastern Wisconsin

Summit Place

6737 W. Washington Ave.

First Floor Conference Room

West Allis, WI

[http:// www.alanon-wi.org](http://www.alanon-wi.org)

Opening—Moment of Silence and Serenity Prayer

Introduction of Service Board & ISRs

Board members present:

Cindy P. -Volunteer coordinator

Ella- Institutions

Julie M.- Ways and Means

Rachel P. - Secretary

Denise M.- Chairperson

MaryBeth H.- Treasurer

Melissa L.- AA Liaison

ISRs Present: Quorum established of 20 voting ISRs present

Reading of 12 Concepts and Warranties

Approval of Minutes from September 22nd , 2011 I.S.R. Meeting

Janice B. moved we approve the minutes as written for Sept 22nd, 2011.

Karl K. seconded, all in favor approved.

Service Board Reports

(Board Members will announce “ISR ACTION ITEM” when there is a need to follow through with your group on an item. **ISR action items are specifically stated so in the bold/red text under each section**)

Chairperson – Denise M. chairperson@alanon-wi.org

Knowledge Based Decision Making (KBDM)- Denise reviewed the concept and process of KBDM- and shared one topic the Service Board is currently discussing using this method: ***Whether or not we are going to post a sign at the Al-Anon Service Center which states weapons are not permitted.*** The Service Board may choose to make a decision on behalf of the groups as trusted servants on this issue, to be determined at the next Service Board Meeting (Dec 22nd, 6:30 PM, via teleconference with instructions listed below. ISRs

welcome but not required). In any case, the notes/information discussed will be written up and posted in the upcoming Service Board Meeting Minutes, available upon request through the AI-Anon Service Center.

eVersions of Literature? WSO is looking into a variety of electronic formats for our literature, such as CD, Kindle, eReaders, etc. At the upcoming WSO conference, our delegate will be taking an "opinion" to the WSO from our area.

ISR ACTION ITEM: Give Cheryl A. (email:delegate@area61afg.org) your group's opinion on eBooks for AI-Anon by December 13th if you have one!

The AI-Anon Service Board meeting (**NOT THE Intergroup Meeting**) for December will be held via WebEX and on the phone. The meeting information is provided below for anyone who may want to attend.

Next Service Board Meeting – Thurs. Dec 22nd, Web meeting

Scheduled Conference Date:Thursday, December 22, 2011

Scheduled Start Time:06:30 PM Central Std Time

Scheduled End Time:08:25 PM Central Std Time

Scheduled # of Participants:15

Type of Conference:Web-Scheduled Standard

Dial-in Number:1-940-287-4000

Participant Access Code:8615460

SharePlus link to participants:

[http://www.freeconference.com/SharePlusConnect.aspx?](http://www.freeconference.com/SharePlusConnect.aspx?E=dcc2c1a24b86c3223e0bc0bbdec4d08c&B=10950788&AC=1)

[E=dcc2c1a24b86c3223e0bc0bbdec4d08c&B=10950788&](http://www.freeconference.com/SharePlusConnect.aspx?E=dcc2c1a24b86c3223e0bc0bbdec4d08c&B=10950788&AC=1)

[AC=1](http://www.freeconference.com/SharePlusConnect.aspx?E=dcc2c1a24b86c3223e0bc0bbdec4d08c&B=10950788&AC=1)

Assistant Chairperson – Open Position- ISR ACTION ITEM: Tell your groups we still need an Assistant Chairperson!

Treasurer's Report – Mary Beth H treasurer@alanon-wi.org We send the AI-Anon Alive out in the mail to a couple of groups who pay for subscriptions, so the answer to that question from last time was that we **do** have revenues from subscriptions. We are looking at past reports to see if we can establish a donations "trend" that helps us pinpoint why we are running low on revenue. Mary Beth H is going to check on the "unclassified Transactions" which are in the "summary of group donations," and report back to the groups.

ACTION ITEM: MaryBeth H - check on the "unclassified transactions" in "group donations" and amend the financial report accordingly. Also, "donations" on page 2 don't match page 1.

ACTION ITEM: An ISR requested we see a YTD look at the books in each category (income, expenses, cash on hand) each time we meet.

AA Liaison – Melissa L. aa_liaison@alanon-wi.org .

This position maintains an open channel between us and AA for local events, etc. Melissa attends the monthly AA Secretaries meeting and shares with them any information about Al-Anon events. Melissa is looking for a current list of people who are willing to speak at AA meetings. Melissa to send flyers and tickets to the AA liaison meeting for the upcoming Al-Anon fundraiser, the Snow Ball.

ISR ACTION ITEM: Go back to groups to get a list of names who haven't already let the office know that they are willing to be speakers at AA meetings. Email Melissa at aa_liaison@alanon-wi.org Melissa will then update the master list at the Al-Anon office.

ACTION ITEM: Linda to send Melissa L. the list of available speakers.

Coord. of Office Volunteers – Cindy P. volunteer_coordinator@alanon-wi.org

Holiday Hours: Both Monday December 26th and and Monday Jan 2nd are holidays and the Service Center office is closed. On Monday December 26th we are going to have a beginner meeting, we have volunteers to lead it.

INDIVIDUAL VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY: First and third Saturdays of the month, we need a volunteer to work in the office (9am to noon). We need someone especially the 3rd Saturday of December. The volunteer will be trained.

INDIVIDUAL VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY: We need an office volunteer the 2nd Monday of EVEN numbered months, so only 6 times a year, 4:00PM to 7:30PM. The volunteer will be trained.

GROUP SERVICE OPPORTUNITY: We need a group to lead the beginner meetings the 4th Monday of EVEN numbered months, this is just 6 times a year.

ISR ACTION ITEM: ISRs, ask your groups if they could support the above individual and group volunteer opportunities.

Literature — Open Position – Kitty S. handed in a Resume for the position. Thank you Kitty!

Web Information Coordinator- Open Position – Sandra C handed in a Resume for the position. Thank you Sandra!

Area Liaison – LouAnn P. area_liason@alanon-wi.org

Area wanted to know if our Service Center would like to host an assembly in 2012.

ACTION ITEM:

Public Information – JoJo D. public_information@alanon-wi.org:

Any group can bring \$12 to the January Intergroup meeting, and you will get 36 copies of the 2012 Al-Anon Faces Alcoholism pamphlets which are intended to be handed out face to face from an AFG member to a newcomer. The deadline for ordering is February 1st, so the money must be received by January Intergroup meeting.

ISR ACTION ITEM: To January meeting, bring \$12 for each 36 copies (can bring more money if you want more than 36 copies) of the 2012 Al-Anon Faces Alcoholism, delivery will be March of 2012.

Ways & Means – Julie M. ways_and_means@alanon-wi.org

Recovery Dinner Update: Snow Ball Flyers for the 2012 Snow Ball are available on the back table. ISRs sent home with these. We have 3000 copies. Tickets for dinner and dance are available as well. Dinner & Full Event Tickets are \$25 donation and will include the workshop, a dinner, speakers, and the dance. There is a tear off stub with name, group, and phone, and then the ISR returns the stubs with the money. The ISRs will bring the money and stubs to the January Intergroup meeting. Speaker/Dance (Grey tickets) are for the workshop, speakers, and dance- price is \$10 donation. Also at the back table are the afgans that Laurie B. has made for the Big Ticket Drawing. These will be offered as a package for the 1st Big Ticket drawing. A "Family Fun Pack" will be offered as a 2nd Big Ticket drawing item.

ISR ACTION ITEM: ISRs sell the tickets to their groups, and bring the money (and dinner stubs) to the January Intergroup meeting. If you did not pick up tickets or need more, contact Linda at the Service Office to have some mailed.

ISR ACTION ITEM: Need groups to volunteer donate money to the "family fun pack" prize, which will be sending a family to a venue similar to last year. Options under consideration are Green Lake, which could be used for the AA Roundup (with Al-Anon participation) or another event

held at the venue, or to Country Springs Hotel & Waterpark, as we did last year.

ISR ACTION ITEM: If you would like the opportunity to sell Big Ticket Drawing tickets, contact Linda at the Service Office. These will be available before the end of November and make great stocking stuffers and sponsor/sponsee gifts. As last year, each drawing ticket is \$2.00 or you can get three tickets for \$5.00.

Al-Anon Alive Editor – Open Position

ISR ACTION ITEM: Tell your groups we still need an Al-Anon Alive Editor (pending the decision to still issue the 2012 Al-Anon Alive, see "New Business" below)

Have your groups print out FREE copy of Al-Anon Alive from our website HYPERLINK "http://www.alanon_wi.org" www.alanon_wi.org
Encourage your group members to submit an article to the newsletter - Due on the 15th of each month for next issue (whenever this position is filled)

Institutions – Ella: The VA is looking to get Al-Anon meetings going at their locations. There are a number of institutions who are looking for this. ISR ACTION ITEM: Anyone interested in starting an Al-Anon group at the VA, please contact Ella.

Alateen Coordinator – OPEN

ISR ACTION ITEM: Tell your groups we still need an Alateen Coordinator!

Alateen Liaison - OPEN

ISR ACTION ITEM: Tell your Alateen groups we are still looking for a teenage to be the Alateen Liaison.

Elections – New Board Positions. Web coordinator (Sandra C.) and Literature Chair (Kitty S.) and positions filled during this meeting! Thanks Sandra and Kitty!

Old Business – No Old Business to close out.

New Business -

Al-Anon Delegate of Area 61 Cheryl A. (delegate@area61afg.org) led a discussion using the WSO advocated Knowledge Based Decision Making (KBDM) method to determine whether the in keeping the Al-Anon Alive Newsletter in print publication, as well as a position on the service board in SE Wisconsin. The following section is submitted by the Chairperson (Denise) on the Secretary's behalf, since the Secretary had to leave the Intergroup Meeting:

The group addressed the Five KBDM Questions Process centered on the following question:

Should we keep the AI-Anon Alive Newsletter in publication?

Below each question are the issues/comments brought forth by all present.

1. What do we know about Current or prospective members needs that's relevant?

- a) Not everyone has the Internet
- b) Open meetings and lists are on the current website
- c) A lot of people of all ages has access to the Internet today
- d) there are computers at the library
- e) Everyone has someone in their life that has access to the Internet (kids, grand kids etc..)
- f) Someone can always call the office
- g) The office has flyer's someone can pick up or get mailed them.
- h) The office takes less call today. A lot more people use the Website for meetings, information, etc..
- i) Most meetings print the Alive from the Website.
- j) The Alive has not been published since Aug 2011

2. What do we know about resources and our vision for AI-Anon that is relevant?

- a) Currently it costs \$250.00 per month to print and mail 40 copies
- b) Currently we have people who pay for the Alive to be sent to them monthly
- c) Currently we don't have a board member for the Alive
- d) The office manually folds/tab/Label/stamp the hard copies
- e) It is inconvenient for a current member to make the deadline for an article for the Alive.
- f) We want current information available - sometimes events are done when the Alive comes out.

3. What do we know about how current realities and evolving dynamics in the world and our fellowship are relevant? what are the pros and cons?

- a) A lot more people are on the Internet
- b) We have a more attractive website
- c) There is a secretary's corner
- e) The information in Alive is elsewhere

4. What are the ethical implications of our choices? (Will our decision be consistent with our spiritual principles, polices, and the Legacies?)

- a) 1 or more people may be put out of touch

- b) newcomers can get this information from meetings (not all information is available at all meetings)
- c) someone can give an article to the Forum
- d) Area 61 is discontinuing the Unity.
- e) Other areas do newsletter or some type of update
- f) The Bi-Laws need to be updated if we discontinue this position/service

5. What do we wish we knew, but don't?
- a) How many people will miss it?
 - b) Is there someone interested in the Alive position?
 - c) Does a group really need it?
 - e) Does someone rely on the Alive
 - f) How many people read the August Alive? 6 people in the room
 - g) What do we lose in the Alive that is not somewhere else?

Sharing/Ideas/Comments — ISRs or others

Take Aways for January's meeting:

ISR ACTION ITEM: ISRs should ask their group will someone miss the Alive? Does our group need it? Is some one interested in the board position?

ACTION ITEM: Service board to review what is in the Alive and what will be lost if we stop it.

Announcements

Next Service Board Meeting (*Thurs, December 22, 2011 @ 6:30pm*).
Will be a conference/web meeting, if you are interested in attending, please see the instructions listed in the Chairperson Section above.

Next Intergroup (*Thurs, January 26, 2012 @ 7:00pm*)

Closing: AL-ANON Declaration and "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.