

# MINUTES

---

## 2022 Fall Assembly Minutes

November 11-12, 2022

### November 11 - 9:00 a.m. – 6:08 p.m. CST over Zoom

**9:00 a.m.** Area Chairperson Christine F. opened the meeting with a moment of silence, followed by the Serenity Prayer.

The Legacies were read: Kathy H. read the Steps, Irene F. read the Traditions, and Nancy L. read the Concepts.

After the Legacies, the Chairperson made announcements. Carol M. (5B) then gave the Mixer explanation.

**9:16 a.m.** Area Treasurer Patty C. gave the Treasurer's Report, reviewed the proposed 2023 budget, and answered questions about the new budget.

Area Secretary Kathy H. presented the minutes from the 2022 Spring Assembly. Robin C. (20A) suggested one minor correction.

**Motion 1** – Robin C. (20A) made a motion to approve the minutes of the 2022 Spring Assembly as amended. Emily T. (5B) seconded. The motion carried. (38 people voting, Yes – 37; No – 0; Abstain – 1)

**Motion 2** – Carolyn L. (X) made a motion to approve the 2023 budget. Elle H. (X) seconded. The motion carried. (34 people voting, Yes – 33; No – 0; Abstain – 1)

**Motion 3** – Gayle J. (13) made a motion to approve the 2022 Fall Assembly Treasurer's Report. Becca B. (20D) seconded. The motion carried. (34 people voting, Yes – 33; No – 1; Abstain – 0)

**10:29 a.m.** Nancy Shore from Columbus, GA, Trustee-at-Large, spoke to the group. She began with a reading from *Hope for Today*, then told her personal story of how she came to Al-Anon and her history in AFG service work.

**11:16 a.m.** Chairperson Christine F. called on the following coordinators, who gave their reports:

- Susie R. – Alateen Coordinator Report
- Irene F. – Group Records/Website Coordinator

**12:16 p.m.** Lunch break

**1:18 p.m.** Christine F. called the meeting to order again. Nancy Shore resumed her presentation. She screen-shared a PowerPoint and talked about the purpose of the WSO, the fellowship of Al-Anon, and service work she had been involved in since becoming a Trustee.

**1:58 p.m.** Karla K. screen-shared a PowerPoint and gave her Delegate's Report, covering the following topics:

- Voting procedures at WSO
- WSC information
- Chosen Agenda items
- Past Conference themes
- Links of Service
- 2023 Al-Anon International Convention
- Reminder about elections
- World Service Conference 2023 to be held Thursday, April 20, 2023 through Sunday, April 23, 2023 in Virginia Beach, Virginia
- WSO's strategic plan
- New Service Manual
- Purchasing digital products
- Tradition Seven contributions
- Explanation of the equalized expense/discussion about whether to pay the equalized expense or the full amount to send Area 52 Delegate Karla K. to WSC. (Traditionally, Area 52 has paid the full amount.)

**Motion 4** – Carolyn L. (6) made a motion for Area 52 to pay the full amount to send the Area 52 Delegate to WSC. Loring T. (5A) seconded. The motion carried. (34 people voted; Yes – 34; No – 0; Abstain – 0)

The report was followed by questions and answers.

**2:59 p.m.** Michelle G. (5A) and Carol M. (5B) conducted the Mixer, with the group creating 3 word cloud pieces of art related to their involvement in Al-Anon.

**3:20 p.m.** Break/caucus

**3:30 p.m.** Tarcila F. gave the TN Area Electronic Group/District Task Force report. Tarcila explained that the task force wanted to go before AWSC and ask AWSC to consider recommending to Assembly that they establish an ongoing work group to work on policy changes. A group conscience was taken, and the majority agreed with this course of action.

**4:07 p.m.** Teri S. gave the Area Meeting Location Task Force report. There was no written report, but Teri gave some background. She stated that the task force had found a potential location for the Area meetings but had not yet identified a hotel where Area meeting attendees could stay. Teri indicated that the task force needed more time and would report back at the next Assembly.

**4:52 p.m.** Chairperson Christine F. asked the following Officers and Coordinators to give their reports:

- Cindy H. – Convention Coordinator report
- John A. – Alternate Delegate/Forum Coordinator report
- Robin C. – Newsletter Coordinator report
- Tarcila F. – Middle TN AISL
- Carol M. – KADA AISL report

Carol M. explained that two District 6 groups, the Norris Area AFG and the Discovering Choices AFG, had requested that they be allowed to move out of District 6 and join District 5B. Both District 6 and District 5B were willing to allow the change.

**Motion 5** – Betsy T. (5B) made a motion to allow the Norris Area AFG and the Discovering Choices AFG in District 6 to join District 5B. Becca B. (20D) seconded. The motion carried. (26 members were voting; Yes – 26; No – 0; Abstain – 0)

The Area Chairperson closed the meeting at 6:08 p.m. CST with the AI-Anon Declaration. The meeting was scheduled to resume at 1:00 p.m. CST on Sunday, November 13, 2022 over Zoom.

### **November 13, 2022 - 1:00 – 3:10 p.m. CST over Zoom**

**1:00 p.m.** Area Chairperson Christine F. welcomed everyone and opened the meeting with the Serenity Prayer,

**1:03 p.m.** Kay K. (12B) led the Spiritual Sharing.

**1:36 p.m.** There were no Ask-It Basket questions. Chair Christine Floe read the 2 GR Concerns questions, and there was some discussion.

**2:10 p.m.** Delegate Karla K. talked about the 2023 Convention Planning Committee. Karla had volunteered to head up the planning committee. She said she would send out a link for a Zoom meeting for the following Saturday, November 19, and anyone in the Area who was interested in working on the 2023 Convention could attend. During this discussion, several members indicated that they were willing to be on the committee.

**2:25 p.m.** Chair Christine F. reminded everyone at Assembly that the positions of Public Outreach Coordinator, Literature Coordinator, and Archives Coordinator were open. She asked that everyone in attendance take this information to their groups to see if anyone was interested in taking any of those positions.

**2:29 p.m.**

Christine F. asked if any GRs or DRs wanted to give reports. The following people gave reports:

- Katherine C.
- Marika S.
- Loring T.
- Gayle J.
- Janine M.
- Elle H.
- Kathleen F.
- Cindy H.
- Elsie M.
- Kay K.
- Brandi F.
- Debbie O.
- Betsy T.
- Carol M.
- Ben V.
- Becca B.
- Ann O.

**3:04 p.m.**

Christine F. gave the Chairperson's Report.

**3:10 p.m.**

Christine F. closed the meeting with the Serenity Prayer, followed by the Al-Anon Declaration.