

MINUTES

2023 Spring Assembly Minutes

May 20-21, 2023

Saturday, May 20 - 8:30 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. CDT over Zoom

8:30 a.m. Area Chairperson Christine F. opened the meeting with a moment of silence, followed by the Serenity Prayer.

The Legacies were read: Elle H. read the Steps, Kay K. read the Traditions, and Jennifer C. read the Concepts.

After the Legacies, the Chairperson made announcements and said a few words about Zoom etiquette.

9:16 a.m. Area Secretary Kathy H. presented the minutes from the 2022 Fall Assembly. One minor correction was suggested.

Motion 1 – Carolyn L. (6) made a motion to approve the minutes of the 2022 Fall Assembly as amended. Elle H. (12B) seconded. Voting on the approval of the minutes was deferred until after the Treasurer's Report.

John A. indicated that he would have to leave the meeting shortly, so he gave his Forum Coordinator and Alternate Delegate reports.

Area Treasurer Patty C. gave her Treasurer's Report and reminded everyone that they could send their Seventh Tradition contributions by mail to the following address: Al-Anon Area 52 Treasurer, P.O. Box 1341, Mt. Juliet, TN 37121-1341.

Motion 2 - Marika S. (12C) made a motion to accept the Treasurer's Report as presented. Jack L. (4) seconded.

At this point, the non-voters in attendance were moved to a breakout room, and the GRs voted on the minutes and the Treasurer's Report.

The results of the vote on **Motion 1**, to approve the minutes, were as follows: Yes – 30, No – 0; Abstain – 1. The motion carried.

The results of the vote on **Motion 2**, to accept the Treasurer's Report, were as follows: Yes – 33; No – 0; Abstain – 0. The motion carried.

9:24 a.m. Robin C. (20A) gave a brief explanation of the Mixer that would take place later in the day.

9:26 a.m. Chairperson Christine F. called on Susie R., who gave her Alateen Coordinator Report.

9:36 a.m. Tarcila F. gave the Electronic Groups/Districts Task Force report. The report included (1) a recommendation to create an electronic district for Area 52 and (2) a revised group records process for geographic and electronic Al-Anon and Alateen groups. A great deal of discussion followed.

Motion 3 – Bev V. (12B) made a motion to accept the Electronic Groups/Districts Task Force's recommendation regarding the creation of an electronically platformed District for Area 52. Rose P. (12C) seconded the motion. After moving non-voting attendees into a breakout room, the voting took place, with the following results: Yes – 32; No – 1; Abstain – 1. The motion carried.

After the non-voting attendees were moved back into the meeting, the group decided to wait until after lunch to continue the discussion of the Electronic Groups/Districts Task Force report. Deferring this discussion would allow Tarcila F. to make some proposed changes to the Task Force's report during the lunch break.

11:35 a.m. The following Coordinators gave their reports:

- Tanya A. – Technology Coordinator Report
- Robin C. – Newsletter Coordinator Report

11:48 a.m. The following GRs gave reports:

- Rose P.
- Elsie M.
- Jack L.
- Gayle J.
- Jennifer C.

11:59 a.m. Chair Christine F. announced a break for lunch, indicating that the meeting would resume at 1:00 p.m. CDT.

1:01 p.m. The meeting resumed. After the Serenity Prayer, the following GRs gave their reports:

- Marika S.
- Kathleen F.
- Susie R.
- Monica B.
- Shelley C.
- Erik T.
- Meg K.
- Linda M.
- Helena H.

- Ben V.
- Robin C.

1:24 p.m.

The following Coordinators gave their reports:

- Irene F. – Group Records/Website Coordinator
- Cindy H. – Convention Coordinator
- Tarcila F. – Middle TN AISL

2:06 p.m.

Tarcila F. resumed the Electronic Groups/Districts Task Force report by screen-sharing to display the changes that had been made to the report during the lunch break.

Motion 4 - Becca B. (20D) made a motion to accept the changes to the Al-Anon group records process that had been recommended by the Electronic Groups/Districts Task Force. Elsie M. (12B) seconded the motion.

Motion 5 – Cindy H. (5B) made a motion to accept the changes to the Alateen group records process that had been recommended by the Electronic Groups/Districts Task Force. Gayle J. (13) seconded the motion.

After the non-voting attendees were moved into a breakout room, the voting took place. The results of the voting on **Motion 4** were as follows: Yes – 29; No – 0; Abstain – 2. The motion carried.

The results of the voting on **Motion 5** were as follows: Yes – 27; No – 0; Abstain – 4. The motion carried.

2:42 p.m.

Heather S., Associate Director of Community Relations at the World Service Office (WSO), spoke to Assembly about public outreach. Her talk was followed by questions and answers.

3:37 p.m.

Robin C. (20A) facilitated the Mixer, asking each person in attendance to recall where and when he/she had attended his/her first Al-Anon meeting.

3:55 p.m.

Chair Christine F. called a 5-minute break to give all GRs in attendance whose Districts did not have DRs an opportunity to caucus.

4:02 p.m.

After returning from the break, Karla K. gave her Delegate's Report. Some of the topics covered in her report were increasing Al-Anon service work in Tennessee, the Seventh Tradition, and the proceedings of the World Service Conference (WSC).

4:58 p.m.

Corrine B. gave her GR report.

5:00 p.m.

Chair Christine F. closed the meeting with the Serenity Prayer.

Sunday, May 21, 2023 - 11:00 a.m. – 2:32 p.m. CDT over Zoom

11:00 a.m. Area Chairperson Christine F. welcomed everyone and opened the meeting with the Serenity Prayer, after which Carol M. kicked off the Spiritual Sharing.

11:30 a.m. Gayle J. (13) of the Area Meeting Location Task Force gave the committee's report. Gayle reported that the Task Force had researched many potential meeting locations and had concluded that the best potential location for Area meetings was the Comfort Suites in Lebanon, TN, the same location where Area 52 meetings had been held prior to the pandemic. This location would be available for the scheduled dates for Fall AWSC 2023. However, the meeting room at the Comfort Suites would not be available for November 4-5, 2023, the scheduled dates for Fall Assembly. The Task Force had been unable to find any alternate location for Fall Assembly 2023.

Motion 6 – Cindy H. (5B) made a motion for Assembly to approve the Task Force's recommendation to use the Comfort Suites in Lebanon, TN, for Area Meetings. Susie R. (12B) seconded the motion. With 22 GRs in attendance, the results of the vote were as follows: Yes – 22; No – 0; Abstain – 0. The motion carried.

There was much discussion about whether to proceed with having Fall Assembly 2023 on November 4-5, 2023 as scheduled and meet over Zoom, or to move the dates for Fall Assembly 2023 to November 11-12, 2023, when the conference room at the Comfort Suites in Lebanon, TN, would be available.

Motion 7 - Colleen M. (4) made a motion to change the dates of Fall Assembly 2023 from November 4-5, 2023, to November 11-12, 2023. Emily T. (5B) seconded. With 21 GRs voting, the results of the vote were as follows: Yes – 7; No – 10; Abstain – 3. The motion failed.

Everyone present agreed that the search for an alternate meeting location that would be available on November 4-5, 2023 would continue, and that Fall Assembly would take place over Zoom if the Task Force found no alternate meeting location.

1:22 p.m. The following GRs and DRs gave their reports:

- Loring T.
- Kyra B.
- Kat M.
- Christine F.
- Kay K.
- Judith R.
- Karla K.

- Carol M.
- Ann O.

1:57 p.m. There were no GR Concerns, so Chair Christine F. asked for volunteers to talk about their current Service Positions, since new Officers would be elected and new Coordinators appointed at Fall Assembly. The following Officers and Coordinators talked about their Service Positions:

- Karla K. – Delegate
- Susie R. – Alateen Coordinator
- Irene F. – Group Records/Website Coordinator
- Cindy H. – Area Convention Coordinator
- Tarcila F. – Middle TN AISL

2:12 p.m. Chair Christine F. explained the election procedures for Area Officers and the procedure for appointing Area Coordinators.

2:29 p.m. Christine F. asked for volunteers to close the meeting with the Serenity Prayer and the Al-Anon Declaration. Susie R. led the Serenity Prayer. Irene F. led the Al-Anon Declaration.

2:32 p.m. The meeting was adjourned.