

**MINUTES:** FALL ASSEMBLY MEETING  
**DATE:** September 27, 2008  
**TIME:** 9:00 A.M.  
**PLACE:** HOTEL MEAD, WISCONSIN RAPIDS  
**9:00 A.M.** Call to order, quiet time and the Serenity Prayer  
 Twelve Traditions read by Les R. and Twelve Concepts read by Michael K.  
 Welcome and Introductions  
 Review procedures and time limits

**REPORTS:** Secretary's report and Approval – Patti G.  
 Treasurer's report, financial statement and Approval – Cathy T.

**OFFICERS AND COORDINATORS REPORTS-TWO MINUTES**

(# = attended, \* = report submitted, A = absent, E = excused)

DELEGATE-RENEE H. # *	ALATEEN PROCESS PERSON-JAYE R. # *
ALT. DEL/FORUM-CHERYL A. # *	GROUP RECORDS-DEBBIE H.F. # *
UNITY EDITOR-SID J. # *	ASSEMBLY-KAREN D. # *
LITERATURE-TERESA R./ANN J. # *	ARCHIVIST-SANDY W. #
PUBLIC OUTREACH-LAURA K. # *	LIAISON-ANN MARIE # *
WEB SITE-WANDA S. # *	CHAIRPERSON-DON B. #
ALATEEN-JD S. # *	
PAST DELEGATES:	DOLORES K. #
JIM S. #	CAROL V. #

**DISTRICT REPRESENTATIVE REPORTS-TWO MINUTES**

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| 1. BARB T. #             | 15. BECKY K. #              |
| 2. SUE S. # *            | 16.                         |
| 3. RHONDA P. # *         | 17.                         |
| 4. AMY G. (E) by Jean *  | 18. CLARINE F. # */KATHLEEN |
| 5. JAN C. (A)            | 19. JD S. # by Steve *      |
| 6. SUSAN L.S. # *        | 20. DEBBIE H.F. #           |
| 7. PAT S. # *            | 21. KAREN D. # *            |
| 8. JENN C. # *           | 22. MICHAEL K. # (contact)  |
| 9. JAN S. # *            | 23.                         |
| 10. KEN P. (A) by Mary * | 24. BILL B. (E)             |
| 11. LES R. # *           | 25. KELLY R. # *            |
| 12. SUE D. #             | 26. BARB B. # *             |
| 13. SARAH C. # *         | 27. PHYLLIS D. # *          |
| 14.                      |                             |

Break 10:56 to 11:10

**NEW BUSINESS:**

2009 BUDGET - Cathy presented the 2009 Budget. Discussion was held on different items on proposed budget. A motion was made, seconded and passed to approve the budget.

It was noted that instead of typing "PLEASE SUBMIT 3 COPIES OF YOUR REPORT" at the end of agendas, it should be phrased "PLEASE E-MAIL COPIES OF YOUR REPORT" (to the secretary, Unity editor and Area Liaison) and also add "GO TO AREA WEBSITE [www.area61afg.org](http://www.area61afg.org)".

Recommendations for changes in Policy Manual – Jaye talked about the proposed changes to the policy manual, pages 18-21 and 24-27.

NOTE: The term AMIIAS means AI-Anon Member Involved in Alateen Service and will now be used instead of "sponsor" and/or "other responsible adult".

Discussion ensued on the draft changes previously mailed to members with their Fall Assembly packet. An addition to the changes throughout policy was to change "parent" to read "parent/legal guardian".

All of these will be stacked and voted on individually.

There was much discussion held on the proposed changes.

Lunch break at 11:55 am

Action Committee Meetings were held from 1:00-2:00 pm

The meeting was called back to order at 2:05 pm by Chairman Don B., following the committee meetings.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

*Membership* – Ann reported that Jenn C. and Sharanne from District 8 will do New GR/DR orientation at the 2009 Spring and Fall assemblies. New GR applications can be found online. Barb from District 1 shared the information their district provides in their new GR 3-ring binder with committee. It includes Forums, information on getting to meetings, names and phone numbers of all group members, forms and information on where to send donations and when, group changes forms, Forum subscription form, professional letters (found on Al-Anon website) when introducing/talking with people, local phone numbers and names, contact information on letters, too, fellowship opportunities (like flyers received today), events/assembly information. The back cover has meeting times in own district as not everyone has email access, newcomer packets, nearby meetings list, newcomer meetings list, and the telephone numbers of meeting members.

You can purchase old Forums for price of postage (in quantity) from WSO. They encourage newcomers to sign up for their newsletter. They also suggested groups print Al-Anon business cards to give to newcomers where they can get help by making a phone call. It's important to have one-on-one contact with newcomers and to invite them back to another meeting. Another idea was to have a newcomer meeting each week before regular meeting. "Hi, I love an alcoholic, too" is a cute greeting. Another suggestion was to not read Traditions at a newcomer meeting as it's often overwhelming to newcomers. They can learn them another day – keep it simple.

This is \$200 available for Spanish literature - ask committee.

*Public Outreach* – Laura said committee wanted to know what was successful in other districts. In spreading the word about Al-Anon, it was suggested that we donate and/or leave copies of Forum in doctors' offices, family outreach through treatment facilities, people running it could use help of Al-Anon, contact local parishes, parish nurses, jail/courthouse, list in papers for free. It was suggested that groups send thank-you notes to the establishment where their group meets. We could ask to be mentioned in their newsletters. Another suggestion was to leave contact information in lunchrooms at work and/or ask how newcomers and Al-Anon members got to Al-Anon.

*Group Services* –Debbie discussed collated results from AWSC inventory evaluation we did. It took a lot of work. The committee will collate AWSC and Fall Assembly forms and distribute results at March AWSC. DRs expressed an interest in templates/guideline for DR reports so this committee will take on that task. It's important for GRs and DRS to get contact information to Debbie.

Job descriptions are being compiled for officers and coordinator positions to educate members prior to election as to what those positions entail. Job descriptions are due by November 1.

*Fellowship Communications* – Sheryl talked about how to increase Forum subscriptions at meeting and district level. One group has a jar and everyone puts a quarter in it. When there's enough money, they pull name out and someone wins free subscription. Another suggestion was to chair a meeting on concepts using Forum or use Forums for the basis of meeting, sharing an article with special meaning for leader. She also encouraged members to submit their writings to Forum. She also shared that "How Al-Anon Works" and "Paths to Recovery" talk about how to get information on doing a group conscience as not everyone knows how to do that.

Song presented by Committee on AMIIS (since we use lots of acronyms) Al-Anon Members Involved In Alateen Service. It was very cute and they were persuaded to perform it again during Talent Show later that evening.

Area 61 Alateen Safety and Behavioral Requirements form discussion continued.

Motion made, seconded and passed to accept the discussed revisions.

The Sponsorship Registration Form was discussed. Discussion held on DR signature being requested versus GR signature.

Motion made, seconded and passed to accept revisions.

Another draft with the accepted revisions will be emailed to members.

If there are any other suggested changes, email them to Don or any officers and they can be discussed at Spring AWSC meeting on Friday night.

KEEP THESE FORMS - Participating Minors form tabled at this time.

Leadership Presentation by the North Central Regional Trustee – Carol V.

The new Public Service Announcement was shown.

Motion was made to adjourn. Meeting closed with the Al-Anon Declaration at 3:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Patti Gillmore  
Area 61 Secretary