

Minutes for April 15, 2025 – 7:00–8:03 PM - Held Via Zoom

Opening:

The meeting opened at 7:00 PM with a moment of silence, followed by the Serenity Prayer and the Concepts of Service. The members introduced themselves and their affiliations. Those present were Lynne F., Jack A., Judy B., Ernest Q., Jan B., Jaime S., Mike C., and Margene K.

January 15, 2025 Meeting Minutes:

Lynne asked if there were any changes to the minutes from the January 15, 2025 meeting. There were no changes. Lynne F. requested a motion to approve the minutes which was provided by Margene and seconded by Mike. The motion passed unanimously.

Treasurer's 1st Quarter Report:

Judy provided the Treasurer's Report for the first quarter of 2025:

Beginning Balance	\$3750.95
Donations	377.62
Expenses	(270.85)
Ending Balance	<u>\$3857.72</u>

2025 Donations –

1st Quarter \$377.62 - 2nd Quarter \$TBD – 3rd Quarter \$TBD – 4th Quarter \$TBD

Please send donations for Al-Anon & Alateen – Mid-Chesapeake Region Al-Anon Information Services donations to:

Mid-Chesapeake Region AIS
PO Box 763
Severna Park MD 21146

Old Business

Prudent Reserve – WSO Donation

Lynne stated that our annual expenses for 2025 are predicted to be approximately \$2,400. Lynne proposed that we send a \$600 donation to WSO, and revisit in October to determine a final donation to WSO for 2025.

Judy provided a current summary of prior year expenses. Expenses tend to range between \$2,000-\$2,500 and stated that we could make the \$600 donation. Judy suggested a prudent reserve of \$1,200 for the year would be appropriate.

Lynne made a motion to establish a prudent reserve for the AIS of \$1,200 which was seconded by Mike C. The motion carried unanimously.

Lynne made for a motion to send a \$600 donation to WSO at the end of April. The motion was seconded by Margene K. The motion carried unanimously.

Alateen Discussion – Input from Groups

Lynne stated that she received no responses to the request made to the groups to have the AIS take over administration of Alateen in the Area. Lynne suggested that we should have a few more meetings before any decision is made. Margene stated that her report will answer a lot of the questions at Alateen. Lynne asked Margene to provide her Alateen report.

Coordinator's Reports

Alateen: Margene provided the following report via email and during the meeting:

I sponsored our first Alateen meeting at Spalding H.S., Tuesday, Feb. 4th.

The new meeting was given the name "Time For Us". All meetings must have an official name for their approval application. There were 4 students in attendance and one additional student stopped by to tell us that she had to work but would be there the next week. Unfortunately, it snowed the next week and the school was closed. The following week was an official Holiday, school closed, and the next week no one showed at the meeting. We met 3 more times with no one showing. Barb G., District 15 coordinator, spoke to the counselor at Spalding who said that they were done. She gave no reason but did say maybe next year. We have since heard that there were some sudden administrative changes which may have been part of it, but there were no further emails and the counselor wasn't available when I picked up the materials.

I reached out to Broadneck High School counselors three times without a response from anyone.

All the AMIAS of District 15 had a Zoom meeting to discuss the future of Alateen. It was decided to announce the closure of Alateen in District 15 for now and ask people in our various Alanon meetings if there was any interest among families to start a meeting anywhere. The AMIAS agreed that we have come to basically empty rooms for two years, so let's find a place that will support us for the next Alateen program. We will meet again April 22 to discuss our findings. There is one Hybrid meeting that is ongoing with two or three 11 year olds, attending off and on. It is in Silver Spring, Saturday 12 noon. New Market, MD had an in person meeting but it is on hold for now. Loyola University in Baltimore has a meeting at 11:00 AM Sunday in person. I am not aware of their attendance.

Lastly there is now a mobile app for young people aged 13 to 18 who have been affected by someone else's drinking. It is sponsored by WSO, in the US and Canada, as a trial. These meetings are the only online Alateen meetings eligible to use the Alateen name. There will be two AMIAS at the meetings. Go to Al-Anon Family Groups and search for Alateen Mobile App to read more.

Lynne thanked Margene and all the AMIAS volunteers for their service. Jan mentioned a new AFG Connect service from the WSO for district representatives. She stated that it might be a good resource for sharing information and suggested that our Alateen questions could be posted there for feedback from other districts. Jan offered to post questions on AFG Connect. Mike stated that the Alateen mobile app is a part of the regular Al-Anon mobile app.

Answering Service: Jan stated that there were no answering service calls received since the last meeting. There was a brief discussion about current attendance at the various meetings with most attendees reporting that meeting attendance is stable or growing. There was a discussion about the requirement to have a phone number given the limited activity. Jan stated that callers may be getting all the information they need from the message and hanging up before leaving a message. Judy will see if it is possible to view a call log to assess if this is occurring. Lynne will ask the WSO about the requirement to have a telephone number.

Directories: Mary Kay was not present for the meeting. Lynne stated that nothing has changed with regard to the directories.

Public Outreach: Mike stated that recent outreach activities and meetings were postponed due to scheduling issues. The Outreach Committee will meet April 30.

Webmaster: Megan and Pamela were not present at the meeting.

Spring Convention: Lynne stated that the Spring Convention was cancelled.

Dedicated AIS Zoom Account: Mike provided a follow up on the question of whether the AIS should have its own Zoom account. The cost of a dedicated Zoom account is \$159 per year. Lynne will add this to the agenda for the July meeting. Jack A. stated that he would be happy to offer his personal Zoom account for AIS meetings going forward for the remainder of his term as Secretary.

New Business

State Corporation Filing for 2025: Lynne stated that the State Corporation filing for 2025 is complete. The AIS is a non-profit with no assets.

Changing Post Office Location and AIS Mailing Address:

Judy stated the AIS post office box is currently at the Severna Park Post Office which is outside of her area. Judy and Lynne discussed moving the post office box to Arnold or Annapolis which would be more convenient for Judy and Lynne. Lynne stated that there would be some upheaval with the change. All group treasurers and the web site would be affected. The annual payment is due in June. Lynne opened the floor for discussion. Mike provided his concurrence. There was a discussion regarding general logistics. There was concurrence that Arnold would be an ideal location. Lynne stated that there will be additional discussions offline.

Area 24 and World Service Related Announcements:

- Area 24 Spring Assembly: May 17, 2025 10AM-3PM. Zoom Meeting ID: 801-105-6340, Passcode: 2424
- Fall AWSC Sept. 20, 2025
- Fall Assembly Oct. 25, 2025

Closing - Al-Anon Declaration

The meeting adjourned at 8:03 PM with a reading of the Al-Anon Declaration.