

## Minutes of South Carolina Area Assembly

SC State Museum, 301 Gervais (Corner of Gervais and Huger Streets), Columbia, SC

Friday, - June 2, 2011      7:00 P.M.      Chairman - Jeri W

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7:00 P.M. to 9:50 P.M.

**Welcome** - Opened with the Serenity Prayer - The Concepts and General Warranties were read by Linda Q,

**Welcome to Newcomers** - **Jeri W.** - There were 11 newcomers to the Area Assembly. Jeri had each one stand, give their name and where they were from. They were then welcomed with a large round of applause.

**Welcome WSO Guests** - **Jan R.** - Jan introduced Tom C., Harriet T. and Karen R., our World Service Conference guests and thanked them for attending our Assembly and TEAM Convention. Everyone was encouraged to greet and meet them and give them a big South Carolina, Area 50 welcome.

**Approval of Area Assembly Minutes** - Minutes from January 29, 2011, were presented for vote by Melanie M. A motion to accept the minutes was made by Maris B. and seconded by Linda Q. and unanimously approved.

**Treasurer's Report - Fran B.** - Beginning Balance is \$7,722.26. Income for the period was \$3,828.46. Total expenses were \$3,899.21, with an ending balance of \$7,651.51. Motion to accept Treasurer's Report as submitted was made by Pat C. and seconded by Susan E, and unanimously approved.

**Chairman - Jeri W.** - I sit at my desk thinking about what to share at Assembly...hmmm. As with my own spiritual awakenings, it doesn't come in a flash of light, but it comes in a subtle, gentle way. I stop and think and ask for my Higher Power's help. Then a direction is given to me. My only job is to listen with an open heart and mind.

As I grow through my journey in meetings and service work, I am reminded of my history and where I am today. Maybe this thought comes to me because I've been reading Many Voices, One Journey. Today it's important to see the progress we are experiencing and expressing with our families, in the rooms of Al-Anon and Alateen, and in our communities. In South Carolina I would like each of you to reflect on how you can be open to all that lies ahead of us and how our journeys can be positive and overflowing towards one another. How can we strive towards those ideals? How about beginning with TEAM? Our dual-chaired topics are Conflict Resolution, Concepts of Service, and Transitioning Alateens into Al-Anon. Isn't this a great way to start by:

- learning and practicing how to communicate in harmony with one another even when we initially may not see eye to eye; continuing to be part of the solution instead of the problem,
- Referring to our Service Manual section on the concepts of service when we are lost and don't know what the next right thing to do is, and
- Making sure the Alateens are valued and that they are welcomed into our South Carolina events so that they feel "a part of" instead of "apart from".

So much work to do, but in this case, work isn't a four letter word and we never do it alone. It's about hope for our future in South Carolina. I have faith that more people will get involved in service work and that each of you will reflect on how getting in the middle of Al-Anon/Alateen has become a vital part of your recovery.

- trying to reinforce how important it is to pick up the phone when emails and texting just don't give us the whole picture
- continually updating the website to make it full of useful information for anyone who needs Al-Anon and Alateen
- getting accurate group records so each group gets WSO information in a timely manner

- asking for someone to take on the position of Spanish Liaison Coordinator or Institutions Coordinator on the area level; these positions are still open
- discussing how Alateen can grow in our state via e-communities and our website

What are we as a panel doing today?

- What is in the immediate future?
- Thought forces; establishing a group of people as a “think tank” in regards to our current action committees’ structure
- Task forces; taking the thought force results and finishing the project; we will be doing this with the convention guidelines

Both of these groups will be reporting to AWSC on August 27<sup>th</sup>.

For background information:

- Once a thought force completes its job, it is followed by discussion at AWSC to see if further action is needed. AWSC may conclude that we need to develop a task force to accomplish the final results. Whatever the decision may be, there will be discussion.
- How are these groups going to be successful? By using informed group conscience – the key word being “informed”. You can get more information about this process by going to our new book and looking up “knowledge-based decision making” in the index.
- How can you help? That’s easy - by volunteering to engage in this process. As always, I stress the importance of rotation of service. We are inclusive, not exclusive.

**Alternate Delegate - Joyce H.** – It has been a great 4 months of service. I have worked on a data base for all Group Representatives in Area 50 S.C. I feel that my Higher Power has been testing me with patience. Several times I would sigh a breath of relief for a finished project, only to realize it wasn’t finished. Hopefully there are only a few changes to make and then Finished!

I have also designed name tags for AWSC and also Area Assembly. I think that this will open up a more friendly and inviting feeling in our meetings. Sometimes stepping out of the box is good for growing.

My main objective is “Unity.” As in Tradition 1 and 2, that is our main purpose. We are only trusted Servants, we do not govern.

**Delegate’s Report – Jan R.** – I want first, to thank everyone for their love and support, the many cards and the love gifts sent to me as WSC. I also want to take this time to say how very proud I am of the SC Area as a whole. When listening to other delegates at the WSC and some of the issues they face in their areas, I have to say that we are a very healthy area. I would like to take this opportunity to thank all the past delegates for their excellent leadership and stewardship that has brought us here and kept us healthy.

I have a number of things to tell you from Conference:

- We voted on the property decision and it was passed to continue to own the WSO property. We were there at the open house on Saturday and witnessed the burning of the mortgage. We will continue to have a home in Virginia Beach.
- The Al-Anon website has been updated. It is much more user friendly. It gives you quick access to audio, video and text information. It debuted April 13. Hopefully, some of you have seen it. If not, please take the time to check it out. I know you will like it. The new green and blue icon identifies the new series of podcasts. They cover many topics and allow for comments. Also under blogs are several subjects. You will also find the Unlimited Abundant Skills Inventory on the website. I encourage all of you to fill this out.
- Our new book, Many Voices, One Journey is also now out. It is 400+ pages of history and recovery. If you want to understand how Al-Anon started and has evolved over the last 60 years

then this is the book for you. With quotes from Lois W., Ann and many Al-Anon members, you can get a better understanding of the program. The book is broken up in many sections with questions at the end of each, making it a wonderful book for meeting discussions. There are also great ideas for workshops that I can access if anyone is interested.

- WSO still needs our contributions to continue with a prudent reserve. We were visited by the Spirit of Generosity several times during the conference to show us how our contributions support PSA's, literature, Conference, etc. Contributions are also needed to continue to expand our circle of hope. We want Abundant Resources to be able to pay it forward for new members.
- There is a new Al-Anon DVD video coming out. This replaces the older video with Morley Safer about Al-Anon. It has sections that you can put together to use as an outreach tool to professionals. I have a copy for anyone that would like to view it. There are new TV and Radio PSA's available. Al-Anon has the top 2% of all PSA's per the latest Neilson Report. Send emails to any Radio or Television station that you hear playing our PSA's to thank them
- We are staying about the same in Forum subscriptions. It averages nationally about 1.5 – 2.5 subscriptions per group. These are a great tool for meetings. It gives people contemporary sharing's that can assist them. It is also a great resource for articles for parent of Alcoholics.
- One of the most exciting pieces of news is the new soft-cover How Al-Anon Works. This version costs \$5 and encourages groups to buy these to give every new member of the fellowship a copy. For years, AA has had the practice of giving new members a copy of their Big Book. Now, Al-Anon has a tool to do much the same thing with their new members. These soft-cover versions are meant to be an outreach tool to new members, not take the place of the hard-cover book that ongoing members purchase. We talked a lot at conference about Unlimited Abundant Resources – where we can use our money by paying it forward to new members with this book. How Al-Anon Works is mentioned in the latest edition of O Magazine in an interview with Ashley Judd. It was one of her ten most influential books list. In coordination with Oprah, there will be an App for I-Phones that will allow you to hear a sample chapter of How Al-Anon Works.
- While at Conference I participated in a Thought Force on Using the Service Manual. We will be continuing to work on this thru the summer and may present our information at the next conference. I also saw presentations from other thought forces and task forces. WSO uses knowledge based decision making to work on issues and determine if motions should be made. In our area, we try to use a similar idea as an informed group conscience. You will be hearing and seeing more of this as we put together some thought forces and a task force for issues in our area. We will be contacting people in the Area to serve on these forces. I look forward to your participation and the results as we move forward in these areas.
- We also saw presentations on TEAM events and voted on the budget, audit and Trustees report. We elected a new Chairman of the Board of Trustees and other positions. We saw a Task Force Presentation on submitting items for the Conference Agenda as well.
- We had a presentation on Cultural Diversity. We are still predominantly 56 year old white women in Al-Anon and need to develop new strategies to reach out to other cultures and ethnicities. What ideas do you have for reaching out to other cultures and ethnicities in our Area?
- To those of you who have been asking me about the possibility of getting CAL on e-readers, etc., we have been told that WSO is looking into this possibility. One of the issues is that Amazon wants 60% of the profit to do it through them, so WSO is looking at other ways to accomplish this.
- We were presented with information about the International Convention in Vancouver in 2013. More information about International should be available in Fall 2012. I have a short video from Vancouver available to show to give you some idea of the area.
- The site for the 2012 World Service Conference was announced. It will be in Stamford, CT and we will all be visiting Stepping Stones.
- I have many pieces of information available on most of the topics covered at WSO. If you would like more detailed information on any of these, please let me know. I would be happy to discuss a

presentation to your district focusing on any of these topics. I also have access to workshops and skits on different topics. I will be happy to try and get you copies of these if you are interested in doing one in your district.

Participating in the World Service Conference was everything I had hoped it would be and more. I had received a lot of experience, strength and hope from past delegates before I went to conference. That gave me a head start on what to expect at conference. It also helped that I had met most of the Southeast Delegates at the Regional delegates Conference in February. The tone of the Conference and watching it in action was inspiring. You could really see that everyone wanted us to succeed and that presuming good will was not just a catch-phrase. There is no way to describe the feelings you get while sitting in conference. Meeting the delegates, the trustees and executive committee and seeing all of them working toward a common purpose in a spirit of harmony and good will, with a definite presence of a Higher Power, is an awe inspiring experience. Meeting and working with the delegates from my panel, Panel 51, was and is a real growth experience for me. I have met so many people from across the country and Canada that I can draw on for their experience, strength and hope. I hope to be able to bring even better things to our Area through this experience.

I have made one district report and have 2 more scheduled. If you would like me to come to your district, please let me know so we can schedule it. I am also interested in any areas of concern or issues facing your groups and districts. Please feel free to contact me with any questions. I may not have an immediate answer, but I have resources to find an answer for you.

I am interested in knowing what you want to hear from me in future reports and at AWSC and Assembly. What topics are you interested in/concerned with? What are some issues facing your group or district? Where can I be of service to you as your delegate? Please feel free to contact me at any time.

One of the areas I would like to focus on in our Area is communication. In the few months that I have been delegate, I have seen several issues that have come up that could have been resolved if the people involved had just picked up the phone and had a conversation with each other. While email is fast and easy, it sometimes makes it difficult to communicate with each other because our different writing styles makes it hard to get the "tone" of an email message where we might hear the friendliness and "smile" on the other end of the phone. I continue to presume good will when I get information from anyone in the program and I think we all would benefit by considering that in any issue. The other thing I've noticed is that many of us email using "reply all" rather than just reply when discussing an issue – sometimes we don't need to get everyone involved until an issue has been identified and properly presented. We also could learn from the Alateen email etiquette guidelines about not including all the previous emails unless they are necessary to the conversation. I know that both Jeri and I are willing and able to talk with anyone in the Area about any issue and will strive to get you answers and get issues resolved. Not every issue will be "fixed" overnight or necessarily to your satisfaction – but we will do the best we can. Let's resolve as an Area to presume goodwill and do our best to communicate clearly and with respect and integrity to identify, analyze and correct any issues we might find in the Area.

I am scheduled to have hip replacement surgery on July 11<sup>th</sup>. I will probably be out of commission for a few weeks as I go through therapy. Hopefully, when you see me at AWSC in August, I will be walking better and recovered from the surgery.

**Alateen - Jan H.** - As we move into the 2<sup>nd</sup> quarter of our first term, I am happy to report that our SC Alateen program is making progress (not perfection) in our four primary concerns. We are hopeful that we will entrust more support from the membership at large and that you will spread the word.

**1) Transition of Alateen Area Coordinators:** A successful transfer of the Alateen bank account occurred from SunTrust to Wachovia. Pertinent information has been shared with key Area Officers and transactions will be documented (in an Excel spreadsheet format) for future reporting purposes. Between Susan O and I, we have participated in three WSO Conference calls. Highlights follow:

- **WSO has introduced an online discussion board via e-communities** where all Area Alateen Coordinators can communicate directly with each other. The current three topics: *Structure of Area Alateen Conferences, Alateen Sponsor Certification Requirements & Alateen Public Outreach.*

- **An Alateen Service E-Manual is forthcoming to the WSO (members only) website.** A variety of Alateen Service resources will be available for download. We were asked for suggestions of information we would like to access there. Response ranged from successful meeting topics to request for translations.
- **Alateen Chat Room Meetings are just getting off the ground.** A relatively recent phenomenon, the Alateen Chat meeting rooms are screened for high security. Currently 11 areas have applied and been approved and only 6 scheduled. We are one of the 11 and are collecting names and e-mail addresses of (teens and sponsors) interested in participating. We are planning a training workshop for Sponsors and teens with WSO in June. From this initial training, our members will be able to share their knowledge at our upcoming 2011 SC Alateen Conference where we will be providing a hands-on Chat Room workshop for all participants.

**2) Providing more support to Alateen Sponsors:** We are grateful to our Webmaster who has jumped through hoops with us to provide our sponsors the necessary documents and resources for download. Since January, these include business meeting notes and a range of forms needed necessary for transporting teens, updating group & sponsor records including certification and recertification forms.

More Alateen Sponsor help and support is needed – especially in districts 1, 2, 8 where there currently are no Alateen meetings open to the public. Also, Districts 5 & 9 are running on minimum (2) to no Alateen Sponsor back up for weekly Alateen meetings. There are many ways members can work their program supporting their district Alateens and sponsors that would not require weekly attendance at an Alateen group. Ask an Alateen sponsor or let me hear from you at [sc\\_alateen@yahoo.com](mailto:sc_alateen@yahoo.com).

### **3) Increasing communications among teens and sponsors within the area:**

- The first Alateen E-News was released 2/13/2011 to an approximate 60 members (teens & sponsors) within the Alateen fellowship with two more released since. Among the reasons this electronic news was created was to serve as a communication vehicle to alert our area wide fellowship of new postings to the website, call for input on upcoming Alateen events and activities in the planning stages, & to share member and group news. The second E-News drew several responses (from adults) that provided a learning opportunity that resulted in the creation of our official “Rules and FAQ’s” (...i.e. internet etiquette) on our new electronic communications. This guide defines what is okay and not okay when responding to mail from our new e-mail and has been posted to the website. Check it out.
- Our new e-mail address - [\*\*sc\\_alateen@yahoo.com\*\*](mailto:sc_alateen@yahoo.com) - was established as command central for Area Alateen to receive inquiries from the public as well as to disperse communications throughout the fellowship. This mail comes directly to me. It is the address from which the Alateen E-News originates. Please add this to your own address book (for referral purposes) so that you will be able to receive mail – instead of going to your spam box. Since we have gone live (late January 2011) 30+ inquiries have been received from the public, responded to with forwarding contact information provided to appropriate DRs and Alateen contacts. All but District 1 thus far have been sent referrals. When you receive these referrals, please let me know if you are NOT the correct contact and/or if you are unable to follow up.
- **A Request for more Public Outreach** – There has been some passionate discussions taking place about how to spread the word about Alateen meetings and the need for more sponsor support. The topic often comes around to a decision to not post Alateen meetings to the public made at the area level in the early forming of SC Alateen and prior to the internet becoming the central communication channel it is today.
- Established FreeConferenceCall.com / toll free 877.482.5838 for Alateens and Alateen Sponsors to meet by telephone conference for free.

**4) Increase Alateen/Alateen Sponsor participation and voice at all levels (District/Area /Conferences & Conventions):** At Area Assembly we held our first “Alateen Break-out Session” where we began planning our 2011 SC Alateen Conference. We also tossed around various ways to improve communications among our fellowship and invited our Webmaster to help us explore various methods of using the website. Since January,

we have posted many new resources accessible via the *member's only* pages at the website, then clicking on *Area 50 Alateen* tab. Check us out!

At the 2011 SC Al-Anon/Alateen Convention in Myrtle Beach several activities were added to the weekend to enrich the Alateen experience. Among these included a Friday Night business meeting, a midnight hot seat meeting and the favorite Saturday afternoon beach/poolside downtime with Frisbee.

**2011 SC Alateen Camp / July 15 - 17.** The Contract for services at Camp Kinard was secured in early February. An increase of fees has occurred for the weekend and will be reflected in a slight increase from \$85 per member to \$90. We have revised the Registration Forms into Two - Part A & Part B. Part A is required all participating members whether for the Open Saturday activities & lunch to full participation with two overnights and 5 meals. Part B is required for all participating Alateens and includes all the travel/health & behavior agreement signatures. Fees are divided into Part A \$15 and Part B with overnight & meals \$75. No other fees are incurred. A limited number of scholarships are available by request. Our generous Al-Anon fellowship can make donations in support of the SC Alateen Conference or to SC ALATEEN w/o specific purpose and given to Area Alateen Coordinator or mailed to: AC Sponsor/1102 Laudonniere St, /Bft, SC 29902.

State (teen) Alateen Representative Gene W is working hard to put together the SC Alateen Conference agenda in cooperation with all groups. Many of you have already heard from him. He will provide a separate report on the status of these plans.

District 6 is the first to consider a teen service position be added to their slate of officers and coordinators. The proposal under review includes a description of duties and term for the teen District Alateen Coordinator position. This new voice would serve as a direct and new link from GR to State Alateen Rep and serve in partnership with the adult District Alateen Coordinator.

**Area Alateen Process Person - Susan O.** - Deadline for recertification forms to be submitted was May 3. The initial review appears that 21 renewed, 7 sponsors and 6 AMIAS have not been received.

Myrtle Beach group reported inactive. It appears 3 other groups will become inactive due to no certified sponsor.

Four new applications have been processed and four are awaiting additional information.

Thanks to the District Reps, it is apparent that several of you took the recertification and made sure it was completed.

**Group Records - Joyce H.** - It has been a busy time since January 1. Since then I have tried to be in constant contact with all District Representatives and as of today have completed all but 2 Districts change forms for Group Representatives and changes within the groups. As I stated in AWSC report, I am now able to make changes and even set up new groups electronically with WSO. This has made the process so much more convenient and faster as changes are sent directly to WSO group services.

I also developed a paper trail. Copies of change forms are sent to Delegate and Secretary for storage. I also send copies of WSO changes to District Representatives, Chairmen and Webmaster for reference. This backup is a safety net in case of loss of information between myself and WSO. A data base has also been set up for all Group Representatives information needed for emails and mailing purposes. I also hope this will help on Area Treasurer needs to identify monies received.

I am excited about Area 50 soon becoming 100% informed in all aspects for Groups for myself and information needed for WSO for mail purposes to CMA.

**Archives - Linda R.** -

**Literature - Nan M.** - Just want to let everyone know that Susan E. (Forum Coordinator) and I are ready and waiting to travel to your district and groups in order to provide workshops either on Many Voices One Journey, Literature or The Forum. You may reach by grabbing us here or going to the Reflector in order to various methods to reach us. Please remember the Reflector is on the SC website.

There is nothing more exciting for me than on my first year as Literature Coordinator for there to be two new Literature options. First, there is Many Voices One Journey which is a recovery book that spans over time. The book is broken up in segment's which is great for the use in our daily reading. It as well has questions following

each segment which easily allows the material to be used with the meeting formats. I ordered a case with the help of our delegate (she brought them back from WSC, thanks Jan) and by the time I arrived at AWSC they were gone. My home group has already used it to pull a meeting topic two times. The book itself spans 60+ years of recovery. Second, we now have a paperback edition of How Al Anon Works. This is most exciting because at a \$5 cost we will be able to give these out to newcomers. We could give up one or two lunches – we all could lose some weight – and in turn provide others a wonderful piece of literature. Just think for less than a cost of a lunch a newcomer could have one of our best pieces of literature. I encourage you all to not worry with your giving that the newcomer may not return because I believe our god of our understanding will get it where it needs to go. Please don't forget to consider using the Raleigh Literature Distribution Center because that will support our sister state North Carolina.

Finally we gave away two books with the paperback edition of How Al Anon Works going to Jeri W. (whom immediately turned around and gave it to a newcomer in the Assembly) and the book Many Voices One Journey was won by Dian R.

**Web Page – Mike M.** – Mike wanted to know how many members had looked at the South Carolina Al-Anon website and looked at our calendar and events. He informed us that other states post all of their events. The website is only as good as the information that is provided to the Webmaster. Mike wants and appreciates any information or ideas that you have that will help others when put on the website. Everyone please encourage others to look at the website. The information on it isn't helpful if nobody looks at it. .

Mike gave directions and the password to get to the *member's only* portion of the website, which is <http://www.al-anon-sc.org/>, click the Al-Anon symbol on the upper right corner, and type in "scarea50". Everyone has access to the website. We also have Alateen and AWSC area's for those that are involved with those entities. The public side of the webpage will take you to these other areas.

On average, there are 450 hits on the website a week. Mike is getting emails because people are looking at our website and still can't find the meetings. People need to know how to get to us and people are going to meetings that no longer exist. Mike is working to fix this and make sure that everything is up-to-date, but if you are aware of a change that is happening in your District, please contact your District Representative so that Joyce H. of Groups Services and Mike M. will know.

There are new forms out there and any forms that is needed Mike will put on the site. Convention information is up and you can print out the flyer and register form. Calendar/News and Events – the calendar has a list of events on it, but if there is other information concerning it, (i.e. registration form, flyer) click on the event and you will be taken to the News and Events page where you can find that information.

### **2011 Convention Chair – Joyce H. - FINAL REPORT**

Convention 2011 is now over, but the memories remain. The learning experience, the bond that grew within our Committee, the ins-and outs, the revolving committee members, and most of all, the over whelming amount of recovery that we all received and took back home Sunday morning within ourselves.

He wonderful Speakers, the exciting workshops that were offered, the hospitality room filled with great food and heartfelt fellowship, and yes even the hilarious entertainment "Focus on U," made this a great Convention to remember. Our main purpose from the beginning was not the money, but the awesome time spent between members of this wonderful program of Al-Anon. I feel this was accomplished.

I am especially grateful to those who stepped up to fill in when positions were left unattended. Every member of 2011 Committee was so thankful for the Chairman and Co-Chairman of Communication's Committee. Both of these ladies went far and beyond not only their own committee, but also helped out Registration and Fundraising without being ask, and stayed there until the end. This is how service work is done. I will be handing down the 2011 notebook at Assembly in June, Hopefully when it is shared by 2012 and 2013, those Committees will also see beyond the reports, the pictures and the words, and see and feel how Convention 2011 Committee grew in their program and even became a little closer to the Alateens in S.C. As we see changes in us all we have the opportunity to leave a Stepping Stone wherever we have planted our seed.

**2012 Convention Chair – Janet L.** –The Convention Planning Committee met on January 29<sup>th</sup> during Area Assembly and on February 19<sup>th</sup> after the Saturday evening session at Convention. We also conducted a site visit to Ocean Dunes during the 2011 Convention.

The preliminary convention flyer and registration form is posted on the Area web site. More information will be posted by June assembly.

The Speaker Committee has selected speakers for Thursday night, Saturday morning (AA) and evening, and Sunday morning sessions. Jan R is contacting WSO to request a speaker for Friday evening. We have arranged for John Holmes to tape the speaker meetings.

We plan to meet with Alateens at their conference in July to discuss their participation in Convention and what arrangements they want for meeting space, etc.

Our WSO Speaker on Friday night will be Ric B., Executive Director, and our Sunday morning speaker will be Dale C. The Workshops Committee has developed a list of topics and is looking for workshop leaders.

Our next planning meeting will be Saturday, August 27<sup>th</sup>, 1:30 pm, Virginia Wingard United Methodist Church, Columbia.

**Reflector Editor – Diane F.** – Next reflector is due and all deadlines are on the website.

**Forum Coordinator – Susan E.** - A subscription to the Forum was given at the June Assembly and another will be given at the October Area Assembly.

**Public Outreach – Nancy G.** – We are very busy, going to courts and institutions, A new PSA with three different sections is out and Jan R. has it on the computer to look at. Please take the PSA to your local TV stations. There is a new DVD that can be used for professionals and can be used in sections. It can be used as an introduction to professionals about the program. Business cards - artwork ideas are need for it so submit any ideas that you might have to Nancy. Mike is ready to make them, but we need some input into them. If anyone has a good source for printing let Nancy know. Nancy's group is putting Cal Literature in libraries in their community and they are getting new members from this. Also putting the crying house fliers in the community is helping. Nancy will continue to do the drawings for money for public outreach at the area assembly.

**Business:**

Because of the TEAM event there was no other business discussed at this meeting, but Service Manual Workshop was given by Margaret L. An Al-Anon/Alateen Service Manual Scavenger Hunt was passed out and the "Hunt Was On." It was informative and fun. Thank you Margaret and Pat C!

**Wrap Up Session – Jan R.** – Jan gave highlights to the Assembly, thanked everyone for their participation and said she was excited and looking forward to seeing everyone the next morning for the TEAM event.

**Motion to Adjourn Area Assembly** – A motion to Adjourn Area Assembly was made and unanimously approve. Closing with the Lord's Prayer and Al-Anon/Alateen Declaration - "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

Respectfully Submitted,

Melanie M,

Area Secretary – Area 50 – Panel 51

**DISTRICT REPRESENTATIVE REPORTS:**

**DISTRICT 1 – Karen L.**

**DISTRICT 2 - Gayle E. -**

**DISTRICT 3 - Jane K. –**

**DISTRICT 4 – Margaret L. -**

**DISTRICT 5 - Dian R. -**

**DISTRICT 6 - John C. -** District 6 has met for regular district meeting in January, March, and May so far this year In Walterboro, SC.

In that time we have accomplished much and had a good time while doing Al-Anon work. We brainstormed workshop topics and have about a two year supply of district workshops topics from the effort. At our May Meeting Walterboro and St. George AFGs present a workshop titled "The Artful Fourth" using basic art techniques the pictures and watercolors we each made told a story of our feelings or journey of recovery from the 4<sup>th</sup> step perspective. It was simple yet amazing!

During our meetings the need to gather and record group histories was stressed by Linda R. Summerville AFG is celebrating its 40<sup>th</sup> birthday June 29 at 7:00 pm.

In January and March Jan H introduced the need for an "Alateen District Representative" Jan H introduced term for 1 year (renewed for next 2 possible) requirements and responsibilities were presented. The idea is for attracting Alateens to district meetings and increasing participation. Finally, at the May Meeting the process worked and a District Alateen representative position was voted into being for District 6. I believe a good service and work was done with this.

District 6, 7, and 8 to host 2013 Convention, Planning committee meetings will be determined. Contact with District 7 has not been made to coordinate meetings.

The district needs a new District Alateen Coordinator replacing Sally M. The DR reached out the certified Alateen sponsors. David H has accepted this responsibility as District 6 Alateen Coordinator and will be working with and mentored by Sally M.

Hosts for the July 9<sup>th</sup> District meeting: Summerville Area AFG's

Great news! A new AFG has formed and registered in Bluffton, SC: **THE NEW BEGINNINGS AFG**, Wednesday @ 10:30 am, St. Luke's United Methodist Church - Fellowship Hall

**DISTRICT 7 - Dennis V. -**

**DISTRICT 8 - Mary Ellen R. -**

**DISTRICT 9 - Dale C. -**

**DISTRICT 10 - Marie J. -**