



**April 24, 2022**

**Policy Committee Meeting Minutes**

**3:00pm**

**Zoom Meeting**

**The meeting opened at 3:00pm with a Moment of silence and the Serenity Prayer**

12 Steps: Renie and Joanne

12 Traditions: Iris and Cathy

12 Concepts: Rhonda and Deb

General Warranties: Carol

3 Obstacles to Success: Susan

**Announcements: Iris**

Please remember that only Policy Committee members have voice and vote. Please remember that while this is the business side of Al-Anon, this is still Al-Anon.

**Approve February Minutes: Rhonda**

**Moved to accept by Joanne F. Seconded by Carol V. Motion carried 8 yes, 0 no, 0 abstain.**

**Business: Iris**

**Reports**

**Delegate:** Renie is not able to attend the WSC this year. Joanne as Alternate Delegate will step in. Renie has joined the WSO Public Outreach Committee.

**Alternate Delegate:** Joanne is going to WSC. She'll report at Spring Assembly.

**Chairperson Iris** has no report.

**Treasurer:** Cathy's report:

As of today, we have received \$3,680.52 in Group, District & Individual Contributions. Contributions have not picked up as much as was thought after 2022 Area Appeal Letter was emailed to the groups.

I had a response from one group member who stated that her groups "have consistently voted against Area donations as we feel our money was handled in an irresponsible way with the overage and then also equally ineffective in using that overage in the outreach attempt made by the area leadership...We already give to the WSO so the sum donated was not the individual groups will just by common sense. If they wanted it to go there, we would have voted that way to begin with...and are currently."

I believe this group has been misinformed because it was the entire assembly (Group Representatives) that voted to use the excess Area funds for public outreach (see minutes from 2018 Spring Assembly) and for a contribution of to the WSO (\$5,000 approved at the 2020 Fall Assembly), not the "leadership". We should be grateful for the groups who believe the Seventh Tradition and support Area 61.

Our expenses thus far are \$5,286.09, \$2,626.25 of which was for literature. We still have not yet received the direct billing for the guest rooms at Hotel Mead for the March AWSC.

Our budgeted expenses for 2022, less amounts for Assemblies and Literature, are \$19,721.00 which when divided by an estimated 300 groups in WIUPMI comes to \$65.73 per group. I realize not all groups are able to contribute that much while others are willing and able to give more.

Some groups are still sending their contributions to the previous two treasurers. Please encourage districts and groups to use the current Area 61 Contribution form and mail to the current treasurer.

**Secretary** Rhonda P: please submit your reports to her in a Word document. If you have changes to the meeting minutes, please send an email or a Word document.

**Alateen Coordinator** Deb T: Laurie T, AAPP sent an email to IL to see if we can do a one-day Midlake. They are not very interested. She and Laurie will work to get a committee together for Midlake.

**Past Delegate Carol V:** Do we need to print out the Secretary minutes and/or put on a thumb drive for the Archives Coordinator? We've had no printed binders since approximately 2012. Should we download minutes every year? When does the Website Coordinator remove old documents from the website? Iris's thoughts: Create a Thought Force or a Task Force.

Cathy reported that minutes on the Area 61 website go back to 2013 Spring Assembly and forward to now. Back in time when Cathy was the Area Secretary, she put together three binders of the minutes and gave them to the Archives Coordinator. Maybe set up a Thought Force – what are the requirements for keeping Secretary minutes? How long do we need Finance Reports also?

Susan: Information is on the Area 61 website. If someone wants to research our history, will that increase the Archives Coordinator job if we don't have documents on our website? We should have more than a couple of years history on our website.

Renie: should we go beyond the Policy Committee and take to AWSC and Assembly? Susan: can't find any minutes from 1991 – the only year that is missing. Carol spoke with our Archives Coordinator – 1991 isn't the only year missing – some other years are missing, too. Sometimes it's just notes that are missing. Cathy: include some people from the AWSC on Thought Force, including our current Archives Coordinator.

**Susan moved to give our Website Coordinator Timi H voice on this meeting. Rhonda seconded. Motion carried: 2 abstain 6 yes 0 no.**

Susan B do we need to worry about our website filling up? Timi said it is not an issue. Timi thinks we should do website backups. Dan G started doing that in his term on Panel 59 and



Timi continues doing that. Timi does **not** suggest that we create thumb-drives or have the minutes printed.

**Past Delegate Susan B:** no report

**Old Business**

**Area Inventory Update:** Iris emailed the Area Inventory to everyone on April 5. Iris submitted all questions to Lisa, Chair of our Area Inventory Task Force. The questions are very open-ended. We will take printed copies to the Spring Assembly.

**AMAVIS Processing/Certification Task Force Update:** Joanne F. said the Task Force met and will meet again May 25.

**New Business**

**May Policy Committee Meeting time:** Meet in the Hotel Mead Ballroom, which will help the Tech Committee make sure everything is ready for the Spring Assembly. The meeting will also be hybrid at 6:30pm Friday.

**Spring Assembly:** Per Iris, Terri R, Assembly Coordinator, had a difficult time getting a host District so we have none at this time. Ask people in your groups to find volunteers for registration, raffle, and literature. Have them email Terri.

**Hot Topic:** Renie thinks the topic is too broad. Iris will put together a framework and she will email everyone to make it less vague. Reminder: Rhonda P, Secretary, will not be taking minutes. Iris, how do we get information to those who do not attend the Spring Assembly? Cathy: someone else can take notes during the Hot Topic session. It's not part of the minutes. In the minutes, the Secretary can say, for more information...see the Hot Topic document.

**New issue of WSO Al-Anon/Alateen Service Manual Request:** Carol had a request from a past DR to give free Service Manuals – for all GRs, DRs, Officers and Coordinators as we had done in the past. Cathy stated that for groups it would cost about \$1,400 for GRs only and that we do not have an abundance in our Treasury right now. She thinks groups should cover; it's only \$5 per manual. Susan: Or they could go to Districts and ask them to purchase. There is an electronic online service manual for free download. Cathy: let's let membership know they can download.

**Technology Coordinator Request:** Susan B moved to give Dan G our Tech coordinator voice. Joanne F seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

**Dan G. Tech Coordinator:** asked that his expenses be paid arriving Thursday night for Spring Assembly 2022 only. He can meet with Hotel Mead staff at Noon on Friday. He requested that his expenses be paid for room only and not meals. Carol: can't he drive up Friday? Dan, who lives in Illinois, said it's a 4.5-hour drive for him so he'd have to leave at 8am and would be tired when he arrives if he left on Friday. Per Dan, some members of the Tech Committee will be there Friday to document how to set up. The Policy Committee determined that based on the Area 61 Policy Manual, no motion was necessary. Dan's request was granted.



**Area 61 Policy Manual:** Iris emailed the Policy Committee suggested edits. Many came from our previous Chair, Ann J. Renie is opposed to making the change on page 3, item#2 about avoiding scheduling business during major holidays/holy days of the members involved. Renie stated that in her opinion, this regards the core values of our Legacies and goes against the WSO. Cathy said it does not say religious holidays but major holidays. Iris said the reason she added the wording is because major holidays are already avoided. But minority members are not represented because some holidays are not recognized by the United States as legal holidays. Rhonda commented how important it is for her to not hold meetings, whether committee, task or thought forces, AWSC or Assemblies that land on the Jewish High Holidays.

Iris said updating the Policy Manual will take a long time. We can discuss this again. At each PC meeting we will tackle one page. Iris will resend the current Policy Committee manual to the Policy Committee.

**Motion to adjourn** made by Rhonda and seconded by Susan. Passed unanimously.

**Adjourn**

Closed with the Al-Anon Declaration

The meeting was adjourned at 5:07pm.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Rhonda P  
Area 61 Secretary  
Term: 2022 – 2024

These minutes are not official until approved by the Policy Committee.

## ATTENDEES

POLICY COMMITTEE MEMBERS	Present*	
Delegate	Renie	P
Alt Delegate	Joanne	P
Chairperson	Iris	P
Secretary	Rhonda	P
Treasurer	Cathy	P
Alateen Coordinator	Deb T.	P
Active Past Delegate	Susan	P
Active Past Delegate	Carol	P

Guests were in attendance.

\* **Present column:** Present, Excused, Absent (unexcused)