

2026 Host Committee Meeting Minutes August 31, 2025

Attendees : Bonnie W., John H., Debbie D., Carolyn M., Pixie J., Karen G., Emiley H., Pam H. and Karen K.

John opened the meeting with The Serenity Prayer

Concept 4 was stated by Pixie J.

Topics for Discussion

John reported the Alateen Chair was still open

John asked that we determine the best way to turn in money raised for the 2026 Convention. Bonnie stated funds from AFGs can be paid through Venmo under Bonnie's account "@convention-2022". Please list the Group name and project when paying by Venmo. Bonnie will also be entering contributions as a line item in the budget. Carolyn said any funds she receives will be given to Bonnie.

John asked that we continue to encourage our members to attend this year's State convention Sept 26-28, 2025

Reports

Secretary Report Karen K. read the minutes and reports from the July 27, 2025, meeting. Karen G. made a motion to accept the reports and Bonnie W. seconded the motion. The motion passed by a show of hands. All minutes, reports and budgets are on the [Skyala-anon.org](https://skyala-anon.org) website.

Chairperson Report John gave the following report:
Things are progressing well. For the most part all the tasks are up to date. I will be attending the 2025 Convention in Louisville to announce the 2026 Convention Hope, Happiness, and Healing. I would like to encourage everyone to attend and to announce this year's convention to your groups as well. We can't expect the AI-Anon members to attend our convention if we don't support their convention as well. Hope to see you all there! My goal is to have bookmarks and/or fliers to distribute to the ones attending this year's convention. I also want to thank all the fundraising that has already begun! And ask for your continued ideas to raise the funds.

Treasures Report Bonnie W. provided the July Budget report and an updated Projected report. Pam H. made a motion to accept the report, Pixie seconded the motion and the motion passed with a show of hands. These reports can be viewed at [Skyal-anon.org](https://skyal-anon.org)

Co-chair Report Kelly G. No Report

Fundraising Chair report Carolyn gave a report of funds that have been raised. Carolyn plans to attend the next Area Assembly and present the Butterfly Recognition fundraiser and provide the representatives with the Butterflies and instructions for use and returning the funds. Carolyn brought up concerns regarding changes that went into effect July 1, 2025, with the state gaming commission regarding fundraising and taxation. Karen G. offered to check with Linda Cobb regarding these changes for non-profits and fundraising involving raffles and "chance" purchases.

Registration Chair Report Karen G. reported that PayPal can be used for Registration for the convention. After consultation with Patty Meeks about anonymity and information on the registration forms, Karen decided to obtain a P.O. box for those that want to pay with check/cash. Karen has checked and Smith Groves will rent a P. O. Box for \$36.00 for 6 months. Karen will try and time this rental so as not to rent the P.O. Box for more than one year

Flier Chair Report Emiley H. reported on pricing for magnets for Save the Date reminders. 100 for \$49.00; 200 for \$67.00 and 500 for \$122.00. There was some discussion about bookmarks as well. After researching bookmark prices, it was determined the magnets were cheaper. John suggested ordering 500 for \$122.00. The consensus was to move forward with this option John will be reaching out to Patty about giving the magnets out at the 2025 convention. In an effort to decrease costs and make information readily available to all groups, John suggested the flier be mailed to the other AI-anon groups in the district/area. The groups can then print their own fliers and announce this at their meetings.

Speaker Chair Report Pixie gave the following report:
I have confirmed our last speaker. I'm excited to announce that Danny Childress has agreed to speak at our convention. He has offered to drive from Memphis since they have family that live there. He and his wife will be traveling with a dog and asked for us to check if the hotel had pet friendly rooms. He offered to pay the pet fee. I mentioned this to John and I googled. It looks like they do allow pets.
Lee G contacted me to say he does have an AA speaker lined up. He said that Pat B from Madisonville agreed to speak at our conference.
Now that we have an official logo, I will focus on finding canvas bags to put the logo on to serve as our speakers' gift bags.
Yours in service,
Pixie Jarvis
Speaker Chairperson

Hospitality Chair Report Debbie D. reported she will be meeting with Brenda True, the previous AI-Anon Hospitality Chair, and reviewing her binder from that convention.

Publicity Chair Report Amanda W. No report

Entertainment Chair Report Dawn D. No report

Literature Chair Report Pam H. reported she is increasing the par of literature a little along so we will be well stocked by the 2026 Convention.

AA Chair Report Lee Pixie reported Lee has obtained an AA Speaker for the 2026 Convention.

Tasks and Timelines John led the group in reviewing the Host Committee Tasks and Timelines due for completion through August. He also identified those that will be due in September. Bonnie has updated the task list to include deadlines and steps for completing Registration on-line tasks

Bonnie also reviewed with the group the 2025 On-line Registration which can be found under Events and select the 60th Alanon Convention. Bonnie reviewed the links available on this page and highlighted information the Registration, Flyer and Publicity Chairs need to consider when creating the 2026 links. .

John brought up for discussion our next meeting. The next Host Committee meeting falls on the Sunday after the convention. He suggested we meet Sunday, October 5, instead. The group was in agreement.

The next meeting will be October 5, 2025

Dates for upcoming Zoom meetings....all are at 4pm

October 26th

November 23rd

December 28th

The meeting was closed with the AI-Anon Declaration