

October 5, 2025 2026 Host Committee Minutes

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

John opened the meeting with the Serenity Prayer

Concept 4 - Pixie stated Concept 4

New topics

Open positions

Kelly G. has resigned as Co-Chairperson, so this position is now open

Alateen Chair open remains open

Reports

Secretary Report Karen K. read the minutes and reports from the October 5, 2025, 2026 Host Committee Meeting. After some clarification around the amount for the P.O. Box, Karen K. made a motion to accept the minutes as read. Dawn Seconded the motion and the motion carried by a show of hands.

Chairperson Report John H. gave the following report:
The host committee tasks are progressing well. Tasks are all up to date. I attended the 2025 Convention in Florence. It was a great weekend of recovery. A couple of things I took away from the convention that I would like for us to consider, First the program for the convention that fit into the pocket of the lanyard. And second the way they handled the baskets. They had a cut off time to purchase tickets and posted the winners in the lobby for the winners to claim them in the basket room. They had for fundraising a 50/50 raffle where the winner got just under \$700. They raffled a butterfly quilt and 46 baskets along with Cincinnati Reds memorabilia. I can't wait to see their wrap up report to see how much they raised on these items. The "Save the Date" magnets were distributed at the convention. It was clever to stick them on the backs of the chairs. I also want to encourage all to continue to see what opportunities and ideas we have to fundraise. I appreciate all the fundraising that has been done this far! The Bowling Green Friendship group will have a movie matinee on November 9th from 2-4 at the clubhouse. Please pass this on to your groups. And I hope to see everyone there! I also know that Discovering Choices group is planning the first of the year a recovery bingo as well. More to come!

Treasurers Report Bonnie provided an updated report for the Budget and the Projected Budget. Items were reviewed. Pixie made a motion to accept the reports, Karen G. seconded the motion. The motion carried with a show of hands. Reports are attached (per email) and placed on the Skyal-anon.org website.

Co-Chair Report No report given

Fundraising Report Carolyn gave a summary of Fundraising reported at the Area Assembly on October 4, 2025, by the 2025 Al-Anon Fundraising for the 2025 Al-Anon Convention - approximate total was \$5850.00 not counting registration fees. Carolyn reported the sale of 6 plants, 1 Butterfly, 7 book covers at the Area Assembly on October 4, 2025. There was much discussion about possible fundraising ideas, ways to raise more money, ways to include AA Participation and guidance around fund raising from the general public.

Suggested fundraising ideas

- Louisville had a "Speak and Eat" that raised around \$1500.00 - Could this be done in Bowling Green with AA and Al-Anon participation?
- There is an AA convention in February 2026 in Owensboro. Could we sell tickets for a chance to win a "Gift Card" Basket?
- Al-Anon members provide baked goods to sell at AA Meetings - i.e. at the Club House, Holy Spirit, First Baptist and/or Church on Main.

- Food contest, like a Chili cookoff. Charge for those entering Chili and charge for those eating.
- Add to John's Christmas Party and charge for a Photo Booth, Games, etc.
- Do a Human Slot Machine at a combined (AA and Al-Anon) function
- A Car Wash

Of note;

- Dawn may be able to obtain a Cracker Barrel Rocking Chair at cost and maybe cheaper than Carolyn can obtain this through her employee discount. More on this at the next meeting
- Lori Hasler is the Al-Anon liaison for AA in Louisville and would be a good contact for getting permission to attend some of their combined events for fundraising.

Registration Report Karen G. reported she had gotten a P. O. Box at Smiths Grove for \$45.00 for six months which included a key deposit. This is rented through the end of March.

Karen G. also reported she and Emiley H. will be working on their tasks and report out at the next meeting.

Speaker Report All speakers have been selected. Pixie reported she had done some research for the speaker gifts and found canvas bags at Hobby Lobby for \$2.50 each. Dawn suggested Signature Signs as an option to add the convention logo to the bags. Pixie also plans to send a note to the speakers and include the "Save the Date" magnets.

Flier Report Emiley provided the following report and emailed the Flyer and Logo to all committee members.

Attached is the finalized Save the Date flyer. After approval at the last Host Committee meeting, this design was printed on 500 magnets that were given at 2025 Convention in Northern Kentucky at the end of September along with Area Assembly this month (October). Huge thanks to everyone who helped with the mission at both events!

I have also attached the receipt for the magnets which were directly purchased by the District thanks to Bonnie!

Attached also is the logo separate from the flyer to use if anyone chooses to do so. This specific design has a blank background so it can be used on any color material. I have already sent this to Carolyn to use for Fundraising efforts.

I'm enjoying being of service and very grateful to be working with you all!

Lots of Love,

Emiley H.



Hospitality Report No Report

Publicity Report No Report

Entertainment Report Dawn reported she had bought a jigsaw puzzle and will add coloring pages for a calm area set up for the convention. She also is considering a LipSync Competition by District 10, Karaoke Night and a Yoga Class on Sunday morning.

Literature Report No Report

AA Liaison Report No Report

Host Committee Tasks and Timelines reviewed

The meeting was closed with the Al-Anon Declaration.

Next Meeting will be October 26, 2025 via Zoom at 4 pm

Dates for upcoming Zoom meetings....all are at 4pm
November 23rd
December 28th

