

AI-Anon Service Meeting Minutes 9/10/2022-HYBRID
2480 Browncroft Blvd, lower office 10 am-Agenda
Electronic sign in on AIS website

Chair: Pat-opened meeting with the Serenity Prayer

Read: 12 Traditions-John B., 12 Concepts of Service-Maggie G, Warranties-. Expanded concept 9-Michelle

Roll Call first names and AIS roles: Mel, Erin, Loron, Pat H, John B, Maggie G, Deb G, Elissa, Michelle, Suc C, Laura, Diane, Robin S., Angela R, Rose B.

From Pat: Welcome all to the AIS Rochester monthly meeting. We hope you will find in this fellowship:

1. Growth in your program and understanding of how AIS works.
 2. A welcoming environment where members feel safe and can express opinions and ideas freely, w/o interruption or criticism.
 3. Discussion and actions that benefit the AI-Anon groups in the Rochester area and beyond. (We welcome feedback, especially ideas for improvement).
 4. Contact information for Officers and AIS members, and an orientation for new members.
- Thank you for your service; rotation of service is important for our group's health.

Reports Below:

Secretary: Last month's minutes on website, attached to agenda <http://www.aisrochester.org/minutes.html> . approve-Pat, second, Maggie - Motion passed. Loron out of town for 10/8 meeting, please volunteer to take minutes-Thank you Maggie G., Loron will have agenda ready by 10/7

Treasurer: -reports on website and attached: <http://aisrochester.org/pdf/treasurer-report.pdf>
Motion to approve: Laura second: Elissa, motion passed See 2023 budget. -to be voted on in November.

Chair Report- Pat H.

Chairperson Report - Pat H.

Welcome back everyone, happy September

. Did you know there is a Delegate's chat on the 1st Sunday (1 pm) and 1st Thursday (7pm) of each month? For further information go to nynafg.com and click on Events Calendar.

- Our current Web Coordinator, Sue C., has agreed to continue in her position. Alateen Coordinator Maureen L., has agreed to continue in her position as well. Thank you both, you are doing a great job!
- Activities, Outreach, and Web Tech positions have interested persons. I'll learn more in the next month and will keep you posted.
- We need a Treasurer and a Newsletter Editor. Please ask your groups—we need your help!

New Business: Today we will be talking about sending out an appeal letter via email, for donations to the groups that we have contact information for. It's been a few years since we've made this appeal. We will also be discussing the possibility of opening the positions of Treasurer and Secretary to dual members. If a dual member is elected to one of these positions, however, they will not have a vote at Assembly or AWSC (Area World Service Committee) meetings. See discussion in new business.

Discussion of meetings and how we are meeting/re-forming

Laura is the ISR for Brockport Thursday nights. They have not been meeting. She notes that her members are not savvy with zoom and have been wary of meeting in person. The church is willing to accept the meeting. We discussed that some meetings are hybrid all the time, some at scheduled days. Some groups splitting into two forms that meet at the same time. Laura appreciated this feedback and will contact her members to see if there is interest. We all agree that the loss of meeting spaces and face to face meetings has affected folks' recovery and service. Debi G. shares that their new meeting space is perfect and invites folks to the Sunday at 7pm-Came to believe.

Vice-Chair: open position

Activities: Debbie-no report.

Alateen: Maureen- No report

Book Depot -Erin

- Mel and Erin have updated pricing on orders form for Conference approved literature and in the cabinets that contain the literature. You may review and download the order form from the AIS website.
- Pricing increases are to be applied to all literature, even if we bought the literature before the price change.
- Some books are out of stock, Erin is ordering extra books we sell more of, like the readers and how Al-Anon Works.
- Literature is available for days of sharing and for groups, contact Erin at the book depot.

Finance: Budget items were due in August-proposed budget for 2023 completed and will be voted on in November. Mel and Diane will cover for John B. while he is out.

Intergroup -Maggie G.-report below

- Fall Assembly hybrid meeting. Sept 16-18, In Person in Fayetteville-see attached report. Note increase in literature, discussion of electronic only meetings, open positions. Registration at NYNorth website.
- Please make sure your meeting information and contacts are accurate at NYNorth, who filters this information to WSO. This will increase accuracy at state and national levels when people are looking for meetings.

September 2022 Intergroup Rep Report

I attended the Summer NYN AWSC Meeting on August 27, 2022. Below are some highlights.

1. Delegates report – Info from WSO

- At the end of June, revenue was \$2.5 million and expenses were \$2.9 million. The budget was revised: \$5.6 million in revenue and \$6.0 million in expenditures is projected.
- *The cost for WSO to support each group is \$283.33. \$1 in 1952 is now valued at \$10.26.*
- *Only 52% of groups donate to the WSO.*

(Of note: My home group decided to donate all surplus \$ to our local AIS with the understanding that if AIS has a surplus it would be paid forward. I wonder how many small groups do the same. MG)

- The Policy Committee gave an update at the World Service Conference. Their goals are to 1) make changes and additions to the Policy Digest as needed, and 2) to help clarify how a Tradition or Concept might apply to a new or confusing situation. Any member can bring a question or topic to the Policy Committee.
- The new Service Manual is available for download on the WSO website. The printed version is delayed due to recent changes.
- *Meet Your Board Road Trip is scheduled for October 29, 2022 in Cleveland, Ohio. Registration is \$30 and is open until October 17, 2022.*
- The International Convention is scheduled for June 29, 2023 through July 2, 2023 in Albuquerque, New Mexico. Registration opens on November 1, 2022.

2. Treasurer's Report

- The Finance Committee meets monthly. The electronic bank statements are sent to the Committee and officers monthly to help with transparency.
- Donation receipts are not mailed to groups; they are listed in the Northern Hi Lights
- NYN is spending much less than budgeted largely in part because meetings have been virtual.
- Betty recommends keeping the historic budget for 2023 because it is likely that in-person meetings will be resumed which will require housing and mileage reimbursement.
- **There was a large amount of unspent funds last year; the Area decided to donate it to WSO.**
- Betty proposes to update the Treasurer job description to include the ability to do online bill paying and banking. She noted that she is maintaining the integrity of the second signature requirement via electronic approval from the Chair for online payments.
- Betty will reformat the printed report to include all the columns of the Records of Deposits form to fit
- There was discussion about the treasurer needing to pay certain bills with her own credit card d/t them requiring payment be made online. Suggestions/conversation about setting up accounts with Zelle, Cash App, Venmo, or Pay Pal to accept donations. This has been an ongoing discussion by the finance committee.

3. Archives:

- task force meeting monthly to review a bin at a time on what can be scanned and saved to the website, what items need/should be kept, and what items can be discarded.
- Steady progress being made.
- Task force has a couple long time members with vast knowledge of items, which is very helpful.

4. Convention Coordinator

- hosts are still needed for the Spring 2023 Assembly and Convention and for the 2023 Fall Election Assembly
- will be virtual/hybrid due to the lead time needed to plan a fully in person convention

The 2022 New York North Area Fall Assembly is September 16, 17, and 18, 2022, will be hosted in a Hybrid form by Districts 6, 10 and 18, and will be held in person at Dwyer Hall at the Immaculate Conception Church, 400 Salt Springs St., Fayetteville, NY 13066 as well on Zoom.

Members will register online at nynafg.com via google docs.

A Registration Fee of \$20.00 will be charged to all attendees, virtual and in person to cover the in-person and hybrid meeting expenses.

PROGRAM - Theme: "The Path Back to Serenity"

Thursday Night Program 9/15/2022 - THIS WILL BE HELD VIRTUALLY ON ZOOM

- 7:00 pm New GR Meeting (Molly C.)
- 7:30 pm Alateen Interest Meeting (Mary S.)

Friday Night Program 9/16/2022 – THIS WILL BE HELD VIRTUALLY ON ZOOM

- 7:00 pm: Workshop: Icebreaker (District 10) (Joanne N.)
- 8:00 pm: AWSC Meeting (Carol C.)

Saturday Program 9/17/2022 – THIS WILL BE HELD IN HYBRID IN-PERSON & ZOOM

- 9:15 am: Assembly Meeting Morning Session (Carol C.)
- Noon: Lunch
- 1:00 pm: Assembly Meeting Afternoon Session (Carol C.)
- Dinner: On Your Own

Sunday Morning Program 9/18/2022 – THIS WILL BE HELD VIRTUALLY ON ZOOM

- Sunday Morning 9:00 am - Spiritual Speakers: We have an AA speaker. We have an Alateen Speaker. AI-Anon Speaker to be announced.

5. Group Records –

- Joan noted that many groups do not have GRs which is concerning to her. She asked groups to let her know when meetings go back to in-person or change location so the details can be updated with WSO and AISs.

6. Literature

- WSO is asking that all CAL (Conference Approved Literature) items we sell be sold at their new, current price, regardless of the price at which they were purchased.
- **Has the book depot items been updated with new prices-yes**
- **Can this be added to our next newsletter-yes**
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7. Website – working regularly to make the website more user friendly

8. Vacancies: Public Outreach and Presentations

9. Area Inventory Results

- Carol reported that the officers and coordinators have been reviewing the inventory results in the monthly meeting.
- She noted that a decision needs to be made about how to proceed so that appropriate action can be taken based on the feedback.
- Themes of the feedback included increasing open communication and the newsletter. Mike offered to summarize the feedback to make it more manageable to review and address.
- The inventory will be on the agenda for the Fall Assembly.

Additional Items/District Updates

- Brenda, District 25, reported that her district has very few GRs and it is hard to get them to district meetings. She suggested that meeting topics related to the Concepts might help.
- Jim, Conventions Coordinator, reported that some groups that had been hybrid are now splitting into two groups: one that meets in person and one that is Zoom only, both being held at the same time. He inquired if the Zoom group needs to be registered separately with WSO. Kathi responded that for now, they could both use the same group number. As soon as a

group registers as an electronic group, they lose their NYN participation. This is why it is important for the Area to address the decision to include electronic groups in its structure.

- Cindy, District 14, reported that she has had good success in getting GRs to the monthly district meetings. She will be completing her term soon and is looking for a replacement.
- Laura, District 29, reported that the district is hosting a Day of Sharing on October 22, 2022. It will include light refreshments and AI-Anon, AA, and Alateen speakers. A flyer is posted on the Western NY AIS website.
- Molly, IPD, inquired if AISs include meetings on their printed materials, lists, or website for groups that are not registered with WSO. Carol and Kathi both confirmed that if a meeting is not registered, it cannot legally be an AI-Anon meeting.
- Molly noted that AISs should have the responsibility to check to make sure that any group they list has an assigned WSO number. Carol noted that those who know better have the responsibility to inform other members of the process.

Newsletter: Karen R.-please have articles by 9/15/22

Outreach

Outreach Committee Meeting-August 17

*Pat, Dennis, and Rose had a sparkling meeting and agreed to go back on the every other month schedule so we will meet on September 21 to get back on sch schedule.

We agreed that the city project will be spearheaded by Maria N. and Rose B. with Dennis concentrating on Bill and Bob's beginning a new AI-Anon meeting. Maria and Rose will take literature to nearby churches and neighborhood centers to inform and encourage participation at the Bill and Bob meeting.

Pat will continue to amaze us with her ability to encourage FLACRA members to use our literature to increase involvement with AI-Anon in Canandaigua and Penn Yan.

Loron keeps meetings running smoothly on Mondays and as always will welcome new volunteers. Carol continues with Pre-Trial and Rose with Jennifer House.

We are doing fine work and hope you all took some time for vacations this summer. Continue to encourage others to join us in our outreach to our communities, through the libraries – offering books and literature, and offices opening to display literature. Love to all, have a double scoop of ice cream on me.

The group thanked Rose for her service, Dennis C. has offered to chair outreach next term.

Volunteer coordinator/office- Mel- Please see the website for office hours. Messages are retrieved daily, and answered. John B. will be out for a while, Mel to cover.

Website Report-Sue C.- August Website Report

AIS Traffic

- 3,462 visitors viewing 14,462 pages
- 67% new and 33% returning visitors
- 44% mobile and 56% desktop viewing devices

Top 10 pages visited:

1. Home Page 2521
2. Meeting List 568

3.	Sunday	395
4.	Saturday	355
5.	Thursday	336
6.	Wednesday	318
7.	Tuesday	310
8.	Friday	297
9.	Monday	251
10.	Contact Us	154

20 Newcomer Packs Mailed

Unfinished Business- Budget discussion

New Business:

From pat: to be discussed and voted

Appeal letter-reviewed and agreed this will be sent to GR"s, Groups, newsletter for AIS and this group. Correction- will be sent separately from newsletter to newsletter mailing list.

2. dual member as treasurer/secretary for AIS-*discussion below*

- Would broaden pool of volunteers for this position-we may have interested dual members
- Would require change in bylaws
- Syracuse AIS made this change and working well
- Robin noted that in here group a dual member is GR, but does not vote-leaving decision making to the group and avoid dominance
- Where did the notion of this rule come up? Group thinks Bill W. suggested keeping AA out of decision-making positions.
- Our group suggests keeping with our founder's vision-and doing research and thought before making a decision-*will vote on at the next meeting.*

3. meeting list and removing meetings that have not been meeting for over two years.

- Web committee and webmaster have noted meetings as "not meeting" since pandemic closures. Currently we have 5 meetings that are "not meeting" and have not asked us to change status.
- Group notes that that deleting these meetings may keep folks from attending and being disappointed, and not come back
- Suggested reviewing meetings that are no longer meeting, groups felt ok not needed as groups can contact AIS if they want to reform or make changes.
- Motion to remove meetings from Rochester AIS meeting list who are no longer meeting-Janice, so move, Robin second, motion carried

Bullet points for groups from meeting:

- Fall Assembly this weekend 9/15-18, NYNorth needs an area to host spring assembly.
- Please keep your meeting information accurate by contacting NYnorth with a contact person, meeting times/places and format changes. Interested people who search the web or WSO site will be led to correct information.
- Price increases for all CAL (conference approved literature). This is to cover increases in costs of shipping and publishing. Please buy your literature from AIS, this supports WSO.
- Appeal letter will be sent to AIS Rochester members, please give what you can.
- AIS needs a treasurer and Vice chair and newsletter editor. Please contact us.
- Should dual members be secretary or treasurer of AIS? Please let us know what you think-discussion at October meeting
- New officers and budget to be voted on in November see AIS website for this information.

- “Ask the Delegate” monthly forum through NYnorth to discuss anything Al-Anon as she has direct contact with WSO and attends assemblies.

Motion to adjourn Mel/Laura second motion carried.

Adjourn with Declaration and Serenity Prayer

Respectfully submitted Loron O.

AIS Rochester secretary

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next meeting 10/8/2022 Maggie G. to take minutes, reports due 10/3