

AIS Meeting Minutes  
January 7, 2017 (rev.)

**Present:**

Ancelin: Secretary/Sunday South Wedge Serenity Seekers ISR  
Becky E: Activities Chair  
Brian O: Public Outreach  
Carol C: DR D14/Women's 12 @ 12 GR  
Connie T: Newsletter Editor/ Step into Recovery ISR  
Debbie A: Good Old Gang GR  
Elaine R: Finance committee/ NYN Past Delegate/ Mon Noon Canandaigua  
George: Volunteers/Service Center Chair  
JeanRita B: Spiritual Awakening ISR  
John B: Treasurer/ Evening Serenity ISR  
Marci: Vice Chair/D19 DR  
Megan: Evening Serenity GR  
Mel: Webster Monday ISR  
Michele C: Intergroup Rep.  
Mike H: Book Depot Chair/ Faith & Hope ISR  
Pat H: NYN Public Outreach/ Penn Yan ISR  
Sarva: Hope for Today  
Sheila S: Chairperson  
Sheila SF: Spiritual Awakenings GR

Sheila opened the meeting at 10:00 am with the Serenity Prayer. Megan read the 12 Traditions, Sarva read the 12 Concepts, and Marci read the General Warranties. Connie T read Expanded Concept 1. Roll call by 1<sup>st</sup> name and position.

**Reports:**

**Chair:** Sheila has been including CAL in her reports being distributed on the AIS emailing list. Will be happy to help anyone find which place she finds the particular quotation from. She will be chairing the meeting in February and then will be out for surgery missing the March meeting and the Tureen Supper. Marci will chair the March meeting and is a co-chair for the Tureen Supper. Many thanks to everybody who attends for the support and efforts to keep AIS healthy and moving forward in the New Year.

**Secretary:** Ancelin passed out the sign-in sheet at this time asking if there are updates to please print clearly, sometimes she can't read the print. The agenda will be updated with the new @aisrochester.org email addresses with contacts for each Officer/Chairperson. Presented last month's meeting minutes with revisions for approval, Megan made a motion to accept, Mel 2<sup>nd</sup>, approved.

**Treasurer:** Mel gave his last report as Treasurer. (Thank you for your service Mel!) Treasurer report will be posted to the website. Noted that this month there was a negative cash flow but overall the budget this past year was successful. Only 3 months of the year was AIS in negative cash flow and that was mostly due to book orders being filled at odd times. This cannot be helped as this is when the WSO sends a bill to AIS. Donations were up this past year and suggested AIS run another spring fundraiser just as last year, this brought in much needed funds. AIS overall is in very good shape! All treasurer reports are available on the website for review. Mel told John to have fun doing these lengthy reports as the new treasurer! ☺ John made a motion to accept the report as presented, Connie 2<sup>nd</sup>, approved.

**Vice Chair:** Marci has secured a location and date for the Tureen Supper. Sunday March 12<sup>th</sup> at St. Anne's Church. The flyer will be updated and sent out to AIS distribution list, Newsletter, and posted on the website.

Confirmed cost of the room and since 2 Al-Anon groups meet there cost would be reduced to about \$ 100. She will confirm and let John know. District 29 has volunteered to take care of registration and selling raffle tickets. Marci has a co-chair for the event named Donna who is helping to arrange volunteers, etc. AIS has coffee machines and she will go through the box of utensils, napkins, etc., to see exactly what plastic/paper ware AIS will need to provide. Groups are being asked to donate a basket and if anyone can donate handmade/craft items it would be great. Sheila S. has provided 2 hand crafted items for the raffle. The registration time will start at 12:30 pm, by this time the church parking lot should be pretty empty as mass is 11am – 12 pm. 11:30 am will be the set up time with 4:30 pm end time and break down time. We must be out by 6 pm. Sheila SF suggested creating a sign up list for a break down team rather than leave it up to chance. Last year only 6 people stayed behind to put back chairs and break down tables which was distressing. Marci will write up the needs for the event for the Newsletter. Her vice chair email will also be on the flyer as a contact for volunteering.

**Activities:** Becky wanted a vote brought to settle on a date for an AIS open house to get new ISR's & volunteers interested into the office. She will put together an informational poster board for display. There was much discussion regarding a date and time, the voted upon date is Saturday May 6<sup>th</sup> starting after the regularly scheduled AIS meeting at 12.

Also discussed a movie event prior to the end of last year which did not happen, wants to have the event sometime during 2017 possibly in the fall September is national recovery month. There was also much discussion as to whether or not this should be an open to the public & outreach event or a closed Al-Anon member's only event. It was voted by the ISRs and will be an open to the public event & Becky will coordinate with Brian regarding outreach at this event. Different movie titles were discussed such as the Hallmark movie "When Love is not Enough" but that is not conference approved. Becky will look into titles that are conference approved to show.

There is a church in Irondequoit who is really open to Al-Anon coming to have an event and it is located on a bus line as well. Further details will come as Becky works on this.

**Alateen:** Diane not present, sent in her report with details regarding the Rochester area AMIAS meeting that was distributed among the AIS email list. Pat H. was present at this event, said Diane did a great job covering all the details and was wonderful to meet so many people and discuss outreach and retention for Alateen.

**Book Depot:** Mike went over his report. WSO has announced they are phasing out (K-10) "Newcomer's Packet" and replacing it with a newcomer's pamphlet. AIS can add info to it as needed (such as the Detachment pamphlet and local meeting list). A companion workbook (P-93) for "Paths to Recovery" (P-24) will be ordered as soon as it is available. There was a large order of Al-Anon Faces Alcoholism 2017 placed and book depots get orders sooner. Please order from the AIS book depot which is the most cost effect place to buy them.

Pat asked if there were any ordered in Spanish, and there have not been but an order can be placed before the deadline. Brian O. will cover that with the public outreach budget as he needs both English and Spanish AFAs for outreach.

**Finance Committee:** No report for the Finance Committee this month.

**Institutions/Public Outreach:** Brian went over much of his report distributed to the email list. Brian contacted the Anthony Jordan Health Center and received a call back within an hour! Sheila SF will be going with him to an outreach event. Ancelin provided him with a contact at the RIT Wellness Center. He was also in contact with GAGV (The Gay Alliance of the Genesee Valley) as well. Brian & Ancelin met having had a very frank discussion regarding the lack of racial diversity within the Rochester area program. Discussed ways we could outreach to minority communities utilizing our diverse membership that we have as the disease does not discriminate. Brian, Ancelin, and Kathleen H. will be going to an event at East House on 1/11/17. Nancy M. & Nancy O. will be present at pre-trial services on Friday 1/13/17 with Al-Anon material.

Brian also stated that he is happy folks want to do outreach, it is not a private club, but wants to be kept in the loop as it is important for follow up. John O. & Mary Jane O. gave a meeting at Unity Hospital and is trying to get follow up information as a single point of contact so outreach can continue to be successful. He can follow up with phone or email contacts and provide literature. Members interested in doing outreach can contact him via email which is easiest at [publicoutreach@aisrochester.org](mailto:publicoutreach@aisrochester.org).

FLACRA – Finger Lakes Addictions Counseling & Referral Agency wants Al-Anon to have an outreach event. They are the only treatment center within the Finger Lakes area. There will also be a Public Outreach table at the Tureen Supper.

**NYN Public Outreach:** Pat gave a reminder that Lois W's birthday is March 4<sup>th</sup> and we should "remember to forget" by leaving AFAs in public places where we can (libraries, doctor's offices, etc.)

April is also "Alcohol Awareness" month. Please consider working with your local libraries to make a display with public outreach materials.

**Newsletter:** Connie asked that people please be patient as she works on putting together her first newsletter. Connie will send a copy to Megan, Pat, Ancelin, and Sheila for proof reading.

**Volunteers/Service Center:** George stated that there is a need for more volunteers to take shifts in the office and answer the phone. Very much likes the idea of an open house. He is doing much more volunteer work in his personal life and cannot be in the office as much as he previously has been so he needs help. If someone wants to head a Volunteer Committee he would be happy to chair that committee. Connie suggested having someone come in and shadow him or a volunteer at the office so they don't feel nervous about doing the job. There was much discussion about an on-call phone list for phone coverage. Ancelin suggested we support Becky with her ISR/Volunteer open house as this topic has been discussed previously for many months with no change. The idea of personally inviting someone to come to the meeting is a great one and makes the request personal. Michele C. (Intergroup Rep) suggested having a phone # and name to contact for each group on the meeting list in case someone looking at the website has a question and someone is not in the office to answer the phone.

**Website:** Joni sent out the web report stats. Mel reviewed the report for her as she was not present at this meeting. Mel, Pat H., and Brian O. are working on a public outreach section for the website. A request for contact information has been sent out to all DR's to confirm information and what they would like listed on the website for them without success. Only 2 districts have reported information.

**Intergroup Rep:** No report yet Michele just started!

### **Unfinished Business:**

Becky will continue to work on ideas for the open house and movie showing and present as she goes along.

### **New Business:**

None.

Mel made a motion to close, John 2<sup>nd</sup> approved. Meeting ended at 11:50 am with the Al-Anon Declaration & Serenity Prayer.

**Next meeting is February 4th, 2017 at the AIS office at 10 AM.**

Respectfully submitted: Ancelin