

Al-Anon Information Service of Greater Rochester Meeting Minutes, March 14, 2020 10 am

Meeting was opened by Mel with a moment of silence followed by the Serenity Prayer. The additional reading was not done due to the size of the meeting.

Attendees: Mel, Rebecca, John B., Pat, Loron, Russell, Eddie, Bob KP, Juanita, Debbie B., Ellen V., Mike G.

Minutes/Secretary

John moved that the January minutes be approved as published.

Seconded by Pat. Minutes approved

Mel and Loron and Pat taking minutes. Loron will send an update to Shelia for the newsletter.

Vice-Chair

Report was given-See outreach report. Loron will continue to visit meetings to discuss AIS and outreach.

Treasurer-report and discussion

- John notes that we have signed a two-year lease, rent increased by a small amount
- Discussed how we can encourage donations to AIS, noting increase in literature needs for outreach. Suggest we ask folks to send donations to honor our birthdays, or Al-Anon anniversaries. *We will ask this to be put in the newsletter.*
- We also discussed how to sell the remaining calendars Ellen V. has donated for AIS. We will bring these to the FCFC conference to sell for a donation.
- Deb moved that treasurer report be approved as presented. Russel seconded. Report approved.

Book Depot-report reviewed

- Rebecca discussed the book depot is working well. She would like to do a new inventory. Juanita and Mel volunteered to help.
- Discussion of back up for work officers do on the office computer, suggest backup to flash drive and we will obtain it.
- Thank you to Rebecca for careful inventory ACTION-anyone taking literature for outreach. Let Rebecca know, sign on the literature cabinets.
- If groups close or have literature, they are not using they can be left at the office, but no credit will be given. *-Newsletter*
- See report, new stamper for AIS, Look for new AFA's. Thanks again to Rebecca for her continued presence at all our events.

Public Outreach-see reports

Summary of report-we will continue outreach to recovery programs by phone and follow up with literature if requested.

Remind our members to refer to people with Alcohol problems or substance abuse as people with chemical dependence problems or alcohol dependence.

Newsletter-see report

Sheila was not able to attend. She is looking for input on the format of the newsletter, Mel is helping.

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Web Committee-see report and discussion

Pat reviewed the status of the website and future events. New York State Fair is 18 days and we will be looking for many volunteers to help with Al-Anon outreach. Look to AIS or NYN for sign up when available.

The group appreciates our website and information on meeting closures or changes.

See website for Tear off sheet describing "When you don't know where to turn" with WSO/Rochester AIS contacts. This is available at the AIS website also.

Alateen

Dansville Alateen meeting has closed. Hilton youth group-a teen center contacted AIS for information about Al-Anon. The contacts of Diane and Sandy who helped Alateen in Irondequoit were given to her. Hamlin Sunday Nighters (Loron is ISR) would be the closest meeting if Alateen was able to be established there.

Open Positions

- Finance
- Activities-Juanita interested
- Intergroup

Unfinished Business

Updating information on Dual Membership- this group shared that their members were agreeable to the group Conscience motion.

"Al-Anon/Alateen member who is also a member of Alcoholics Anonymous shall be eligible to serve in all elected or appointed positions other than the following: AIS Chair, Vice Chair, Secretary, Treasurer, Intergroup rep, ISR (information service rep) They may hold these offices: Alateen Chair, Book Depot Chair Finance Chair Newsletter, Public Outreach Chair, Website Chair, Activities Chair.

ACTION-continue to spread the word on this, and update the bylaws if needed. Will discuss it at next meeting.

New Business

Juanita was elected for Activities Chairperson. Activities would include events where members could socialize w/o focusing on the program, "Fellowship Outside Fellowship". This would not be a fundraising focus. Thank you, Juanita.

Appreciate using WSO approved slogans in the newsletter and calendar-feedback from Russel.

UPDATES DUE TO COVID 19

- Eddie, -A special newsletter will be sent out with information on the postponement of the Tureen Supper. The Tureen Supper has been postponed to June 7,2020.
- Emmanuel Baptist Church is closing at least till the end of March
- WSO has a letter discussing meetings with Covid 19 changes. This is on website.
- Mel and Pat will keep website updated, please let your groups know to reach out to AIS
- Encourage all groups to have contacts at the host sites to know about closures.

Meeting Adjourned at 11:40 am. Next meeting April 11th 2020, **PLEASE** check website - AIS Rochester for updates.