

AIS Meeting Minutes
August 5, 2017

Present:

Ancelin – AIS Secretary
Connie – Newsletter
Deb G. – Came to Believe ISR
JeanRita – Spiritual Awakening ISR
John B. – Treasurer/Evening Serenity ISR
Joni H. – Website Chair
Mel Y. – Volunteers/Webster Monday ISR
Mike H. – Book Depot/Faith & Hope ISR
Mike W. – Hamlin Sunday Neters
Pat H. – NYN Public Outreach/Penn Yan ISR
Rebecca B. – Hope for Today ISR
Rose B. – Serenity on Saturday ISR
Sheila S. – Chairperson
Tom H. – Henrietta AFG ISR

Sheila opened the meeting at 10 am with a moment of silence followed by the Serenity Prayer. Tom read the 12 Traditions. Connie read the Concepts. Rebecca read the Warranties. Tom read the expanded Concept 8 from the service manual.

Sheila thanks all for their service and encouraged everyone to ask people personally to fill our service positions available. Asked those of us whose terms were ending to seek members to 'follow in our footsteps' in service.

Ancelin had nothing new to report. Presents June's meeting minutes for acceptance, Mel made a motion to approve, John 2nd, approved.

John went over the treasurer report. AIS is looking good as we are a little over half way through the year. No questions were asked. Mel made a motion to accept the reports, Mike 2nd, approved.

No vice chair report was sent in, this position is now open. Marci stayed on to assist with the Tureen Supper and cover meetings while Sheila was out with surgery. Marci had several people who had showed interest but they did not follow up with her on the vice chair position.

Diane's report was received and read, no questions asked.

Mike is putting together a list for the next book depot chairperson of titles that do not sell so well. Paths to Recovery and any spiral bound book do well, other titles not so much. This will help the future book depot person with ordering titles that will not just sit in the cabinet for years. Will also put information into a spreadsheet as well. Pat asked how the AFAs 2017 were doing, AIS still has plenty in the office. Labels will be put over the year so they can still be used. Pat asked if the 2018s were ordered yet, Mike unsure. They will definitely be ordered in September so they will be available in the office next year.

Brian's report was received and read. The movie showing has been changed to a public outreach event for professionals. It was determined that a movie showing was not a viable option.

Pat talked about sign up for the New York State fair which is easy and available on the NYN website, nynafig.com. There is a need for 104 volunteers and there are currently 60 signed up to help. Tickets to the fair are free with your service! There has been outreach to the Syracuse area as there are 3 hour shifts and a lot of the later times for volunteering at the booth are open. Connie will put this information on the 'bulletin board' section of the Newsletter.

Connie is looking for articles for the Newsletter for her recovery through service articles. Presented an idea to have each person write 1 paragraph for a "collective service story" section of the August newsletter. This is a good way practice our concept of "attraction rather than promotion" to get members to do service. Sheila and Ancelin promised Connie a paragraph by Tuesday. Connie also asked if someone could put the AIS office phone number on the table top card for the website.

On the subject of the service story, Joni mentioned 2 groups that she attends are faltering. There is no ISR for one group and an outgoing GR for another. Asked about members coming to speak about service. There was some discussion regarding this and was proposed they have a speaker seeker to ask those in service positions to speak at those meetings. Joni said she would try this.

Mel spoke regarding volunteers, office is open every day. There are currently 6 volunteers.

Joni's website report was read no questions asked. The web committee has not met in a while due to her being away with personal business. Things are currently going well. The Webmaster position is also still open.

Old business:

The office committee gave an update. It was decided to keep the AIS office. A survey ran on the website asking specific questions if members knew they could order literature at AIS, if they were aware there was a website, if they would be willing to volunteer, etc., all anonymously answered. The baseline information is that there is still a need for the office. There were questions as to why this location was chosen and a summary was presented. Many other office locations checked out when AIS was asked to leave Grace Church on Blossom Rd. were explored. Many did not have elevator access/or were not handicap accessible and were on 2nd or basement floors. Some were too expensive; many also did not have parking. Another meeting will be taking place on August 21st. **If there are other issues you would like discussed or brought up to the office committee please email the chair of that committee John at treasurer@aisrochester.org.**

There was a question regarding social media presence. Facebook was explored. There is no anonymity when it comes to this social media platform as your name is on your account. Someone also needs to be willing to do daily upkeep with this and at this time it is not a viable option.

New business:

Ancelin received an email asking for updated information from 211 Lifeline. Updated them with the new office location and new email addresses as it came to the old AIS secretary email from gmail.com. Ancelin asked if there was currently a list of volunteers that Lifeline had to call in case a member in crisis called. Mel mentioned Sally was involved with it at one point, but no information is currently known if Lifeline still has this information.

ISRs voted to move the next AIS meeting from Sept 2nd to Sept 9th to accommodate the Labor Day holiday.

Connie will be out of town during the next meeting so she will send the next newsletter a little earlier. If you would like anything in the September newsletter please get it to Connie by the end of August. She will check when positions should be posted in the newsletter for upcoming elections and do so.

It was discussed we need a chair for the next Tureen Supper, Deb G ISR volunteered to be the chair.

Ancelin made a motion to end the meeting, Mel 2nd, approved.

Sheila read the closing, and the meeting closed with the AI-Anon Declaration & Serenity Prayer at 11:10 am

Respectfully submitted,
Ancelin

Next AIS meeting will be Saturday September 9th at 10 am