

Ais Meeting Minutes 9/8/2017

Present: Brian o, Deb g, Elaine R, John B. Loron C. Mel y, Mike H, Pat h, Shelia sf, Tom H Dennis C.

Meeting begins with a moment of silence, serenity prayer, reading of 12 traditions, concepts and expanded Concept 9 Unfinished Business:

Office Committee, Preliminary report to be done at September 18h meeting. We continue to ask for surveys and are getting accurate number of volunteer hours for the jobs we do at AIS.

Elections-long discussion of how to get more folks volunteering at the office and for AIS positions. Elections are scheduled in November. Suggestions for education about service include visiting groups and discussing service levels and benefits, creating a flyer to be distributed noting the healing effects of service and help with our recoveries. Suggested this should be brought up at part of group conscious or to have folks speak to the benefit of service with our shares. Asking folks directly has gotten response and this is recommended. Action-discuss at October meeting, Tom to make flyer and send to newsletter. Group will bring up service at our meetings-focus on positive aspects of service.-which includes support for folks holding office and doing service.

Chairs Report:

Reviewed, we discussed where Ontario and southern districts get literature as we have had some requests and helped. Do these folks have a book depot or book person? Will find out.

Secretary's report accepted by Pat and seconded by John, report approved  
Treasurer Report-John reviewed, -we are heading toward being in the "black" this fiscal year. Pat approved and Mel Seconds report.  
Vice Chair-position vacant

Activities report-position vacant

Alateen report-reviewed, note that 1:1 meetings between adults and Alateen members are not sanctioned, adults must have AMIAS training. This is for safety of all involved in these vulnerable situations. One of the 4 AMIAS trained volunteers is leaving and need more. Discussed how teens are welcome to adult Al-Anon meetings and encouraged to share in these meetings. This is an option when Alateen meetings not accessible.

Book Depot- report by Mike H.-He is writing tips for the next person doing the depot including list of needed inventory and how much of what to order given how much we have used in the past. Mike has contacted someone willing to take over this job and hopes to bring this wonderful person to the October meeting.

Finance-Elaine. The yearly budget is coming up. If members need money or request for new line items on the budges please let Elaine know. Elaine suggests putting

Al-Anon world service donation into the budget. Group will discuss at next meeting. Fiscal year ends 12/31/17

Outreach – Brian, Rose and Carol continue presentations at Jenifer House. We will have a table at the women’s health fair at Greece ridge Mall 12/30. This is a way to connect with the public and professional organizations to Al-Anon. We have FLACRA meeting the 3rd Thursday over every month, and Pre-trial services education. Kathleen is reaching out to the deaf community to see if there is interest after getting a call at the AIS office about services for deaf folks.

AFA 2018 English and Spanish have been ordered, next time to order will be 2/2018. September is ETOH awareness month and the AFA 2017 is available to distribute.

Newsletter- Pat H. reporting for Connie  
Suggestion for new name from group member, this included an acronym. Group discussed they liked the title we have which explains a lot. Agreed acronyms are confusing. The file for newsletter will be saved as AFG/Roch/AIS.

Volunteers- would like to fill spots on Wednesday AIS as we have lost a volunteer. The office hours will be updated on the website.

Website report- Mel, more mobile hits to website-discussed adding the preamble to the website opening page. WE decided to do this.

New business- There is a new meeting starting October 25th, “Joy is our birthright”, at downtown United Presbyterian church-121 north Fitzhugh St. 6-7 pm This is downtown and near a bus line. pm see attached flyer

During discussion of the new group, Brian learned not to use the acronyms ACA or ACOA, and which approved literature should be used. Brian has talked to world service and these distinctions are important. Brian will include in his report what he has learned about the naming of meetings. He also is recruiting someone to take over his role in outreach.

Closing prayer

Respectfully Submitted Loron O.