

AI-Anon Information Service of Greater Rochester NY
Meeting Minutes November 9, 2019
Meet at Ais Office conference room

Loron opened the meeting with a moment of silence followed by the Serenity Prayer.

Read: 12 Traditions-Lisa M., 12 Concepts of Services-Rebecca B, Warranties-Rose and Expanded Version of Concept 11 by Loron from Service Manual

Roll Call-Mike W., Jen B, John B., Lisa M., Mel Y., Pat H, Rebecca B, Rose B, Russell R., Loron O., Mary L., Dennis C., Nancy M., Ellen V.,

Reports and Discussion

Chair: We welcome Mary who is interested in our secretary position and responded to request at a meeting. Please review the CAL “when I got busy, I got better” to illustrate what we mean when we say service helps our program. This book talks about how to do service even if you are unsure of your own skills in program.

Please note AI-Anon service positions open to “double winners”, **CORRECTION-we will be holding a group conscience meeting on Saturday December 14th during our regular meeting time.**

We will be discussing having dual members involved in our Rochester AIS service structure and what positions are available.

As stated in our AI-Anon/Alateen Service Manual 2018-2021, page 87, "Filling service positions is a matter of District and Area autonomy, within this policy and the spiritual principles that form its basis. Tradition Four grants autonomy to local service arms, except in matters affecting AI-Anon or A.A. as a whole. AI-Anon members who are also members of A.A. participate fully in all group activities, including group conscience decisions. However, they do not hold AI-Anon service positions that vote in matters affecting another group or AI-Anon or A.A. as a whole."

New Chair people-please write a short “Handoff”, summary of what you have been doing to give to person following you in service. This would include Loron for secretary and Chair, and Outreach for Kathleen (will do so with outreach committee)

Secretary: motion to accept, Pat, Mel second and minutes of 10/2019 accepted as written.

Vice-Chair: open

Treasurer: reviewed, motion to accept Mel, second Mike W., approved,

- We may have new costs with outreach., John suggests keeping track of these (example-postage or increase in literature cost for outreach) next year and work into the new budget, coming to the group with needs.
- Group donations down a bit, please remind groups of AIS needs funds for outreach, literature, office costs to be covered.
- Mel suggested letter to all groups asking for funds-ACTION-next month agenda
- Treasurer report: move to accept by Mike L, second by Mel, minutes accepted by group w/o corrections

Book Depot: Rebecca

- Suggest charging 11\$ for 50th Anniversary of ODAT to streamline bookkeeping, this after review of last months decision to charge 12\$. This price is the same as regular odat, and will let us clear out supplies of this volume w/o two price points.
- *Action-the group agrees to charge 11\$ for ODAT 50th anniversary edition starting 12/1/19-change from last month*
- WSO reports the Service Manual 2018-2021 we presently use will be updated in many areas. A new version is being published. Rebecca will ask about the look of the new manual and if when another manual can be expected. *Suggest not ordering new manuals in bulk till we have more information.*
- Reminder-please remind groups to remove p-22 and s-70 "Gay and Lesbian Welcome" and "If your parents drink" these are no longer CAL

Public Outreach-Rose for committee

- Rose met with District 19 GR's to talk about "outreach outposts", each group having a outreach job in the community. After Rose explained the project, GR's were willing to try this.
- Rose will continue to work with District 29 in forming our first outposts with help of the outreach committee. Loron, Rebecca, Rose, Kathleen and suggest Beth be part of this committee and *meet before next AIS meeting.*
- Mike W. has met with the intergroup rep for AA in district 27 to share places that we can put both Al-Anon and AA literature, he will keep us posted
- Al-Anon contact with professionals-we have a list of clinicians who treat alcoholism and would like to get information about AIS/Al-Anon to these folks.
- Action/discussion- Group will develop packet of materials and determine cost of postage or delivering this information-noting impact on AIS budget

Newsletter: Could any discussion on the Newsletter be held at the Dec. meeting. Thank you. Here is my report:

Shortened the Newsletter considerably. I have had complements on it. 2 names have been added to the description list. (Thanks to Mel for his excellent instructions.) ACTION-please send Shelia newsletter items after this meeting.

- Need to have officers and budget in November newsletter
- Flyer and or information from Flower City Fellowship and Tureen Supper
- Newsletter-information on how to send meeting cancel/changes due to holiday/weather so website can reflect meeting changes during the winter.
- Clarification of positions that "double winners" can hold in Al-Anon

Web Committee:

The stats for October are listed below. Upcoming events have been posted. With the holidays coming up please keep us posted if there are meeting changes taking place.

November 1, 2019-AIS Traffic-covers the last month

- 1425 visitors viewing 8967 pages

- 79% new and 21% returning visitors
- 57% mobile and 43% desktop viewing devices

The top pages visited:

- Home Page
- About Al-Anon
- Alateen
- Anniversaries
- Contact Us
- Wednesday

The meeting list was accessed 2313 times.

Volunteers: The current office hours are:

Monday 2:00pm to 5:00pm
 Tuesday 12:30pm to 2:30pm
 Wednesday 2:30pm to 4:30pm
 Thursday 9:00am to Noon
 Thursday 1:00pm to 3:30pm
 Friday 4:00pm to 6:00pm

Alateen: no chair

Finance: Budget for 2020 -John B.

- no additions or fund requests from officers to budget presented in September
- Thanks to John, Mel and Russell for their careful work with this document
- To be published in December newsletter and voted at December AIS meeting

Activities:

Tureens supper, Beth has been in contact with groups, Debbi is working on meeting with her to support this effort. Save the Date: Sunday, March 29th 2020

From Ellen V.

- Flower City Fellowship-March, see article in December newsletter, Flyer looks great! Committee looking for panel members and Greeters.
- Discussion-should conference panel participants pay costs for conference? Yes, group agrees that this has been the policy in the past AND if members cannot afford, to let the conference organizers know. Per Jen, this has helped people attend other conferences. We want decrease financial barriers when able.

Intergroup Rep: open

Unfinished Business:

Elections and nominees, review procedure and nominees and voting procedures

- We have nominated Mel for Chairperson for AIS in November
- Rebecca was nominated to continue as Book Depot chair in November.
- Loron nominated to be vice chair-needs to be in November newsletter
- Mary L. nominated to be Secretary-needs to be in November Newsletter
- *ACTION*: Will vote on all offices at December 14th meeting to be efficient-terms start 1/2020
- Open positions include Intergroup, Outreach, Finance, Alateen, Volunteers

Contact numbers for AIS office-confirmed list at this meeting. And will be placed in the office

New Business:

Ellen-calendar fundraiser

- Ellen showed template for AI-Anon themed calendar. The group like the look of the calendar, Ellen will check with WSO contact to confirm it is approved
- Ellen has gotten estimates, group gave a few more printers. Mary tabulated break even point of 65 calendars sold.
- groups recommend Ellen check out prices and do a small run (like 100-200)
- When Ellen has showed this at meetings members have been enthusiastic
- *ACTION*-Ellen will report in December and get OK to go forward.
- Support something new for AIS and our members

Holiday lunch after meeting in December-Loron will make reservation for 12 noon December 14th at Browncroft Family Restaurant. Everyone welcome. Phone is 248-2960

Adjourn with serenity prayer and declaration

Respectfully Submitted by Loron O, thanks Ellen and note-takers.

Next Meeting: December 14, 2019, Hope Lutheran Church 2576 Browncroft Blvd. 10am-12pm. See lunch plan as above