

AI-Anon Information Service of Greater Rochester NY
Meeting Minutes December 12, 2019
Meet at Faith Lutheran Church

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

Read: 12 Traditions, 12 Concepts of Services, Warranties and Expanded Version of Concept 12 from Service Manual

Roll Call- Carol C, Mike W, Kathleen H, Jen, B, John B, Lisa M, Maggie G, Mel Y, Mike H, Pam K, Pat H, Rebecca B, Rose B, Russell M, Sheila S, Loron O, Deb G, Cecelia, Dennis C, Mary L, Angela R, Beth S, Nancy M, Ellen V, Kathi B, Nancy M

Reports and Discussion

Chair: Loron (outgoing)

- Visited one new meeting, shared new literature and how to obtain from AIS.
- Updated groups with how to post meeting changes or cancelations due to weather or holiday
- Meet with Outreach Committee (using speakerphone!) and listing outreach contacts
- Thanks to all who have volunteered to fill AIS positions, we have candidates for many positions
- Positions w/o nominees or interested folks include intergroup, Alateen, Finance, Activities
- Completed phone list of contacts that can be shared/used at the AIS office

Thank you to all who have helped me learn the role of AIS chair. Your patience and caring helped me in my AI-Anon program.

Minutes of 11/2019 accepted as written.

Secretary: (Mary)

Glad to be serving.

Vice-Chair: open

Treasurer (John): reviewed, motion to accept Russel, second Mike, approved,

- Group donations are about \$1000 off our goal but could catch up with holidays.
- We have .07 cents in savings
- We discussed several options on how to handle the money raised and spent on Ellen's calendar fundraiser. This year, she's handling all costs and will donate the profit of calendars to seed the purchase of next year's calendars.
- Treasurer report: move to accept by Russel, second by Mike, minutes accepted by group w/o corrections
- Mel & John send out an appeal letter and will use the template from previous years.
- They use contacts from NY North and mail to every group with a return envelope
- Will try to bring up donating to AIS during group business meetings

Book Depot: Rebecca

- No real report. States it is quiet this time of year.
- Will order new AFA before the end of the year.
- New service manual is coming out because of significant changes.
- Any book orders should include The Welcome Checklist.
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Public Outreach: Kathleen (outgoing)

- Action/discussion: Send letters out to spread the word. Rose wrote a letter.
- Where will info be kept (online depository)
- Loron, Beth and Rose met. Made a list of people to outreach.
- Action/discussion- Will we send out letters and use postage or hand deliver to save money?
- Rose asked Mike to join the outreach committee and he accepted. Nancy will also join.
- Action/discussion- Calls to organizations asking if they would like information, would save on postage.
- Need to do health fairs
- Discussed asking groups to set up an email address so that we can email info instead of mailing or hand delivering. Add to New Business for next meeting

Newsletter: Sheila

Received written notes about Newsletter and how enjoyable and positive it is.

Have had difficulty accessing website and web mail. Hence the Newsletter is late. Thanks to Mel that has been fixed.

- Reported people like the cartoons
- WSO Announcements will be in the next issue
- Event info comes from the website
- Needs items by the 15th of the month.
- Clarification of positions that “double winners” can hold in AI-Anon
- There will be a “watch for” section

Web Committee:

- With the holidays coming up please keep us posted if there are meeting changes taking place, thank you.
- Under “Information” and “News from WSO” please notice two new pieces:
 1. Does AI-Anon Have “Promises”?
 2. Welcome Checklist
- Meeting list will be updated to
 - keep Website address on the same page as the meeting info
 - add Beginner meeting explanation to the Meeting List

November 2019 - AIS Traffic

- 1499 visitors viewing 8619 pages
- 79% new and 21% returning visitors
- 56% mobile and 44% desktop viewing devices

The top pages visited:

- Home Page
- Meeting List
- Wednesday
- About Al-Anon
- Literature
- Contact Us

The meeting list was accessed 2205 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: report from Diane and Cathy, current AMIAS-few participants, they would like parents to be more active and aware and transport teens to the meetings. If Alateen support desired for FCFC, suggest these times be late am or early afternoon as the active Alateen groups are in Binghamton and Syracuse.

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:

- FCFC-If Alateen support desired for FCFC, suggest these times be late am or early afternoon as the active Alateen groups are in Binghamton and Syracuse.
- Beth is taking care of the Tureen Supper

Intergroup Rep: open

Unfinished Business:

- Ellen paid for the first 100 calendars. They are already sold. She is printing additional ones.
- We'll see how this year goes and decide then what to do for 2021. Ellen will come to AIS in September next year to discuss
- The calendar has been vetted through WSO.

Elections. ISRs are the only members who can vote.

- Chair: Mel was elected unanimously
- Vice Chair: Loron was elected unanimously
- Secretary: Mary L. was elected unanimously
- Outreach: Beth was nominated
- Volunteers: Mike G was nominated
- *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:

Group Conscience-who can Serve in Ais. Suggest amending-In the By Laws on page 5 - **Section II - AIS Representatives B - we might add 1 D and it could say:**

Dual members of Alanon and AA can take service positions that don't vote on policy.

An 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.

Bylaw committee to weigh in-review scheduled in 2020. Page 87 of the service manual is clear on how to handle dual members seeking service positions. Sheila will include in the newsletter

We discussed how to "vet" members seeking service. Decided that if at the point of nomination, there will be a declaration that "If Alanon is your primary program" you are welcome to serve. We must not police their memberships but leave it up to the individual's integrity.

Adjourn with serenity prayer and declaration

Respectfully Submitted by Mary L

Next Meeting: January 11, 2019, Faith Lutheran Church 2576 Browncroft Blvd. 10am-12pm. After the meeting Loron will make reservation for 12 noon at Browncroft Family Restaurant. Everyone welcome. Please let her know if you plan to attend. Call Loron @ 248-2960