

**AI-Anon Information Service of Greater Rochester NY**  
**Meeting Minutes 4/10/2021**  
**Zoom Meeting-links on Rochester AIS Website**

Chair, Mel: Opened meeting with a moment of silence followed by the Serenity Prayer.

Read: 12 Traditions-Diane, 12 Concepts of Service-Robin S., Warranties-Pat H., and Expanded Version of Concept #4-Rebecca B.

**Roll call first names: Diane, Mel Y., Loron O., John B., Pat H., Sue C., Laura R., Karen R., Janise, Deb B., Maggie G., Steve G., Rebecca B., Robin S., Cindy R, Becky, Nancy M., Lisa**

Welcome to all newcomers, AIS Welcome statement below from Mel:

We welcome you to the AIS Rochester monthly meeting, and hope you will find in this fellowship:

1. Growth in your program and understanding of how AIS works.
2. A welcoming environment where members feel safe and can express opinions and ideas freely w/o interruption or criticism.
3. Discussion and actions that benefit the AI-Anon groups in Rochester area and beyond. We welcome feedback on how our organization is working and ideas for improvement.
4. Contact information for officers and AIS members-an orientation for new members.
5. Lastly, thank you for your service, rotation of service important for all group's health.

## **REPORTS**

**Secretary:** Last month's minutes on website, <http://www.aisrochester.org/minutes.html> approve Pat, second Maggie, amendments-none, minutes accepted.

Distribution list for invites to this meeting, will screenshare at this meeting. Please review and update. I am updating AIS email platform monthly to ensure all present get minutes and reports. Loron will update John B. to reflect new position and add new GRs/ISRs. Members are encouraged to submit agenda items to secretary and chairperson. Policy change read from March meeting: read/reimburse funds in special circumstances clarifying reimbursement of funds for committees.

**Chair Report-Mel Y.** No report.

**Vice-Chair:** Pat H. I would like to welcome Michele C. our new ISR for the Women's 12@12 on Wednesday's, thank you for your service. Michele now has the latest Service Manual. The proposed bylaws are on our website under "Information". Please have your groups take a look and let me or Mel know if you have any suggestions. ISR's will be voting on these bylaws May 8th. Open Position - Intergroup Rep: The Intergroup Rep is the link between AIS and the New

York North Area, exchanging information between the two. Information regarding this position is listed in our current By-Laws under 'Information' on our website. Please help us spread the word. If anyone has questions email me at [vicechair@aisrochester.org](mailto:vicechair@aisrochester.org).

*Discussion of bylaws-* group will review, suggest next time to highlight changes from previous bylaws to help with tracking changes. Thank you to the committee. Please have comments to Pat by 4/21 about bylaws.

**Treasurer:** Diane-Report attached to agenda and at [www.aisrochester.org/pdf/treasurer-report.pdf](http://www.aisrochester.org/pdf/treasurer-report.pdf). Check has been mailed for fund reimbursement for outreach. Motion to approve Janise, second Robin, amends-none, accepted.

*Discussion-*may groups donate to their district? Some districts have bank accounts. Suggest contacting your DR.

**Book Depot:** Rebecca-PayPal is to be used for AIS donations only-not book purchases. Please remind groups. Please use cash or check for literature. Contact Rebecca through [bookdepot@aisrochester.org](mailto:bookdepot@aisrochester.org) or call AIS office for literature. Links to review literature at [www.aisrochester.org](http://www.aisrochester.org).

#### **Public Outreach:**

New Beginners meeting is not able to meet before the Sunday Spiritual Awakenings meeting due to church availability. Next beginners committee meeting will be 4/14 to discuss options.

No answers on the town newspaper placement of Al-Anon information. Carol will text us with information how to reach Pittsford News. Carol has started pre-trial hearings which will go for 6 weeks. Jennifer House will not open for two more months. Dennis has visited Conifer and will be taking Al-Anon information as they requested. Loron and Rose will send website information about Recovery Sites and Social Work sites to each member so they can research the sites and determine the type of literature needed. Next month's meeting, 4/21, we will discuss ways of calling or visiting in person, the sites we've researched and how to decide which members will do what. Information on new beginners meeting, to be associated with Blessed Sacrament Sunday AM meeting-more to come, meeting space being discussed.

#### **Newsletter:**

Newsletter at <http://aisrochester.org/newsletter/04162021.pdf> - deadline for articles, 4/15/2021

**March Website Report-**Sue C. of Web Committee-no questions.

#### **March 2021 - AIS Traffic**

- 4,350 visitors viewing 18,299 pages.
- 63% new and 37% returning visitors.
- 51% mobile and 49% desktop viewing devices.

**Top 10 pages visited:**

1.	Home Page	4140
2.	Meeting List	595
3.	Sunday	442
4.	Wednesday	331
5.	Monday	232
6.	Tuesday	318
7.	Saturday	291
8.	AIS Activities	208
9.	Friday	205
10.	Contact Us	166

18 Newcomer Pack Requests

A face-to-face meeting on Tuesdays at 7:30 pm has been added to the list called "Experience, Strength, and Hope AFG." It is held at the Irondequoit United Church of Christ, 644 Titus Ave, Irondequoit NY. It used to be at St. Cecilia's Church. It is still in district 19.

Removed calendar info from the home page and added to Literature page.

Removed all the calendar associated purchase pages.

Literature page updated adding information about 2021 calendars and how to purchase.

Added the new link on the main page for updating meeting information.

Updated Contact Page with the link to the meeting update page.

Removed all old pages from the site.

Did a complete backup of the site prior to update.

Created new Site map.

Checked the site for any broken links and it passed.

Verified site is still mobile friendly to Google.

**Alateen:** Position is vacant. *Discussion* of how to connect with members who are not attending meetings after accepting commitments to serve. We understand overcommitting ourselves. Nancy suggested letter to member noting their absence and offering options for other service or break from service. By-Laws ask us to note members who are not able to attend meetings. ACTION- draft letter-with feedback from Nancy and group.

**Finance** Committee chair, John B.

Finance Chair 2020 Annual Report:

Audit of financial documents for AIS Rochester was completed on March 18, 2021, final budget report is posted on website located in information, Treasurer. At end of 2020 we had \$4,521.81 in checking account and \$16,043.65 in savings account total of \$20,565.46. Current 2021 AIS budget approved is \$21,400.00.

*April Report:*

Reminder to all chairpersons next year's budget requests must be submitted to Finance Chair by August 1st to be considered for next year's budget. Thanks again to all (groups and individual members) that continue to send their Tradition 7 donations to AIS Rochester - without your support we would not be able to continue our mission.

*Discussion*-we are behind in donations compared with last year. In our next newsletter please tell your groups to consider making a donation to AIS.

**Activities:** Debbie-Eddie has met with St. Anne's about the Tureen Supper. Contact is Carol. Possible weekend after Labor Day. More to come with the possibility of outdoor activity. Nancy M. is willing to help if needed. Debbie to follow-up with Ed.

**Intergroup Rep:** Open position.

**Unfinished Business:** By-Law's update-see Vice Chair report, AWSC meeting in March sees NY North website for minutes of reports for the March meeting. Spring Assembly in May, see AIS and NY North website.

**New Business:** Will AIS consider zoom corporate account for groups to use? If AIS would purchase. Groups who cannot afford their own account could pay some fee to AIS, this may help with groups staying open and would help with self-support. What does the group think?

*Discussion: What do groups do now?*

- Members use personal accounts, the options most cost approximately \$140 a year. This works as long as meetings using one account do not occur at the same time.
- Some districts share cost of accounts. District 19 used this option, and each group sends contribution.
- Some groups use free zoom app, this limits meetings to 40 minutes, then log out and log back in.
- Some "sister" meetings share account expense, working with group treasurers.

Self-supporting would AIS buying subscription honor this tradition? Members noted that smaller, distant meetings have problems connecting with other meetings. AIS account could be a means of AIS serving and growing our meetings during decreasing face-to-face meetings. Janise notes that there is a membership for non-profits for zoom available, she will send information.

Mel if we do this who would administer, and service positions-will new ones be needed? Group agrees to investigate options and confirms desire to support smaller meetings with information and tech help in some form. Will discuss at next meeting.

**Jacqui-** DR support district 2, no DR as of now, how can we support this district? Any ideas? Jacqui not present, will forward some DR contacts. - Loron to do.

**Bullet Points: secretary/members to summarize take home points-secretary and group**

- AIS updated bylaws-the proposed bylaws are on the [www.aisrochester.org](http://www.aisrochester.org) website. The top banner includes an information tab. Follow minutes and By-Laws proposal link for a summary of how AIS works.
- Newsletter read subscribe electronically, under same information tab. Newsletter deadline is the 15<sup>th</sup> of every month.
- Spring Assembly-will be held electronically. This is a meeting of New York North Al-Anon members. More information to come.
- Outreach about Al-Anon continues. In person presentations at court mandated programs for DWI/DUI. Occur every 6 weeks. Churches have been contacted to add information about Al-Anon meetings they host to add to bulletins or newsletters. Literature is being delivered to recovery programs in our area.
- See the Al-Anon meeting list for updates on meeting openings and format. Face-to-face meeting opening-Experience, Strength & Hope 7:30 pm, Irondequoit United Church of Christ, 644 Titus Ave ♿
- PAYPAL-through the AIS website for AIS donations only. Thank you for following the 7<sup>th</sup> tradition-please keep them coming. BOOK PURCHASES BY CASH or CHECK only. Thank you!

**Adjourn:** with Al-Anon Declaration

**Next Meeting:** May 8, 2021 10 am-see electronic link on website, reports due May 1 to secretary.

Respectfully submitted, Loron O.