Al-Anon Service Meeting Minutes 10/8/2022-HYBRID 2480 Browncroft Blvd, lower office 10 am Electronic sign in on AIS website

Chair: Pat-open meeting with the Serenity Prayer

Read: 12 Traditions-Robin12 Concepts of Service-Maggie, Warranties-Cathy. Expanded concept 10-Ellen

Roll Call first names and AlS roles: Pat, John ,Ellen ,Cathy, Sue, Robin, Diane, Bernie, Erin S, Laura R, Elissa, Laura, Maggie G

From Pat: Welcome all to the AIS Rochester monthly meeting. We 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 Al-Anon groups in the Rochester area and beyond. (We welcome feedback, especially ideas for improvement).
- 4. Contact information for Officers and AIS members, and an orientation for new members. Thank you for your service; rotation of service is important for our group's health.

Reports Below:

Secretary: Last month's minutes on website, attached to agenda http://www.aisrochester.org/minutes.html. approve-Pat, second, Maggie - Motion passed. Loron is of town for 10/8 meeting. Thank you, Maggie G, for taking minutes. Please forward bullet points to newsletter editor.

Treasurer: -reports on website and attached: http://aisrochester.org/pdf/treasurer-report.pdf
Motion to approve: second: motion passed See 2023 budget. -to be voted on in November.

Chair Report- Pat H. Hi Everyone, The following positions are open at the end of this year. Here is a list of members willing to stand:

- Activities Coordinator Cathleen B.
- AIS Co Chair
- Alateen Coordinator Maureen L.
- Newsletter Coordinator
- Outreach Coordinator Dennis C.
- Treasurer -see attached reports budget vote

- Web Committee Chair Ellen V.
- Web Tech Leah

Each of these members is being asked to come to our November meeting to introduce themselves and tell us a little bit about themselves. We will be voting on these members at the November meeting.

Vice-Chair: open position

Activities: Debbie

Alateen: Maureen-

Book Depot – Erin reports she is getting more comfortable in the role, and how to manage the inventory. Will be going to upcoming Day of Sharing with literature-see flyer on website

Finance: Budget items were due in August-proposed budget for 2023 completed and will be voted on in November. Mel and Diane will cover for John B. while he is out.

Intergroup - Maggie G-see attached

Newsletter: Karen R.-please have articles by 10/15/22

Outreach-summary of meeting 9/21/2022 -this is lengthy AND informative, pretrial services, followed by additional outreach plans.

By: Carol C. carolc.afgservice@gmail.com

Once every 8 weeks I attend the Drug and Alcohol Education class held as part of the Pre-Trial Services Corporation Weekend DWI Sentence Program (see link below). The class meets in a basement room of the Monroe County Human Services Building at 691 Saint Paul St. For the past year we have been meeting on Tuesday afternoons. My portion of the class starts at 3:30pm and finishes at 5:00pm. I talk about what Al-Anon is, it's relationship with AA and I share my story and answer questions.

Charlene Leistman is the contact person for the program. Tisha Smith is the facilitator in the room, she is the person I interact with the most. There is a security check point including a metal detector at the entrance of the building that all visitors must pass through. All bags are thoroughly inspected (don't bring much you have to empty the contents of your bags including purses and wallets). An escort is required. There are phones just past the security check in where I call Charlene and someone will meet me and walk me to the room.

The only material I bring with me is a couple of copies of the Rochester AIS Meeting List which I print from the website before going. I highlight and emphasize the beginners' meetings. Tish has the website information, and she shares it with the participants, so it is not necessary to bring copies. I usually bring a reader with me and read the steps and sometimes I share a daily reading. When I first started, I brought public outreach material, pamphlets and AFAs but no one took them or read them. I stopped bringing them. During the pandemic they did not allow material to be shared or left in the room.

I am scheduled to attend next Tuesday, Sept 27th and then again November 22nd.

Contact: Charlene Leistman, Director of Operations: 585-454-4411 ext 3037

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Program Dates 2022:

Feb 15th, 2022 April 12th, 2022 June 7th, 2022 Aug 2nd, 2022 Sept 27th, 2022 Nov 22nd, 2022

Website Link: <u>Pre-Trial Services Corporation of the Monroe County Bar Association Official Web Page (monroepretrialservices.com)</u>

Pre-Trial Services Corporation provides quality intervention service and alternatives to detention for persons accused of crimes

Weekend DWI Sentence Program

This program is structured primarily for those convicted of DWI who would have served weekends in the jail. Instead, DWI offenders are sentenced to attend an intensive educational program at the Day Reporting Center for a court-specified number of weekends.

Gratefully growing through service,

Carol C

Summary of Sept 21, 2022 Outreach meeting AIS Rochester

On going outreach

Jennifer House-This is a halfway house for women in transition from more supervised settings, can be alcohol related or post incarceration, second Monday evening of every month-review the Al-Anon program, two volunteers for each Monday-Contact is available from Outreach Committee-looking for volunteers to attend.

Norris clinic- Treatment for people with chemical dependency diagnosis. Every other Monday evening 6pm -conduct an Al-Anon meeting and answer questions, 2 members per Monday. Would any group want to sponsor a Monday and come to these meetings? See Outreach committee of Loron O. *Pre-trial services*-see report above-Carol is our volunteer.

City outreach -meet with city representatives and city community leaders to find best way to spread the work. Maria and Dennis are taking the lead on this.

Beginners' meetings, Saturday and Wednesday, success!

We are looking for members for this committee to help add voices to how we do outreach, and to support one another as we go to the community with the Al-Anon program.

Questions-See outreach Co-chairs Rose, Loron

Volunteer coordinator/office- Mel- Please see the website for office hours. Messages are retrieved daily, and answered. John B. will be out for a while, Mel to cover.

<u>Website Report-Sue C.:</u> Sue gave Leah's background an experience in web design. Provided details of the quotes Leah had given for website redesign and maintenance.

- o Approx. \$800 for website re-development
- o Approx \$30 month for maintenance. No charge if no maintenance is needed

September 2022 - AIS Traffic

- 3,360 visitors viewing 13,635 pages
- 68% new and 33% returning visitors
- 45% mobile and 55% desktop viewing devices

Top 10 pages visited for March:

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1.	Meeting List	526
2.	Sunday	387
3.	Thursday	355
4.	Saturday	341
5.	Tuesday	324
6.	Wednesday	304
7.	Friday	272
8.	Monday	230
9.	Activities	121
10.	Newcomer	116

9 Newcomer Packs Mailed

As of the end of September we have sent out 502 Newcomer Packs.

Unfinished Business:

- Discussion of opening the positions of Treasurer and Secretary to dual members. If a dual member is elected to one of these positions, however, they will not have a vote at Assembly or AWSC (Area World Service Committee) meetings: Continued this discussion with plan to continue it next month
- Budget for 2023 vote on this in November
 - o Will need modification d/t website redesign
- Appeal Letter: only 1 response for the appeal letter thus far. Please share the info at your meetings

New Business:

- PayPal: there was a suggestion to cancel our account.
 - o No fees unless used-no need to cancel at this point
 - o Suggestion to transfer any fees on to the member not on AIS
 - o Comment that the oversight of paypal account should lie with the treasurer.
- Discussion of hiring a new Web Tech person for our website
 - o Ellen proposed moving forward with accepting the quote from Leah and hiring her to redesign website. Maggie seconded. All ISRs in favor

Added

Donation To WSO: voted to send \$250 to WSO motioned passed-all were in favor.

Bullet points for groups from meeting:

Motion to adjourn: second motion

Adjourn with Declaration and Serenity Prayer

AIS Rochester secretary secretary@aisrochester.org
October meeting 10/8, November meeting 11/5/2022 Maggie G. to take minutes 10/8