

**AI-Anon Information Service of
Greater Rochester NY Meeting Minutes
12/11/2021**

**HYBRID Meeting-links on Rochester AIS Website and
Faith Lutheran Church 2576 Browncroft Blvd**

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

Read: 12 Traditions-Robin, 12 Concepts of Service-Janise., Warranties-Pat H. and Expanded Version of Concept 12-Rose B.

Roll Call first names: excused-Sue C., Pat H, Loron O., Mel Y., John B., Robin, Rose B, Janise, Diane, Maggie, Kelly, Angela, Michelle W., Nancy, Karen

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 the Rochester area and beyond. We welcome feedback on how our organization is working on 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 is important for all group's health.

Reports and discussion:

Secretary: Last month's minutes on website, <http://www.aisrochester.org/minutes.html>
Not all folks able to open the attachment for the agenda, will attempt to send it as PDF file.

approve-Pat, second-Nancy, amends, none, minutes accepted-approved
Distribution list for attendees of the meeting shared. Any changes please email secretary@aisrochester.org

Chair Report-Mel Y- no report, Mel has been covering Book Depot thank you!
Mel has cleaned up the office to welcome new officers, thank you! Group thanks Mel for his service and diligent behind the scenes update of all things AIS Rochester.

Vice-Chair: Pat H. This is my last report as Vice Chair. I've enjoyed these last two years and appreciate all the help I've received. Thank you. We've covered a lot:

- The by-laws were updated.

- We did a group inventory to see what was and wasn't working and made appropriate changes.
- We put together a packet for Information Service Reps (ISR's) which includes the Service Manual, pamphlets on Service Sponsorship, the Concepts, and the 12 Steps & 12 Traditions.

The Vice Chair position is still open and the list of responsibilities is on our aisrochester.org home page. If you have questions or are interested, please contact me at vicechair@aisrochester.org

Discussion-have all received the information packets, service manual? Pat will send it to Michelle. See discussion in old business.

Treasurer: -reports attached to agenda, and on website:

<http://aisrochester.org/pdf/treasurer-report.pdf>

motion to approve: Rose second: Kelly amendments-none, budget reports approved. Discussion-thanks to individual member donations to keep AIS's positive cash flow for 2021!

Book Depot-continue to contact AIS via phone or website for book orders and we will get to groups or individuals.

Report from Outreach Committee -Rose

Outreach Minutes – 11/17/21

-We welcomed Mary S. from Buffalo Alateen group, who was visiting to see the possibility of sharing ideas WNY.

Pat H. said that the Penn Yan group offered literature to the library and it was well received. They will give How AI-Anon Works and Paths to Recovery, in addition to meeting lists, as well as a year's subscription to the Forum.

AI-Anon members were invited to have a display of literature for AI-Anon in the library.

Pat H indicated that our Alateen coordinator, Maureen, has a time and place for an Alateen meeting but has no start date as yet.

Norris Clinic is running well thanks to Loron's organization and the volunteers. The supervisor at Norris agreed to buy 20 books, How AI-Anon Works, to have for the use of the residents. They are unable to join the Beginners Meeting on Saturday because of a conflict in schedule, as well as inability to use electronic meeting platforms.

It was suggested that we share AI-Anon literature with hospitals and medical offices.

Also, we will be contacting various locations to see if they would like literature.

JANUARY 19, 2022 WILL BE THE NEXT MEETING. THE MEETINGS WILL THEN BE EVERY OTHER MONTH.

Discussion-suggest groups meet local library staff and offer to supply subscription to the Forum or other Conference approved literature and AI-Anon information. The groups have paid for the literature and subscriptions to local libraries.

Newsletter: Karen R.-please have articles by 12/15,
Newsletter at <http://aisrochester.org/pdf/newsletter.pdf>

Website Report-Sue C.

November 2021 - AIS Traffic

- 4,129 visitors viewing 17,078 pages.
- 65% new and 35% returning visitors.
- 51% mobile and 49% desktop viewing devices.

Top 10 pages visited:

1.	Home Page	3070
2.	Meeting List	695
3.	Tuesday	510
4.	Sunday	460
5.	Saturday	452
6.	Wednesday	333
7.	Monday	331
8.	Friday	297
9.	Thursday	250
10.	Anniversaries	149
11.	Newcomer	123

9 Newcomer Pack Requests, there are 6 groups using AIS electronic meeting act.

Alateen: Maureen-she has been set up with email for Alateen/AIS Rochester, use this address to reach her or call AIS office.

Finance: John B. Reviewed finance reports. John is at the office weekly. *Discussion:* AIS looking for members able to review our financial reports for 2021 as a “double check”. No auditing experience needed. This would take 1-2 hours with the Finance committee. Contact AIS if able.

Activities: no report

Intergroup -Maggie-including NYNorth information and WSO survey review of electronic meetings effect on AI-Anon groups

- How to recognize groups that are not in the same geographic area?
- What kind of structure and support would work best for the hybrid and/or web based meetings?
- How service positions are filled.
- AI-Anon groups are asked to complete online survey by 1/3/22, gathering opinions and options for structure going forward. Survey questions have been sent to GR's, and are on the NYNorth Website and WSO website, one survey per group
- NYNorth website has been updated and is easier to navigate, check it out!

Unfinished Business:

Pat will look into the feasibility of sending out pamphlets on the Expanded version of the Steps, Concepts and Service Sponsorship to new ISR attendees, as well as the AI-Anon service manual. *Discussion* below:

- Members agree that this literature would be helpful
- Who does not have one as of now? Janise, Robin, Michelle will contact Pat to receive.

Hybrid meeting For AIS Rochester – going forward-what works best, rent is due at church 1/2022, covid dashboard Monroe county- where are we at? *Discussion* below:

- We have had 2-4 in person for AIS monthly meeting since 9/21. Do we have other places to meet for this small group?
- Mel and John will test the AIS office shared conference room for WIFI and if this works, will use this for our hybrid meetings. They will know soon if this is feasible so we may let the groups know.

New Business: Welcome to new officers!

- Flower City Fellowship Convention Feb 18-20 at Hyatt in downtown Rochester. See website for flyer,

Bullet Points for take away/follow up/next meeting agenda

- Volunteers needed for Alateen group, please contact Muffy at Alateen@aisrochester.org or call [\(585\) 288-0540](tel:5852880540)
- Groups- please complete the form from NYNorth asking for feedback on Electronic Meeting structure: The Electronic Meeting Thought Force is looking for your input! WSO geographic Areas (including NY North) are invited to discuss and decide whether to accept electronic AFGs into their service structure and to define Area policies and procedures if appropriate. See the newsletter or NYNorth website for more information, Due by 1/3/2022.
- Outreach-some groups are adopting libraries, donating the forum and supplying literature and meeting lists. Consider this outreach.
- Service opportunity-a member to review the books of AIS Rochester for 2021. No finance experience required. We would like to share the budget and answer questions to keep our process clear and transparent. Call the ais office for more information.
- Flower City Fellowship Convention-Journey to Joy February 18-20, 2022, Flyer on AIS website, volunteers and attendees appreciated!

Motion to adjourn Janise-, second, Angela meeting adjourned
Adjourn with Declaration and Serenity Prayer.

Next meeting, January 8, 2022-reports due 1/5/2022 Happy New Year!

Respectfully Submitted, Loron O.