

AIS Meeting Minutes

January 9, 2016

Present:

Ancelin: Secretary/Sunday South Wedge Serenity Seekers AFG ISR
Ann S: Mon. Noon Canandaigua ISR
Brian O: Institutions/Public Outreach
Eileen
Elaine R: Past Delegate/Finance Committee/Mon. Noon Canandaigua
George: Volunteers/Service Center
Jean Rita:
John B:
John O:
Joni H: Simple Beginnings ISR
Marci: Vice Chair/District 19
Maryann: Monday Sunshine ISR
Megan: Newsletter/Evening Serenity ISR
Mel: Treasurer/Webster Monday ISR
Mike H: Book Depot/Stepping to Serenity ISR
Pat H: NYN Public Outreach/Penn Yan ISR
Rebecca B: Hope for Today ISR
Rose: Serenity on Saturday ISR
Sheila S: Chair/Spiritual Awakening

Sheila opened the meeting at _____ am with the Serenity Prayer and the suggested opening.

The group read the Traditions and the Concepts. The 1st Concept was read. The 3 Warranties were read.

Secretary: We need a new Secretary for the AIS Committee. Marci will take minutes today and Sheila has asked us to rotate turns taking minutes until we have someone who is willing to take on the position. We will do a six month trial of asking members to rotate taking the minutes. Ancelin volunteered to be the Secretary for this committee and per the bylaws was appointed to that position.

Sheila asks that Officers' reports and committee reports be submitted prior to the meeting as time allows.

The minutes were reviewed. Pat made a motion to accept the minutes and were seconded by Ancelin and passed.

Treasurer: December

Mel gave the financial report and suggested we encourage members to utilize the literature at the AIS office and can now mail orders directly to members for \$8.00 shipping costs. Mel will be stepping down as Treasurer at the end of 2016 so we will need someone to take that position on. Mel is happy to train anyone who might be interested. Mel will send out an appeal in after the Tureen Supper to encourage members and groups to order more consistently through the AIS office. Megan mentioned the idea of using a gratitude box that could help with donations in

memory of Lois's birthday. Ancelin shared District 14's idea of doing a Pumpkin Fund Raiser last fall that brought in \$140 in November. George made a motion to accept the Financial report, seconded by Megan and passed.

Activities: Kathy S has not been able to reach Kim who has missed 3 meetings in a row. Marci will try to reach Kim to see if she responds to Marci's call. If she does not respond we will need to find another volunteer for the Activities Chair.

Reports:

Chair:

Vice Chair: Marci discussed the current openings we have for AIS positions. Currently Mike H has asked to have a new chair for the Book Depot, we will need a new Treasurer by the end of this year, we have not had an Intergroup Rep in a while so that would be helpful. Our Activities Director has not been responding to attempts to reach her and has missed the last 3 meetings so we will need someone to take this position. And we need a Secretary as soon as possible. Marci will also be connecting with the New Beginnings group to offer support for the Alateen program.

Our biggest upcoming event is the Tureen Supper on March 13th. We are encouraging everyone to pass the news about the event as this is the biggest fundraiser for our AIS program. Sheila has identified someone to chair the event and Marci will be assisting with this event. We will have the flier out soon.

Alateen: Diane sent a report to Megan and this was read during the meeting. The Guardian Angels Monday meeting is encouraging Alateens to attend.

Book Depot: Mike H has been overprinting "So You Love and Alcoholic" packets to be specific to the Pittsford, East Rochester, Greece, Pittsford, Park Avenue and Canandaigua areas. Members can order 50 pamphlets for \$12.50. There is currently \$11,200 inventory at the AIS office. There are also new Tent Signs for Alateen that can be purchased at the AIS office. Mike H is taking a display board to various meetings to encourage the use of the resources offered at the AIS office. There are still copies of the Al-Anon Faces Alcoholism 2016 for \$ 0.35 per copy. Discussion was held regarding trying to have more availability for members to pick up their orders at the AIS office. Everyone is encouraged to call the office to be sure someone is available to pick up their orders. The Book Depot is always looking for volunteers. There was some discussion about the Meeting List and a suggestion was made about taking the Month off the top and have the most recent update on the bottom. There is a new meeting Thursdays at noon in Batavia. Please notify Ann T, our website manager, of any changes in group schedule/location and/or groups closing. The Steps on Wednesday meeting closed at the end of December 2015.

Newsletter: Megan will be sending the newsletter out soon. She is asking for members to submit comments or ideas for the newsletter.

Institutions/Public Outreach: Brian O reports there is an event at Huether Doyle for a program on Alcohol Drug Awareness on 1/11/16. There is also an outreach event on 1/23 from 2-4 pm at the Trillium Health program on Monroe Avenue. We are looking for donations of used Forum magazines. We are looking for opportunities to hand out literature at community events.

Unfinished Business:

Tureen Supper

Lock Box

Gratitude Box

Phone coverage on week-ends- officers & coordinators

New Business:

Next meeting is February 6, 2016 at the AIS office at 10 am

Respectfully submitted: Marci