

## AIS Meeting Minutes

February 6, 2016

### **Present:**

Ancelin: Secretary/Sunday South Wedge Serenity Seekers AFG ISR  
Ann T: Website/Eastside ISR  
Becky E: Women's 12 @ 12 Treasurer  
Connie T: Step into Recovery ISR  
Deb G: Came to Believe ISR  
Eileen B:  
Elaine R: Past Delegate/Finance Committee/Mon. Noon Canandaigua  
George: Volunteers/Service Center  
Jean Rita:  
Joni H: Simple Beginnings ISR  
Marci: Vice Chair/District 19  
Marcia Y: Women's 12 @ 12 member  
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 10 am with the Serenity Prayer and the suggested opening.

The 12 Traditions, 12 Concepts, and the Warranties were read. Pat H read the expanded Concept 2.

Roll call by 1<sup>st</sup> name and position.

### **Reports:**

**Secretary:** Marci (took minutes for January) presented January minutes. Will make some further corrections and send out a final one. George made a motion to accept as presented. Mel seconded, passed. Ancelin asked that everyone please get reports to her by the week before the next meeting to give time to distribute and make additions/corrections as necessary. Next due date for reports would be 02/27/16. Mel said this wouldn't be possible with the treasury report due to banking etc., this is fine. Motion passed.

**Treasurer:** Mel will get the treasurer's report to Ann T to place on the website. Reported that the AIS office had a positive income flow this month. He asked that we review the appeal letter he wrote and email him with comments/suggestions so we can discuss at the next meeting. Final review of the letter will be next month. He is getting a list of all the area GR's to send it to. Suggested we wait until after the Tureen Supper in April to send the appeal letter to all the groups. George made a motion to accept as presented and Sheila seconded, passed.

**Activities:** Marci stated she has tried to get in contact with Kimberly and was unsuccessful. As per AIS By-Laws if members are absent for 3 consecutive meetings they can be removed from the service position. Mike H. made a motion to remove Kim as per By-Laws and open up the service position. Ancelin seconded, passed.

**Chair:** Sheila encouraged everybody to read the By-Laws they are on the website. Personal announcement she will be hospitalized soon to get a new knee! Marci will chair the next meeting and expressed gratitude to all present. Encouraged everyone to continue sending reports/information electronically. Sheila will redo the

Tureen Supper flyer as some information was missing and will get it to Ancelin to proof and distribute. Ann T will put it on the website. Did mention Donna did a full inventory of supplies available for the Tureen Supper.

**Vice Chair:** Marci as the DR visited Simple Beginnings. 2 AIMAS's and 2 Alateen's were present. Very nice meeting, went well. Teens spoke to other issues other than alcoholism present in their lives.

**Alateen:** Diane sent in her report to us electronically.

**Book Depot:** Mike says sales are up. Currently on order are ODAT/CTC/New-Commer packets. Over printing the pamphlet "So You Love an Alcoholic" and distributing to groups. Says he would like help with the book depot like a committee. Will need coverage for vacations/illness/etc.

**Finance Committee:** Elaine referred to the letter drafted for the AIS appeal to have a final review next month.

**Institutions/Public Outreach:** Brian O sent reports from the outreach events in January.

**Newsletter:** Megan will be sending the newsletter this week. She is asking for members to submit comments or ideas for the newsletter. Getting reports early is working out. Asked who the chair was for the March AA convention was, she has seen flyers. Another member said they would get her the information. Marica Y. spoke up, she is the chair for Al-Anon participation at the Conference of The Lakes. Asked are we able to announce it in our meetings? George handed out the G7 regarding participation between the 2 programs, ok to announce and have flyers so long as there is Al-Anon participation.

**Volunteers/Service Center:** George said he has not gotten an answer from Grace Church regarding the lock box. 1<sup>st</sup> time the church forgot and he's been unable to catch the Deacon. At this point no answer likely means "no" to the lock box we will have to work with what we have. Sheila stressed the 3 chair persons who have a key can open the door if need be (Sheila (and Mike), George, Mel). George stated there is usually coverage 10am – 12pm and a new volunteer started on Friday, to call ahead before you come to the office. Pat H brought up the point of all the public outreach going on if there will be someone available to answer calls. Ann T. brought up if emails were being checked regularly. George spoke to this stating phone messages are being answered and some volunteers are uncomfortable touching the computer. Mike H. checks the emails remotely.

**Website:** Ann T. will put shipping information on the online order form. Requested if she can put something on the website to draw attention to the Tureen Supper, she will come up with a colorful box or some advertisement to highlight it.

### New Business:

MaryAnn brought up suggestions regarding displays for April being Alcohol Awareness Month. Pat H stated last year the Penn Yann and Canandaigua groups went ahead of time to the local libraries asking to put up a display and they had a full table with literature, pamphlets, meeting lists, Al-Anon faces alcoholism magazine, etc. There was much discussion about what different members had seen/helped to display. Another member mentioned Pittsford Library books well in advance with their displays, basically the sooner to ask permission to display the better. Also to let Brian O. Public Outreach Chair know if your group is putting on a display and where so we can all be on the same page as to what is going on in our area.

Becky brought up 2 items. 1<sup>st</sup> was the possibility of hiring a special worker (paid staff) to be at the AIS office to increase accessibility. TBD at next meeting. Also brought up the idea of having a 1 day Recovery 'Movie-A-Thon' to play movies and have discussion panels regarding the stigma surrounding alcoholism, recovery, and to get people involved. Examples, "When Love is Not Enough" and "Bill & Bob off Broadway". There are also CAL video's available. George mentioned would be an excellent idea for a fall fundraiser and if early enough we could rent out the available space in Grace Church (before it was known AIS would need to relocate). George made a motion to put on the next agenda, Megan seconded, passed.

Marci brought up the idea of a poster contest during the Tureen Supper to try to increase participation. Promotional idea and opportunity for service for those members who would like to do something creative. If possible Marci will do the flyer for distribution.

**Unfinished Business:**

Gratitude Box

Phone coverage on week-ends- officers & coordinators

**New Business:**

Fall Fundraiser Movie-A-Thon

Hiring Special Workers

***\*AIS Office received notice Saturday night we are requested to move out of Grace Church by mid-summer if possible\****

Next meeting is March 5, 2016 at the AIS office at 10 am.

Respectfully submitted: Ancelin