Al-Anon Information Service of Greater Rochester, NY

Meeting Agenda March 3, 2018

Open with a moment of silence followed by the Serenity Prayer.

Read the 12 Traditions, 12 Concepts of Service, the Warranties and the Expanded Version of Concept 3

Roll call

Officers' reports and committee reports:

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Unfinished business:

- 1. Follow up on combining website and web committees-benefit, should we do?
- 2. Cleaning up contact lists-loron working on updating emails in the system and mailing to the right folks, is the group ok with an email blast to ask who wants to continue getting information? Loron suggests sending friendly letter to all via email and asking folks to respond by the next meeting april 7th. PLs send meeting minutes for 3/3 meeting to secretary at ais and loron will put together
- 3. Support for tureen super and upcoming conferences

New business:

- 1. From Treasurer-donations to Puerto Rico literature donation from AIS Rochester? District 2 has decided to order some literature from WSO and have sent directly to AIS in Puerto Rico
- 2. From chairs –how best to support groups, personal visits with goal of finding out needs, reviewing outreach and services al anon does?
- 3. Goals for us for the year 2018-time to brainstorm

Next meeting is scheduled for at 10 am April 7th

Feb 3, 2018 ais meeting minutes

Thank you to all present and to members new to the group!

| Elaine R | X | Mon Noon Canandaigua |
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| John B | X | Treasurer/ISR |
| Joni H | X | Website Chair/ISE |
| Kathleen | X | Victor Parents ISR and outreach |
| Connie T | X | Newsletter & ISR |
| Laurel | X | Twelve at Twelve |
| Maryann | X | Monday Sunshine ISR |
| Mel | X | Webster Monday ISR |
| Pat H. | X | Penn Yan ISR |
| Rebecca B. | X | Book Depot Hope for Today ISR |
| Rose B. | X | Serenity on Saturday ISR |
| Sheila S.F. | х | Spiritual Awakenings GR |
| Dennis | X | Spiritual Awakening/ISR |
| Mary Anne | Х | Penfield Chapel/ISR |
| Russel | X | Simple Beginnings |
| Loron | Х | Vice-Chair/ISR Hamlin Sunday night |

Loron opened the meeting at 10 a.m. with a moment of silence followed by the Serenity Prayer. the 12 Traditions; the 12 Concepts of Service; and warranties Warranties; Shelia read the expanded version of Concept 2. Roll call by 1st name.

Loron welcomed everyone and thanked the group for their patience with learning the ais website. She will be meeting with mel and Shelia S.F to review website and distribution lists and to pay attention to anonymity. Loron will be the secretary for the next few meetings, looking for a person to fill this position.

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Chair's Report: -no report -we welcome our new Chair Shelia S-F

<u>Secretary's Report:</u> discussion: Mel has helped Loron to get notices out. Loron and mel will look at distribution lists for accuracy. Loron will send out reports notifications to officers and committees, minutes to all on the mailing list. **Need-**access for new chairs and officers to ais websites and passwords, Mel will send this out to all. Loron will be acting secretary till at least April.

Vice Chair: loron-will chair this meeting thanks for your support and Welcome Shelia!

Activities: no report

<u>Alateen Report:</u> last month's attached. Agreed that sponsoring alanon group can help the alateens they sponsor with expenses. Motion made to this effect and passes.

Book Depot Report: Rebecca-report reviewed. She will purchase one case of alanon faces alcoholism 2018. The 2017 and 2016 that we have will have stickers to update to 2018. We agreed for outreach to have some up to date materials, and to ask for donations for the 2016 and 2017 versions. Service manuals have been ordered –new edition is one volume rather than 2. For Flower City Fellowship, we will have a literature table. IF there are materials bought to donate and give free of charge, we will use these first and then sell at our cost. Motion to buy the case of materials offered and passed.

Finance Committee: included in treasurers

<u>Public Outreach:</u> see Kathleen's report. –discussion, Next events Flower City Fellowship 3/2 and3/3/2018, we have chosen a speaker for 2019 who is excellent. She will update us as we get closer to next year's event. Contacts to the deaf community have been made per report. Discussion of how done in the past, Two groups have had deaf interpreters and the groups arranged for the interpreters now ais. We will be interested in seeing response from deaf community.

NYN Public Outreach: No report-is this in the alateen report?

<u>Newsletter:</u> pointers from Connie-please email flyers for upcoming events to website, she will have links in the newsletter to these. This is most timely and efficient. She would like submissions for the newsletter by the Wednesday after the monthly meeting. Discussion clarified where to send articles, to web committee or website. Agreed website as web committee for oversight, not day to day operations, Connie will update in newsletter. Several anniversaries coming up –flyers and information coming.

Volunteers: Report reviewed, we presently need volunteers for Tuesday and Wednesdays.

<u>Website:</u> Joni commented that mel does the work for this report, at one time used for oversite of web when there was some concerns website oversight. This has not been a problem that the group could remember for qute a while. Should we combine the two? This committee is in the bylaws. Will discuss in March meeting

intergroup Rep: to be voted on today

<u>Finance and treasurer</u> John presented report, we are in good shape financially. AIS Rent is not see in month of January, check has not cleared. John asks for committees and officers to let him know of expenses related to the work of the ais, ie the alanon faces alcoholism 2018 for outreach to help finance

committee accurately reflect budget items. Connie will add to the bottom of the report to email the treasurer with questions. Budget for 2018 to be made by the finance committee All reports accepted by the committee.

Ongoing business:

Voting on officers nominated last month, Shelia SF and Megan will be Chairperson and Intergroup rep. Motion carried. Welcome and thank you for your service!

Flower city fellowship-see outreach report-this will occur the same weekend as the march ais meeting, Vice chairs comment, Kathleen please let us know if you need help with this.

Tureen Super-to be held march 25th? At St. Annes church on mt hope. Debbi's report and discussion

- 1. Insurance, do we need another policy? Last year no, the policy for the groups there covers the facility not just our group times. Debi will confirm with the church
- 2. We have donations of cords to plug in crocks. Deb will confirm strongly with church staff the need for podium and microphone as this has been an issue in the past, District 29 registering and raffle management. Debbie confirmed with members the go to folks at St. Marys.
- 3. Donations of baskets and items for this event- Discussion if this is a net negative since cost of basket may be more than what the basket is raffled off for. Would silent auction be better? Thought that silent auction would be more expensive for attendee's and groups of ten create baskets from donated items. We will look into this more for next year. ACTION-pls ask groups if they want to donate baskets and talk up the supper at meetings, great speakers and networking.
- 4. Budget is 200\$. Debbi will let us know if she needs more help. Will discuss at March meeting.

New venue-thank you Mel for helping open this church and thanks the use of space for 10\$ monthly donation. We will keep coming back!

Points to share with groups-

- Review upcoming tureen supper and ask folks to come and if able to do basket or donations-flyer on website and newsletter
- Upcoming flower city fellowship as means to recovery, folks can stop in for part of the events and lots of al anon information
- Review outreach we are doing from this month and last month's reports
- Opportunity for service at ais office if folks wish or to help with outreach or events contact website

For next month- clarify web committee and website

Present cleaned up list of contacts and confirm officers and committee folk have access to website

Meeting Adjourned at 11:45, as moved and confirmed by Rose and Kathleen.

Treasurer report-Could we add item to agenda to consider Puerto Rico literature donation from AIS Rochester? District 2 has decided to order some literature from WSO and have sent directly to AIS in Puerto Rico. Maybe we can consider collecting donations at Tureen Supper just for replacing their literature destroyed by hurricane??

No Treasure Report for this month's meeting as too close to end of month reconciliation

ALATEEN REPORT March 2018

Our parent meeting who sponsors us has voted to continue providing financial support for literature purchases. They will contribute quarterly.

The second one of our 4 original AMIASes has stepped down, leaving 2 of us. We will start recruiting for more AMIASes for our meeting.

Robin B., one of our AMIASes will bring our Alateen banner and some fliers about our teen meeting to Flower City Fellowship Convention to be placed on the Alanon literature table.

Still attempting to connect with Greece School District regarding having an Alateen meeting at one of the Greece H.S.

Gratefully,

Diane M.

Public Outreach

DWI Pretrial services has a rotation of presentations (AA, NA, Al-Anon and conflict management): Ancelin is currently planning to attend this Friday evening commitment with another Al-Anon member for the 5 meetings in 2018. I am in the process of confirming dates.

Jennifer House Prison Outreach has requested Al-Anon presentations once a month-Wednesday evening, every other month: Rose B has and is planning to continue to attend with other Al-Anon members for the remaining 5 meetings in 2018. I have confirmed the dates.

Westfall: I wasn't aware of the ongoing commitment and missed the Feb. presentation: I have sent an email to the contact person and will be rescheduling the presentation asap/earliest mutually available time.

Nazareth College Wellness Fair: Tues., 3/27 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Otto S. Schults Community Center. Looking for volunteers to man a table (where is the large table top board?) and I would like suggestions for what/how much literature to have to handout (keeping in mind outreach budget). I have sent the contact person a request regarding particulars - their polocies.

FLACRA: 3rd Thursday of the month at 6 p.m. currently recruiting for 2 volunteers to bring Al-Anon information and literature (AFAs) to FLACRA. Pat has done this for some time and rotation of service would warrant it a change of hands.

Attended final planning meeting as Al-Anon co-chair to committee for FCFC March 2nd-4th: Al-Anon open forum Friday night; panels Saturday morning; speaker Saturday afternoon. The person I am meeting with to discuss issues of access for Deaf/HH people ended up not being at the meeting/I will follow-up after the convention.

Respectfully, Kathleen

Newsletter Report: March, 2018

Correction:

On the first page of February's newsletter:

"Hope for Today" (Bloomfield) Anniversary should be Wednesday, April 18 (not Apr. 20th) – However, there is no flyer yet. I will correct this for March.

There are 3 "Hope for Today" meetings which can add to the confusion – UGH!

I am told that "Hope for Today" (Norton St) will have their anniversary on Friday, April 20th – However there is no flyer yet.

Reminder:

Please include the correct spelling of Al-Anon(not Alanon) when sending in your reports. This will help make my job easier. Thank you.

Suggestion:

I am wondering if our website could have a link to the Newletter on the front page under "The Latest" – easier access for groups.

Thank you,

Connie T