

AIS Meeting Minutes

March 5, 2016

Present:

Ancelin: Secretary/Sunday South Wedge Serenity Seekers ISR
Ann S: Monday Canandaigua Noon ISR
Connie T: Step into Recovery GR
Deb G: Came to Believe ISR
Elaine R: Past Delegate/Finance Committee/Mon. Noon Canandaigua
George: Volunteers/Service Center
John B: Focus On Me Treasurer
Josephine L: Serenity @ Noon GR
Marci: Vice Chair:/District 19
Mel: Treasurer/Webster Monday ISR
Pat H: NYN Public Outreach/Penn Yan ISR
Rebecca B: Hope for Today ISR

Marci opened the meeting at 10:01 am with the Serenity Prayer and the suggested opening.

The 12 Traditions, 12 Concepts, and the Warranties were read. George read the expanded Concept 3.

Roll call by 1st name and position.

Reports:

Secretary: Ancelin thanked everyone for sending in reports early. There were no additions/corrections to last month's meeting minutes. George made a motion to accept as presented, Mel 2nd, approved.

Treasurer: Mel presented AIS having positive income flow again for the month of February. Will discuss new office details during new business. Pat made a motion to accept as presented, George 2nd, approved.

Activities: Marci said Becky has offered to take this position she has a lot of ideas for participation. Not present at this meeting but she will touch base with her. There are upcoming Days of Sharing on the Al-Anon website as well as Al-Anon participation in the Conference of The Lakes.

Chair: Marci reports Sheila is feeling well and going home today!

Vice Chair: Marci has been going around attending different groups advertising the Tureen Supper. While doing so she got 2 members to sign up as GRs of their group! Looking for volunteers for set up, selling raffle tickets, and clean up for the Tureen Supper.

Alateen: Diane not present, sent in her reports. The Alateen meeting is going well and the group held their 1st group conscious meeting. Alateen has been asked to participate in the Conference of The Lakes. Pat pointed out there is an Alateen Survey on the Al-Anon Members' website which was sent out with the e-Group newsletter. Elaine mentioned the Alateen table top cards for groups to purchase and advertise this meeting.

Book Depot: Mike not present, report stated he is still looking for assistance with the book depot.

Finance Committee: Elaine referred to the Al-Anon Groups at Work booklet which is the same as the beginning of the Service Manual, they are \$1.00. It has financial information for the groups at large regarding group bank accounts, treasurer guidelines, etc. She will begin to write periodic articles for the newsletter regarding finances and Tradition 7. Stressed the importance of donations at the area level as well as the WSO financially struggling.

Institutions/Public Outreach: Brian not present, he sent reports in. Plans to have an outreach table at the Tureen Supper. Pat made outreach table displays w/articles from Al-Anon Faces Alcoholism 2016 as well as other printed material.

Newsletter: Megan not present, report sent in. A reminder to everyone the deadline for the newsletter is the 1st Saturday of the month. She wants to send out the newsletter in a more timely fashion. Stated reports sent in to the secretary early are helpful.

Volunteers/Service Center: Things will turn around at new service center location.

Website: Ann T. not present, feel better! No updates sent.

Intergroup Rep: Position open, Marci working to get this filled.

Unfinished Business: Phone coverage on weekends – tabled until after move.

New Business:

Mel read the eviction notice sent to George by Grace Church. In summary Al-Anon was asked to vacate the space as we do not have the same belief system as Grace Church does. Mel & George looked at approximately 70 locations and found the best one to be 2480 Browncroft Blvd which is an office complex. The thought behind staying away from churches was so AIS would not have to go through this type of move again. This also will have much better access for us and we are allowed to place signage with the landlord's approval. Landlord is Remax.

The lease has been reviewed by Mike P who happens to be a lawyer. AIS has sufficient insurance for this space. Most of the current furniture will be moved into the new space. Mel mentioned we would be looking for new desks, what we have now is very bulky and heavy. If there are members who would like to make an anonymous contribution to that it would be greatly appreciated.

Cost will be \$350 per month with free Wi-Fi, elevator, ample parking, and secure location. We will have the same phone number through Time Warner at a cost of \$49.95. Overall savings will be about \$60 monthly to AIS. Mel stated 1st month's rent & deposit is due so the banking sheet for next month will reflect those costs. There is a conference room available for use at no additional cost; the meetings need to be scheduled in advance.

***The phone may be out of service for a couple of days while the move is underway and service is being switched.** The next scheduled meeting 4/2/16 is the actual move day starting at 10am. Mel & George both have trailers. We will move everything this day! Volunteers needed to help move. Ancelin made a motion to go forward with this move, Pat 2nd, approved.

Many thanks to George & Mel for making this move happen as quickly and efficiently as it is!

Connie brought up a letter the St. Ann's meetings received regarding insurance coverage. She didn't know how to go about addressing it. George suggested going to the Pastor of the church as the letter stated if the group could not afford the whole cost, they would work on them with that. There has been a rise in the Rochester area of Catholic Church's asking for insurance coverage as well as Episcopal Church's. A member who works in an Episcopal church spoke up and confirmed they require it of any group using their space. Elaine pointed out page 59 of the Service Manual where it is stated each group is responsible for their own insurance if required. Connie will begin with the Pastor of the church and take it from there, appreciative of the suggestions.

The fall fundraiser & hiring special workers have been tabled until after the move. We likely will not have a need for special workers with this new space.

George made a motion to adjourn, Mel 2nd, approved. Closed at 11:13 am with the Al-Anon Declaration.

Next meeting is April 2, 2016 at the AIS office at 10am – MOVING DAY!

Respectfully submitted: Ancelin