

Unapproved Meeting minutes AIS 4/7/2018

Attendees:

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| Connie T | X | Newsletter | newsletter@aisrochester.org |
| Deb G | X | Came to Believe ISR | |
| Joni H | X | Website Chair/ISR Hope 4 today | webcommittee@aisrochester.org |
| Loron | X | Vice-Chair/ISR | |
| Mel | X | Webster Monday ISR | volunteers@aisrochester.org |
| Rebecca B. | X | Book Depot | bookdepot@aisrochester.org |
| Russell M. | X | Simple Beginnings | |
| Sheila S.F. | X | Spiritual Awakenings GR | |
| Deb P. | X | DR alternate D 25 | |

Shelia opened the meeting with a moment of silence and serenity prayer-12 traditions read by Connie, 12 concepts Rebecca and Expanded concept four, Shelia and Loron

Minutes approved with corrections will be sent to Connie for newsletter by Monday.

Treasurer report-John not here, see report to review at next meeting

Vice Chair/secretary-Loron- Contact lists have been updated-Loron will work with Mel and Connie to make sure that the minutes/reports and notifications go to the right folks-will meet about this this week to review mailing lists.

Loron- proposes timeline for secretary communication. Minutes of the meeting today will be sent out (not approved) to AIS reps and attendees by sat after meeting. These minutes are for review and will not be posted till approved. Approved minutes will be sent to Connie for newsletter by Monday after AIS meeting. The Call for reports for the AIS meeting will be due the Monday before the sat AIS meeting and will be sent to members by the Thursday before the sat meeting. Agenda will go out with the reports AND Loron will work with Shelia to see if she wants to approve/add to agenda before this goes out. Loron will continue as secretary till we find another volunteer and to firm up this process.

Rebecca-book depot, reviewed report-she is flexible with ordering/delivery and pick up of books to work with groups needs. IF you have questions please call her at 323-2231 this is preferred over email. We discussed the use of credit cards "to capture impulses to buy books that can change lives". Mel's quick search reveals:

1. 3% surcharge and more per every purchase, we will also need to purchase the "square" or other methods of charging. We sell at cost, so we would lose money.
2. Do we add service charge to offset? How to do this? Group decided that this is not workable at this time AND will look into this for the future-how do other small groups do this?
3. ACTION-with all events where we sell books, publicity will include that cash or check for purchases only.

Alateen report sent via email from Diane: Alateen continues onward. I gave a mention about Alateen to the AIS Annual Tureen Supper attendees and left Alateen fliers on the tables. I asked people to please put a flier on their meeting clipboards. We continue to spread the word. Love in service, Diane M.

Volunteer report: Mel see attached reports, we have robust use of website and Connie noted and increase of newsletter requests with a link on the opening page of website! 100 more requests! We suggest calling office first as office staffing changes often.

Web Committee-from Joni

1. Agreed that members should be AIS members and they will meet 3 times a year to discuss web issues. First meeting before June 2 AIS meeting at 9:30.
2. Members are Joni, Shelia SF, Megan, Mel.
3. They will review bylaws pertaining to web committee.

Website- Questions from Shelia about cost of this service? Will need to ask treasurer, need to pay for server and domain per Mel. Couple members noted that the links from website did not open up to make contact possible. Mel reports as of 4/7 this has been fixed.

Intergroup Rep-Shelia presenting report from Megan. Megan will be at June meeting. She is reviewing bylaws.

OLD BUSINESS

Tureen Supper-report submitted and discussion

1. Agreed this was a Success! Great speakers
2. Deb has organized a "template" going forward step by step for organizing this yearly event
3. We will have co-chairs for this event and will ask for interested folks.
4. Debbie thanks district reps for finding volunteers
5. Injured participant has healed, confirmed that our insurance at St. Anne's covers these possibilities.
6. We have asked St. Anne's to come back next year. They will confirm and ask us to use their coffee and teapots.
7. Successful fundraising event and Book sales, will be reflected in the treasurer's report

Thanks to Debbi for her service!

Goals for Shelia S.F., Loron and AIS-discussion

Group support! How? -important goal

1. Loron/Mel and Shelia will attend meetings throughout the area with this information and to learn and listen from members. AIS office function, (distribute tent cards also) Find out group questions and concerns. Book depot, newsletter, resources and mailing lists – increase group awareness of these helpful healing resources.
2. GR and ISR reps are helpful in building skills about program, can we get more folks to volunteer and make sure we are connected with each of these reps through meetings or

electronic? ACTION-group reps to be invited to next AIS meeting in June. Connie will place invite in newsletter

Group discussion continued -how to help smaller groups or struggling groups and spread the word about service and grow the groups in the program. Points included:

1. Are "rules" of group meeting guidelines being communicated (i.e. importance of sponsor, service, attending 90 in 90)? Are we visible at rehab centers and are these centers including al-anon in recovery plans? Group members say no, not consistently. Russell commented on more structured speaker in California groups he attended, would this be a good way to expand stories and experience, strength and hope?
2. Discussed speaker's bureau idea suggested contacting outreach person and agreed this is a good way to increase information about healing and al-anon. Speaker's bureau thought to be not needed by many in group if we are able to meet requests through outreach.
3. How do we welcome newcomers? First step meetings, do they occur and are new visitors comfortable saying yes when these are offered? Some groups automatically have first step meetings with all newcomers. Some have given the last 10 minutes of a meeting to cover first step or let newcomers share if desired. We agreed first step is a safe way to welcome and discuss the program. This is difficult in smaller meetings.
4. Service -is this being encouraged, are GR's and ISR's aware who they are, and may we have more contact with these reps? We will ask about this when Mel, Loron and Shelia visit meetings, whether groups have GR and ISR and the ways this can help home groups and the districts. Shelia will research if double winners can vote at ISR meetings in response to questions from members.

We will report at the next meeting what we have found from the groups. Noted that the May meeting conflicts with Al-anon conferences. **Our next meeting is June 2nd.**

We thanked our outreach and tureen super volunteers AND to all the people keeping recovery in al-anon available in our districts. We are thankful for this wonderful meeting space at 2576 Browncroft Blvd.

Respectfully Submitted

Loron O. interim secretary and vice chair

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