

AIS Meeting Minutes

May 7, 2016

Present:

Ancelin: Secretary/Sunday South Wedge Serenity Seekers ISR
Ann S: Monday Canandaigua Noon ISR
Ann T: Website/Eastside ISR
Beth B: Evening Serenity ISR
Brian O: Institutions/Public Outreach
Connie T: Step into Recovery GR
Debbie A: Good Old Gang GR
Elaine R: Past Delegate/Finance Committee/Mon. Noon Canandaigua
JeanRita: Spiritual Awakening
John B: Focus On Me Treasurer
Judy B: Came to Believe Treasurer
Laura L: Public Outreach Coordinator D29
Maryann: Monday Sunshine ISR
Megan: Newsletter/Evening Serenity GR
Mel: Treasurer/Webster Monday ISR
Mike H: Book Depot/Stepping to Serenity
Pat H: NYN Public Outreach/Penn Yan ISR
Penny B: Serenity Seekers GR
Rose B: Serenity on Saturday ISR
Sheila S: Chairperson/Spiritual Awakening
Susan A: Good Old Gang ISR

Sheila opened the meeting at 10:00 am with the Serenity Prayer and the suggested opening.

The 12 Traditions, 12 Concepts, Warranties, and expanded Concept 5 were read.

Roll call by 1st name and position.

Reports:

Chair: Sheila is looking for clarity regarding positions and committee's available, etc. Not looking to cause confusion, asked if there were any questions, none from the floor.

Secretary: Ancelin asked that everyone please check their emails on the sign in sheet, received a few emails bounced back. No corrections additions were sent from April's meeting minutes submitted as is for approval. Megan made a motion to accept, Connie 2nd, approved.

Treasurer: Mel went over treasurers report. Still working on settling old bills from the previous office location. Frontier gave a new bill of \$ 1,000 dollars he will call Monday to rectify. Donations are all from groups listed on the banking summary. Asked everyone to be sure to write down the group's name when making donations, there was 1 unidentified donation. Ancelin made a motion to accept as presented, Megan 2nd, approved.

Vice Chair: Ancelin read vice chair's report, no questions, accepted.

Activities: Position remains open.

Alateen: Diane not present, sent in her reports. There were no questions regarding the Alateen report, accepted.

Book Depot: ODAT out of stock and on order otherwise fully stocked depot. Book sales are up; need more coverage for the office. Talking with George about getting a lock box instead of so many key copies for volunteers. Making presentations at as many District meeting's as he can. Book sales are up. Wants to keep up

the CMA's addresses. Ann T suggested talking about ISR's at these meetings, ISR's need to be present for the AIS meetings. Pat H asked if there was a confirmation email being sent when an online book order is made? Ann T said the online form sends a receipt when an order comes in but doesn't mean someone saw it. Can an email be added to alert the status of an order? Ann will follow up with this.

Finance Committee: No report from Elaine, the AIS Appeal letter went out. Sent to 50 groups that were registered with GR/CMA addresses. 2 letters have been returned. Some confusion as the final review of the letter was on "old business", the finance committee gave final approval & the letter was sent.

Institutions/Public Outreach: Brian had a lot of activity going on. Did form a public outreach committee as set in the By-Laws. Has cards with his information on it provided by Mel. The meeting in "Jennifer House" went very well, recovery house for women new out of prison, ran as a 1st step meeting. Staff very grateful, would like to have a bi-monthly meeting there. Spoke of Alateen to these women for their children, gave meeting information.

Contacted Elaine Spaul city councilwoman for a presentation. Has spoken with numerous council members, quadrant directors, and left messages as well throughout the City of Rochester.

Spoke with a contact at the Center for Youth, put in contact with Diane M about starting another Alateen meeting there.

Newsletter: Newsletter will be going out later this week. Asked if we still wanted flyers for events in the newsletter, majority said yes. Brian still working on getting "professionals" emails to Megan for the Newsletter.

Volunteers/Service Center: No report. George is holding a volunteer training on the 21st set for 10:30 am.

Website: Report sent out. Ann asked that flyers be sent to her to update the website. Her term as Website Chair is up at the end of the year. Looking to train the next chairperson for this position, needs to be someone who is tech savvy.

Intergroup Rep: Position remains open.

NYN Public Outreach: Pat H spoke about the State Fair. 8/25 – 9/5. Al-Anon will be in the science building with many of the other health tables, including AA. Volunteer sign up will begin in June and can be done on the NYN Website.

Unfinished Business: AIS Appeal letter was sent out. Emphasis on pushing for donations through the groups. We have a prudent reserve to sustain AIS for 6 months only.

New Business:

Facebook: Brian willing to start a Greater Rochester Al-Anon Facebook page. Has looked at other ones easy enough to start one. Spent time on the WSO's Facebook page looking through the information posted. There can be multiple administrators added to monitor the page, and it can be catered to the Rochester area. He is open to input for this page. Ann suggested putting up the brochure that was made to showcase what AIS does. This would be an information page, not a discussion page. Elaine suggested getting information from the WSO on how to set it up. Several volunteers raised hands willing to help Brian.

Ancelin left the mtg at this time, Megan continued taking notes

Insurance: Many groups are being asked to carry insurance now. AIS can add groups to its liability policy. Received a quote from State Farm, would be \$50 yearly per group. Someone would need to be responsible for getting groups to pay this on time as if it's not AIS is responsible for the bill. The insurance would be managed by AIS. Elaine & Mel will talk about this; Mel will speak with insurance agent & Mike P.

Newsletter: Al-Anon apps. Elaine contacted the WSO they are not CAL and shouldn't be in the newsletter or announced in meetings. Refer p. 104 in the Service Manual.

Amazon Smiles: This is an outside entity and therefore we cannot accept donations from them as fundraising.

Sheila – Courtesy & Kindness glad the group took it to heart.

Ann: Brought up a better meeting space for the monthly meeting. Faith Lutheran Church is 1 block from the office. Asked for revision of time & day to be placed on the Agenda for June.

Elaine: Will represent AIS at the NYN Spring Convention

Meeting adjourned at 11:25 am

Next meeting is June 4th, 2016 at the AIS office at 10am

Respectfully submitted: Ancelin