

AIS Meeting Minutes

June 4, 2016

Present:

Ancelin: Secretary/Sunday South Wedge Serenity Seekers ISR
Ann S: Monday Canandaigua Noon ISR
Ann T: Eastside ISR
Becky E: Women's 12 @ 12 Treasurer
Elaine R: Past Delegate/Finance Committee/Mon. Noon Canandaigua
George: Volunteers/Service Center
John B: Focus On Me Treasurer
Joni H: Simple Beginnings ISR
Marci: Vice Chair/D19 Treasurer
Marcia Y: Women's 12 @ 12
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
Rebecca B: Hope for Today ISR
Rose B: Serenity on Saturday ISR
Sandy M: Serenity at Noon
Sheila S: Chairperson/Spiritual Awakening
Susan A: Good Old Gang ISR

Sheila opened the meeting at 10:00 am with the Serenity Prayer. George read the 12 Traditions. Megan read the 12 Concepts. Sandy read the Warranties. John read the expanded Concept 6.

Roll call by 1st name and position.

Reports:

Chair: Asked if there were any questions regarding her report. There were none. Stated there will be a meeting before the AIS scheduled 10am meeting to discuss & study The Concepts. To start in July and will be at 9am. Will be using "Reaching for Personal Freedom" workbook. Spoke with Kathy (former Chair of AIS) regarding moving AIS meeting to St. Ann's. Much discussion about this, ultimately it wouldn't be feasible. Ongoing insurance issues at that location & it is far from the AIS office. Much discussion was had whether as to pass the basket or not during the AIS meeting and to have the meeting down the road where the men's Thursday night meeting meets. It is \$ 35 per meeting. Pat H brought up the point AIS is growing and the room is small. George suggested pass the basket and can contribute or not. Elaine spoke of the basket being passed at AWSC meetings and up, it is a free will offering no obligation. Mel will finish investigating cost at the church directly across the street from the office as well and report back next meeting. Sheila also stated there will be a website committee forming and to see her if after the meeting if you are interested.

Secretary: Ancelin presented last meeting minutes as is for approval. No changes or corrections were received. Mel made a motion to approve, George 2nd, approved.

Treasurer: Mel went over treasurer's report. Had a late Tureen Supper expense which was paid (in report attached). Received more invoices from Frontier. Wrote to 2 locations with 'return receipt' requested and only 1 has been picked up, from the Tampa, FL location. Will be sending out additional certified letters asking them to contact him regarding the bill and contract. 3 groups have opted in for insurance through AIS. 1 has not paid. There is an ongoing issue regarding who is the beneficiary of the policy for the St. Ann's meeting, he will be giving contact information to the State Farm agent who handles this. Megan asked if donations had increased. Reported they remain about the same. Thus far from the AIS appeal letter there has been \$ 367.00 received. Some members reported their groups did not receive the appeal letter. GR/CMA addresses were

pulled from the NYN information. Megan will compare her addresses to what Mel has and pass back to him. George made a motion to accept Treasurer's report as is, Marcia 2nd, approved.

Vice Chair: Marci reports that this past Spring Convention had the highest number of groups attended, very exciting. Some groups did not have the funds to send GR's but made sizable donations to NYN. Past trustees & delegate speakers had worked with the founders of Al-Anon Lois & Ann, was great to hear them speak. Question to the DRs if they want to change the "Just for Today" book mark and remove the prayer of St. Francis of Assisi at the end as some find it to be too religious. Elaine commented that the delegate Diane is looking for input, and this came from the literature committee.

Also happy to report that Becky is interested in taking on the role of Activities Chair. Per the By-Laws if there are no other nominations to the position the Chair may appoint a person to the position. Asked if there were any other nominations. There were none. Becky was happily appointed Activities Chair. Becky commented quickly she has written a survey monkey Al-Anon survey to see what types of activities members would be interested in. Will also be seeking a list of all the districts in the area to put information out.

Marci still looking to fill the Intergroup Representative position. Asked if Megan can put something in the Newsletter briefly describing the position & what it entails. She will do so as she was going to list all of the positions up for nominations at the end of this year.

Activities: Position filled, Becky is the new Activities chairperson, will be in the Newsletter.

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

Book Depot: An extensive inventory was done of the entire book depot using Al-Anon Docs4. AIS has approximately 12K in CAL. Previously thought Buffalo area did not have a book depot, they have 2 distribution centers that cover the area, it is an odd shape, so AIS cannot sell literature to them, it is not within the Greater Rochester AIS territory. He did pass on information regarding the flat rate shipping box, they were thankful. Any literature (pamphlets, etc.) that is available for download is not ordered. It would cost AIS to print it and distribute to the membership. Concerns for the book depot are any liquidated assets of AIS would need to go to the WSO and where would all the CAL go? Need for volunteers in the office to fulfill orders.

Mike will be going to the District meeting in Geneva to give a presentation on AIS & the book depot.

Finance Committee: Elaine reports she and Mel worked on the letter regarding insurance for distribution to the groups.

Institutions/Public Outreach: Brian not present, sent in his report. Rose B went with Brian to the meeting at Jennifer House. They would like a meeting there but only every 2 months. Left meeting lists there and she reports some people went to Serenity on Saturday AFG.

Marcia had a question regarding outreach at the VA, she used to work the crisis hotline and recommendations were made for AA but not Al-Anon. George stated he can get that information there to the VA.

Newsletter: Newsletter will be going out later this week. Put in information regarding the Fall Assembly, the Concepts meeting, new jobs & elections. Pat asked that she put information regarding the NYS Fair. Will also include that applications for AMIAS's are due 6/30/16 to Walt the Alateen Coordinator for NYN.

Volunteers/Service Center: George has installed a key lockbox on the office door. Volunteers will now have 2 codes to get into the building as we now have great access! Still looking to fill shifts at the office, asked that his contact information be included in the Newsletter in the call for volunteers. Did have a training session that was asked for at the last AIS meeting & announced, and no one showed up. Will be training at least 1 volunteer today after the AIS meeting.

Website: Ann reports she was "fired" from the position as the decision made by the officers of AIS. Pointed out the Chair, Vice-Chair, Secretary, and Treasurer. Would like an explanation as to why. The Chair pointed out a meeting was set to discuss issues and it was not attended and now was not the time to discuss this, asking

for information relating to the website. Pat asked maybe it does need to be discussed now, as people should be treated fairly. Sheila agreed and that a meeting was set and it did not happen due to lack of participation from the requested party. There was much commotion at this time. Ann requested a group conscience be done at the July meeting; any member can call for one. Mel reported google analytics is on the website now. Tracking usage of the website includes new visitors, what pages are being looked at, returning visitors, etc. Reports the website is being half viewed on desktop computers and half on mobile devices. A recommendation for the website committee once formed to make the website mobile friendly. Old flyers and meeting dates have been taken off, new information put on the website. April minutes were also changed to “approved” as they were voted that way during the May AIS meeting.

Intergroup Rep: Position remains open.

New Business:

ISR’s voted to have the day and time remains the same for the AIS meeting, Saturday 10 am.

ISR’s voted to move the July meeting to the 2nd Saturday July 9th.

ISR’s voted to move the September meeting to the 2nd Saturday September 10th.

Unfinished Business:

Vote if AIS will meet in August.

Review new location proposals for AIS Monthly meeting & come to a decision.

Meeting adjourned at 11:13 am

Next meeting is July 9th, 2016 at the AIS office at 10am

Respectfully submitted: Ancelin