

Al-Anon Information Service of Greater Rochester
Meeting Minutes, June 13, 2020 10 am, ZOOM meeting

Meeting was opened by Mel with a moment of silence followed by the Serenity Prayer. John B read Traditions, Rebecca read the Concepts, Ellen read Expanded Concept 6, Pat read the Warranties.

Attendees: Carol C, Deb G, Dennis C, Ellen V, John B, Lisa M, Loron O, Maggie G, Mike H, Mel Y, Pat H, Rebecca B, Rose B, Russel M, Shelia S, Mike H, and Cathleen.

Minutes/Secretary - Mary Unable to attend. Loron recording today. May minutes reviewed and motion to approve Russell, Second Pat H. Motion passed.

Chairpersons report - Mel

1. PayPal has been set up-group says THANK YOU! for set up and research!
2. Discussion: Website asking folks for checks rather than PayPal twice is an unnecessary repeat. Pat, website will take back to the group and modify.
3. Newcomer packet being sent to interested folks free of charge, we have had some requests and determine this is outreach.

Vice-Chair - Preparations for **elections and review of open positions**-report and discussion.

Loron has written two illustrations of AIS jobs, Intergroup Rep and Treasurer. These will be included in the July newsletter. We will have 3 of the open positions illustrated in July and the balance in August.

Discussion: Time sensitive as we have nominations and elections in November. Virtual meetings decrease the chances for asking as easily as face to face meetings. Loron to use the By-laws for information and ask present office holders. Below see posts up for election 2020:

- Vice-Chairperson
- Treasurer
- Alateen Chairperson
- Website Chairperson & Web Tech
- Newsletter Chairperson
- Public Outreach Chairperson
- Activities Chairperson.

Open positions at AIS:

- Intergroup rep
- Finance Committee Chair

ACTION: Please ask people that would be a good fit for these positions now and submit to Loron.

Treasurer-report and discussion. On website
<http://aisrochester.org/pdf/treasurer-report.pdf>

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1. Tradition 7 and PayPal invites on website have gotten some donations
2. We are on track to stay on budget through 2020, our appeals seem to be working.
3. Book sales down, expenses down, book depot open and office, call first.
4. Treasure report Motion to approve Shelia, Second Loron, motion passed.

Electronic Meetings-Ellen V. and discussion

1. We are all pleased at the ongoing interest in zoom. Discussion of what we are learning
2. Please review safety guide on AIS website, use of waiting room, visitors may be blocked, AA has seen some interruptions in meetings. Concerns? Contact AIS and Ellen.
3. Zoom-members wonder about anonymity with the screen views, do not want phone numbers displayed. Some ask when a person with phone number pops in “welcome, are you a member of Al-Anon and would you like us to assign you a name rather than your phone”. Suggest adding to Zoom Protocol.
4. Opening in person up to each group and their contact person for the space they rent. WSO website has updates. Each member has opinions about face to face meetings vs. Zoom.
5. Cathleen attended zoom and in person meeting in Texas. All she saw was chairperson, difficult to hear members in the meeting and zoom screen.
6. Group agreed that meeting zoom and in person at the same time will be very difficult. One meeting is having a zoom format and in person at the same time in different spaces.
7. Deb G. Do we have openings and closings statements available on website for AIS? As some folks do not have at home? Group listed references including how Al-Anon Works, and service manual is online. We can use screen share for opening and closing so members can view. WSO asks all zoom meetings to register so they may use this CAL.
8. Some groups meeting in parking lots of churches, in parks. We do agree that zoom has been a “lifeline” for many during the “NYS pause”.

Book Depot-Rebecca

1. One line ordering form being developed for book depot
2. Rochester will ship/safe pick up/delivery of orders
3. PayPal is welcome
4. Newcomer packet outreach-no charge and we will mail.

Public Outreach-Loron and Rose

1. Not a lot of activity will respond to inquiries
2. Carol to be part of our committee thank you for speaking at Pretrial services.
3. Will meet in June/July to discuss going forward

Newsletter-Shelia

1. Shorter format being used
2. Please add newsletter discussion to July meeting.

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3. How to add folks to newsletter subscription list? Mel and Shelia to review
4. Members -please submit ideas and articles for newsletter

Web Committee-see report and discussion-Pat

1. Note downloadable literature from WSO
2. Zoom links to meetings updated
3. Lots of visitors to website, 4800 last month, new people a few out of state but most local.
4. Web committee chair open 12/2020-exciting service opportunity-Pat to forward job description to Loron

Alateen-information from Pat

1. Jean from Ithaca has two groups Alateen and Alateen for 8-12-year olds that have been formed and have attendees. We will post these meetings on our website

Unfinished Business

1. Calendar-Ellen getting artwork, goal to be at the printer by September for 2021 calendar using art from local members
2. 2020 calendars are still available. Discussion-will distribute for suggested donation of 5\$ and with book orders that are picked up or shipped out.
3. Lisa, Russel and Rebecca willing to deliver any orders of books or calendars to defray costs for AIS and members. Agree Postage should not keep folks from getting literature.

ACTIVITIES-Ellen and Cathleen

1. Look out for the ALATHON July 12th from 1 - 4, online games, trivia, speakers, ask it basket. This is to fundraise for AIS since Tureen Supper canceled for 2020.
2. This group discussed baskets created for tureen supper, may they be used? Will see -checking on delivery options folks are willing to deliver locally.
3. ALATHON via Zoom looking into larger zoom platform to allow many participants.
4. Look for Flyer at AIS Rochester. PRESENT AT GROUPS FUN AND FELLOWSHIP thank you!

New Business-Stepping Stones-history of Wilsons home available

1. Docents from this historical site where Bob and Lois lived give a guided tour via zoom.
2. Great program-suggest for day of sharing or group activity?
3. Dennis and Debi to investigate for our groups.

Adjourned 11:30, motion made by Russel, second by Rebecca

Closing-Mel with Al-Anon Declaration and the Serenity Prayer.

Next zoom meeting July 11, 2020 10-12 am.