

AIS Meeting Minutes

September 10, 2016 (rev.)

Present:

Ancelin: Secretary/Sunday South Wedge Serenity Seekers ISR
Ann S: Monday Canandaigua Noon ISR
Betty: Victor Parents ISR
Brian O: Institutions/Public Outreach
Connie: Spiritual Awakenings
Deb G: Came to Believe ISR
Elaine R: Finance Committee/NYN Past Delegate
JeanRita: Spiritual Awakening ISR
John B: Evening Serenity ISR
Joni H: Website Chair/ Simple Beginnings ISR
Marci: Vice Chair/D19 Treasurer
Megan: Newsletter/Evening Serenity GR
Mel: Treasurer/Webster Monday ISR
Mike H: Book Depot/Stepping to Serenity
Rebecca B: Hope for Today ISR
Rose B: Serenity on Saturday ISR
Sally: Friday Stepping Stones/ Alt DR D25
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. Joni read the 12 Traditions, Becky read the 12 Concepts. Mike H read the General Warranties. Megan read Expanded Concept 8, Marci read Expanded Concept 9.

Roll call by 1st name and position.

Reports:

Chair: Over the summer the Website Committee was formed as outlined in the By-Laws. The current webmaster is not present here today. Laura was elected to the position, longtime member and has experience necessary to do the job. There was a good Concept study this morning at 9am, studied Concept 1. There was an issue brought up regarding “double winners” in Al-Anon meetings and those speakers about other 12 step programs during an Al-Anon meeting. Reported to AIS by an out of town guest who was troubled by a speaker at a meeting. AIS’s purpose is to give information as it is the Information Service, not to ‘police’ groups. Looked at the guidelines in the Service Manual and will write a short piece for the Newsletter & quote the literature. Marci is the DR of the particular District where the meeting is and has a meeting with the GR to remedy the situation.

Secretary: Nothing new to report, flyers emailed out. Presents last month’s minutes for approval, Marci made a motion, Rose 2nd, approved.

Treasurer: Mel went over the Treasurer report that was emailed to AIS distribution list. AIS is doing well and has a positive cash flow. Frontier sent another delinquent balance notice; he will get in touch with them. The issue with Frontier bill has been settled for a total of \$ 592.83 following Tradition 7. The finance committee will be working on a preliminary budget for next year and will present next month. Rose made a motion to accept report, John 2nd, approved.

Vice Chair: Getting ready for rotation of service and announced all of the service positions that will be announced in the Newsletter and voted on in November. They are: Vice Chair, Treasurer, Public Outreach,

Alateen Chair, Activities chair, Webmaster, and Newsletter. Nominations are to be submitted in the next meeting in October and names will go into the October Newsletter of those interested. Voting will be in November. Positions will start in January and hold a 2 year term. Also reported the Wednesday night meeting "Steps on Wednesday" has closed due to no participation.

Activities: Becky not present.

Alateen: Diane not present, sent in her report. Flyer's passed out for fundraising for NYNAC.

Book Depot: Overprinted newcomer pamphlets with local meetings and there was no interest. Overprinted attending & cooperating pamphlet with Brian O's phone number. This will go into each book order. To request meetings on a pamphlet leave a note w/the specific meetings wanted and they can be ordered in packs of 50 at no extra cost. Trimmed the book inventory down to about 10K in literature. Presently there is no order form on the website, must send an email directly to order books this will be fixed ASAP.

Finance Committee: Will be meeting to propose a new budget soon, if there are any specific needs for cash flow/bigger budget send Elaine an email soon.

Institutions/Public Outreach: Outreach going really well. A lot of different events as outlined in his report. Requested old Forum copies, if you have them he will gladly take them they make great outreach tools. Also grateful to Mel for making him business cards with his name, phone #, and AIS office information. Gives a much needed professional look for outreach. On 9/24 at Marketplace Mall the Family Recovery Network will have a booth and needs volunteers. This will be in the public so those comfortable being in the public should get in touch with Brian. Brian is also getting a banner made with the AFG logo and would like to have a table cloth with the logo made as well.

NYN Public Outreach: Pat not present sent in her report. The deadline for ordering Al-Anon Faces Alcoholism 2017 is 02/08/2017 for the 2nd printing. Guidelines for sharing for members & professionals on the WSO website. PSA's will be coming out soon for local tv & radio stations.

Newsletter: If anyone would like to write an article for the Newsletter please send it to her. 4 more Newsletters & then she is done with her position. Position is very easy and can advise anyone interested in taking over the Newsletter.

Volunteers/Service Center: George not present. A volunteer should be in the office on Friday's soon. Needs more coverage for the office.

Website: Joni reported the committee met for the 1st time and working on bringing the website up to date. Megan, Mike, Mel, Joni, & Sheila (non-voting member). Laura will be the webmaster responsible for making changes. They will be reviewing the By-Laws specific to the website and present proposed changes soon. Another member mentioned the current By-Laws are not current with the latest service manual.

Intergroup Rep: Position remains open.

New Business:

Elaine mentioned there was only 1 Rochester DR at the last AWSC meeting it is important for Rochester to participate.

Unfinished Business: None

Rose made a motion to close, Mel 2nd approved. Meeting ended at 11:37 with the Al-Anon Declaration

Next meeting is October 1st, 2016 at the AIS office at 10 AM.

Respectfully submitted: Ancelin