

AIS Meeting Minutes
September 14, 2015

PRESENT:

Ann S: Mon. Noon Canandaigua ISR
Barbara M: Visitor/Chili 7-11
Brian O: Serenity on Saturday ISR
Carol: Visitor/12@12
Elaine R: Past Delegate, Mon. Noon Canandaigua
George: Volunteers
Joni H: Simple Beginnings ISR
Kathy S: Chairperson/SOS
Marci: Vice Chair, Dist. 19 Treasurer, SOS
Marcia Y: Visitor/12@12
Maryann: Monday Sunshine ISR
Megan: Secretary/Chili 7-11 ISR
Mel: Treasurer/Webster Monday ISR
Mike H: SOS
Mike M: Spiritual Awakening ISR
Mike P: Book Depot/St. Louis ISR
Pat H: NYN Public Outreach/Penn Yan ISR
Rebecca B: Hope for Today ISR
Sally: Alt. DR Dist. 25/Friday Night Stepping Stones ISR
Sheila S: Visitor

Kathy opened the meeting at 6:31 p.m. with the Serenity prayer and the suggested opening. Marci read the Traditions; Maryann read the Concepts of Service and Joni read Extended Concept 9.

SECRETARY:

Marci made a motion to accept the minutes, second by Ann S., approved.

TREASURER:

July

Inflows

Book Depot	793.67
<u>Donations</u>	<u>200.48</u>
Total Inflows	994.15

Outflows

AIS Office	200.00
Book Depot Orders	3000.96
<u>Chairperson</u>	<u>52.00</u>
Total Outflows	3525.96

Total Cash Flow	2258.81
Transfer from savings to checking	2650.00

TOTAL SAVINGS (as of July 20, 2015) 7038.93

August

Inflows

Book Depot	955.50
Donations	206.05
Total Inflows	1161.55

Outflows

AIS Office	623.22
Total Outflows	623.22

Total Cash Flow 538.33

TOTAL SAVINGS (as of August 31, 2015) 7038.99

Mel said that there was some cash missing from the office (less than \$100). There was much discussion about this, and about the best way to keep track of the cash in the office. It was decided that there should be a notation in the office log about the missing money.

Mel also told us that the auditor indicated that there was really no way to audit our books, because we would have to go back to each group and confirm what donations they had made, and that is not feasible. She did give Mel some suggestions, including not giving the AIS board the 12-month print out of the budget information.

The proposed budget was handed out to the people who have input and their input should be back in Mel's hands no later than the 29th of September.

A motion by George, second by Megan, to accept the Treasurer's report; amended by Sally, second by Brian, that Mel continue to provide us with the 12-month report, carried.

REPORTS:

VICE CHAIR:

Marci announced that the Alateen Meeting in East Rochester is moving to Saturdays at 11:30 in the Transfiguration Lutheran Church on Culver Road starting October 1st. Diane will still be the sponsor.

She also talked about the upcoming elections, and we came up with a tentative slate of candidates:

Chairperson/Vice Chairperson: Marci/Sheila S.

Secretary:

Book Depot Chairperson: Mike H.

Service Center/Volunteers: George S (since we have not had a Service Center person for years, we decided we would put these together since the Volunteer coordinator has been doing the job. We will work on amending the By-laws to this end.)

Finance Chairperson:

Intergroup Representative:

Alateen Chairperson:

Newsletter Editor: Megan N.

Public Outreach/Institutions Chairperson: Brian O.

CHAIR

Kathy contacted Grace Church and they have said that we could use the same meeting room to hold our meetings on Saturday. After much discussion a motion made by Kathy S., second by Sheila S., that we hold the AIS meetings on the first Saturday of the month at 10:00 a.m., beginning in January 2016, carried.

BOOK DEPOT:

Mike P. said that there was a problem recently having the books delivered because of the key changes at the church. We have a case of Al-Anon Faces Alcoholism.

NEWSLETTER

The newsletter was sent out last week.

PUBLIC OUTREACH:

Pat H. handed out the report that she will give at the Fall Assembly (I will attach it to the minutes, but not print it again since we all got copies). She also said that she had been in contact with NCADD regarding their sponsorship of the play "An Evening with Bill W." on September 25. Al-Anon material will be available at the presentation.

Brian O. spoke with Sr. Margie from Spiritus Christi's Grace of God Recovery House. They are having a family day in the fall and asked for us to provide Al-Anon materials for the families.

VOLUNTEERS:

George said that we have been allotted 3 keys and asked not to make copies. If we want to stay in this facility we must honor this request. He has asked that a lock box be placed outside the door with a key in it so that we will be able to get in when there is no one to open the door for us. The people who staff Heritage Services are more than willing to open the door for us when they are here. George, Mel, and Kathy S. have the keys.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Mike H. is no longer interested in being Intergroup Rep.

NEW BUSINESS:

We talked about who is in charge of keeping our meeting list up-to-date, but didn't really come up with an answer. Many thanks to Ann T. for updating the meetings with and without AA meetings at the same time.

The booth at the State Fair was quite successful, in spite of the undesirable placement.

GROUP CONSCIENCE:

A motion made by Megan, second by Mike M., amended by Ann S., second by Megan, to change our meeting closing to the Al-Anon declaration, carried (simple majority of 10 ISR's; 7 for, 3 opposed).

The meeting was adjourned at 8:25 p.m.

The next AIS meeting will be **October 5, 2015** at 6:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Megan N.
Secretary

Public Outreach Report for the Fall 2015 Assembly Meeting

1. There is a new series of public outreach podcasts on the members' website. The first podcast topic is "Distributing the magazine *Al-Anon Faces Alcoholism*." Our AFA magazine is setting its all time sales record this year—200,000 copies sold. While on the members' website please consider subscribing to these podcasts: you will receive free updates and new podcasts as they are available. You will also be invited to join the discussion by posting your comments on the podcast page. This is a great opportunity to "talk to each other and reason things out."
2. **September is "National Recovery Month."** This is an annual event sponsored by the U.S. Government's Substance Abuse and Mental Health Administration Services. It calls attention to recovery from addiction for individuals and their families. I received information from WSO about a couple of events in the NYN area and was asked to make contact. One such event is in the Albany area. This event is the 12th Annual N.Y. State Recovery Arts Festival being held at the Empire State Plaza, from September 1st through September 26th. Thanks to Districts 8 & 7 we will be having Al-Anon literature available.
The National Council on Alcoholism and Drug Dependence—Rochester area, is having "An Evening with Bill W." on September 25th and we will be having Al-Anon literature available.
3. The Syracuse area has done very well regarding the TV PSA's. Channels 3, 5, 9, 43, and 68 have agreed to air the Al-Anon PSA. They will likely be aired late evenings. It would be helpful if any members who actually see these PSA's contact Carla, the public outreach coordinator for Syracuse, at posyracuseais.org
4. In our August forum magazine, the 2015 membership survey results are mentioned. ***Forty-six percent of members were referred to Al-Anon by a professional and 64% of them actually decided to join Al-Anon because of this referral.*** Let's reach out to professionals this month with our ***Al-Anon Faces Alcoholism*** magazine along with a meeting list or our pamphlet ***Fact Sheet for Professionals (S-37)***. We can provide this material to the medical, mental health, and substance abuse agencies right in our own communities.
5. In October there will be a new power point on Anonymity to show to our fellowship and for use as an educational tool.
6. I continue to work with the DR's on the radio PSA's.

Together we can make a difference.

Pat H.

NYN Public Outreach Coordinator