

Al-Anon Meeting minutes October 6, 2018

Present:

Connie	X		
Connie T	X	Newsletter	newsletter@aisracheater.org
Dennis C.	X	Spiritual Awakening	
Joni H	X	Website Chair/ISR Hope 4 today	webcommittee@aisrochester.org
Kathleen H	X	Victor Parents ISR/Outreach	
Loron	X	Vice-Chair/ISR	
Maryann	X	Monday Sunshine ISR	
Michele C	X		
Pat H.	X	Monday Noon Cdga	
Rebecca B.	X	Book Depot	bookdepot@aisrochester.org
Rose B.	X	Serenity on Saturday ISR	
Russell M.	X	Simple Beginnings	
Melisa C.	X	Penfield Chapel ISR	

Loron opened meeting with a moment of silence and the Serenity prayer.

Readings:

- 12 traditions - Russell M.
- 12 concepts of service – Rebecca
- Warranties – Debbi
- Expanded concept 10 - Pat

Roll call - see above

Review and approval of minutes for September – motion by Loron, 2nd by Mel.

Reports - see attached and discussion below:

Chair - included in vice chair report (see below).

Secretary – Vote to appoint Melisa C. as Secretary; motion by Loron, 2nd by Mary Anne. Agreed that members can talk about AIS minutes in their meetings before they are posted.

Treasurer – report will be included in 11/2018 meeting.

Vice chair - Loron covering as chair.

- Attended recovery fair at Park Ridge, very positive experience. Alanon was asked to start a meeting at ROcovery Fitness (Dewey near Driving Park), Wednesday evenings requested. Discussion about whether Wednesday is the best night, given that there are two other Alanon meetings on Wednesday night. Concern that city/west side is underrepresented. Loren will ask ROcovery if there are other nights available.
- Sent around list of meetings to determine which meetings aren't represented at the AIS meeting, Loren will try to get to those meetings in the next month.

Alateen – see report.

- One Alateen (AMIAS) resigned, leaving one remaining (Diane). Another individual came forward who is also AMIAS trained; she is traveling now and not available. Currently meeting is on-and-off depending on whether there are two AMIAS available; sometimes older teens will join the Alanon or open AA meeting at the same location/time. Loron to speak to Diane about what can be done to attract more people to AMIAS training. There is a flyer available to take to community groups/schools for Alateen outreach.

Book depot –

- Only half-dozen Intimacy books of the 5th case ordered. WSO is currently out of stock; will order as soon as they're back in stock.
- Need to reprint the beginner meeting notices in the newcomer packet, but has confusion about where the Pittsford Monday meeting is held. Was at St. Paul's, moved to community center, moved back to St. Paul's church due to storage issue.
- 2018 World Service Conference Summary - currently purchased by book depot for \$5.00, but can also be found online. Question regarding whether it's worth it to purchase the notes; feedback from group is that some people like to have a copy, to see the full discussion of topics with history.
- Membership survey - would like to include link to 2018 survey results in newsletter.
- The literature catalog will soon be available on the AIS website (thanks, Mel!). Connie to put a "stay tuned" notice on the website.
- Book sales are up from last year at this time, thanks in part to Rebecca's hard work!

Public outreach -

- Speaker's bureau – there is a WSO pamphlet (guideline) regarding speaking in public; there really aren't any hard requirements to be a speaker. Kathleen is looking to schedule something in the next month to discuss the WSO guidelines with any interested speakers. Connie will put something in the newsletter.
- Grateful for support from the group to cover community events that she was not able to attend in September. Was not aware of all events in advance; requesting help on how to create a calendar for the future. Kathleen will reach out to Brian, and also will update Mel for inclusion on website.
- Flower City Fellowship Convention – first weekend in March, Kathleen is chairperson. Alanon speaker who originally was scheduled is no longer available; requesting input from members to find a replacement speaker who is available on that weekend. A co-chair for FCFC is also needed, to take over as chair in 2019. Meetings are held at the Al-Sigl center. Kathleen will send Mel information about the convention to include on the AIS website.

Newsletter – Clarified speakers bureau will be in the newsletter after d/w outreach.

Volunteers – need volunteers for Monday (anytime).

Website – see report. Guardian Angels on Nov 12, Dec 10, Jan 14 will have an interpreter on a trial basis. Upcoming anniversary meetings reviewed (see newsletter and website).

Intergroup Rep – see report, also see WSO conference summary at www.alanon.org under the members tab. Megan is resigning; Loron has reached out to someone who is considering the position. In order to ensure the rest of the group is up-to-date on the by-laws (Megan was the expert), Loron would like to discuss the by-laws during the next month's meeting.

Unfinished business:

1. Update on nominations – Melisa appointed as Secretary, Loron is willing to take the Chair position. Mike H. is willing to take Vice-Chair, Sheila S wants to take Newsletter. Loron is working with someone to be Intergroup Rep, and talking to John about continuing as Treasurer. Will confirm interest and nominate for all positions in November, post confirmed nominations in November newsletter, vote in December, and start in January.
2. Review of candidates, how does next year look? See #1.
3. List of "must have" literature for each group- we have lists from Rebecca, Loron and Megan, any additions?

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4. Speakers bureau-update/discuss –Loron and Kathleen-Kathleen will call these folks and meet electronically or in person to review wso guidelines and opportunities to speak. We agreed that the wso guidelines are general and allow a lot of folks working the program to step up
5. Insurance update-see NY North report-need to look into how to get insurance certificate, when the policy will go into effect and will it cover needs for our office. Pat has this contact and will share with folks needing to know.

New business:

1. Process for updating bylaws (see Intergroup Rep discussion).
2. Tureen supper – March 24, 2019 at St. Anne’s on Mount Hope. Deborah will chair, Eddie W. will co-chair. Will get a “save the date” in newsletter and website.
3. New meeting request – (see Vice-Chair discussion).

Upcoming meetings - New York North Spring Convention May 17-19, 2019 in Rochester- see AIS website for flyer. Registration will be available soon.