

AIS Meeting Minutes
November 5, 2016

Present:

Ancelin: Secretary/Sunday South Wedge Serenity Seekers ISR
Ann S: Monday Noon Canandaigua ISR
Carol C: Women's 12 at 12 GR/ District 14 DR
Connie T: Step into Recovery ISR
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
Michele C: Discovering Choices GR
Mike H: Book Depot Chair
Pat H: NYN Public Outreach Chair
Rebecca B: Hope for Today ISR
Rose B: Serenity on Saturday ISR
Sheila S: Chairperson

Sheila opened the meeting at 10:00 am with the Serenity Prayer. Marci read the 12 Traditions, Michele read the 12 Concepts, Rebecca read the General Warranties. Rose read Expanded Concept 11. Roll call by 1st name and position.

Reports:

Chair: Sheila asked if there were any questions about her report. States a member who was previously interested in the webmaster position has reconsidered and withdrawn. Still looking for suitable candidates. Mel is updating the website in the interim.

Secretary: Corrections were received via email and revised minutes were sent out. Ancelin has been sending out flyers to all the area ISR's. Stated it was ok to pass out her email if someone needs a flyer emailed to the ISR list. Presented last month's minutes for approval. Megan made a motion to accept, Marci 2nd, approved.

Treasurer: Mel went over the Treasurer report sent out. Local groups need to designate what groups are sending in donations & what groups are buying books there were donations made without a name attached. Reported on an additional notice received from Frontier, a collection notice. Mel has spoken with Frontier and sent proof of payment of \$ 29.18 with a return receipt from the post office. He will follow up on Monday. The building has also been sold and landlord is now Rich Sam Properties. There is information in the AIS office on what to do if you're volunteering and something breaks or there is another issue with the building. Ann S made a motion to accept report as presented, Pat 2nd, approved.

Vice Chair: Marci reports it has been a quiet month. The Tureen Supper has a set date of March 19th, 2017. A Check will be sent to the church for reserving the hall at Guardian Angels Church. There needs to be a clean-up committee sign-up last year very few people stayed behind to help clean up. A flyer needs to be made for the Tureen Supper as well, Ancelin volunteered. Candidates for open positions are as follows: Vice Chair (none), Website (Joni), Intergroup Rep (none), Activities (Becky), Treasurer (John), Public Information/Outreach (Brian), Newsletter (none), Alateen (Diane).

Connie had questions regarding the Newsletter and after asked to be considered for the position. Marci spoke on the vice chair position, travelling to AWSC meetings, attending different meetings, etc. She is willing to cover 3 months after her term expires at the end of this year to help transition a new Vice Chair.

Gave description of the Intergroup Representative. Out of much discussion 2 new people were added to the slate of candidates Connie for Newsletter & Michele for Intergroup Rep. They will be announced in the December Newsletter and formerly voted on by the area ISR's in the January 2017 meeting.

Mel made a motion to approve slate, Sheila 2nd, approved by ISR's. Congratulations to all new Chair person's and Committee members.

Activities: Becky was not in attendance, did speak with Joni. Currently working on a sight for a movie showing without too much cost to AIS as a fundraiser & Public Outreach event. Joni recommended United Church of Christ in Irondequoit. Location is by Hudson Ave & Titus Ave. Central & the church will not charge AIS but a donation will be made to keep in with Tradition 7.

Alateen: Diane not present, sent in her report. Pat has been in touch with Diane and a teen will be going to the Day of Sharing in Victor.

Book Depot: All titles are in stock. The WSO has printed How Al-Anon Works in softcover again. Pamphlet "Attracting and Cooperating" are being over printed with local AIS information and being put into each book order. Al-Anon Faces Alcoholism 2017 (AFA's) are not in yet. The 2nd order date is in February 2017. There will be a notice in the Newsletter again that groups can order the AFA's through the AIS office at a reduced price to them rather than directly from the WSO.

Finance Committee: No report submitted. The vote on the 2017 Budget is today.

Institutions/Public Outreach: Brian not present, report sent in. Pat has spoken with Brian and professionals are finally starting to call him for outreach in regards to the Al-Anon program.

NYN Public Outreach: No report submitted.

Newsletter: Will go out within the week after this meeting. Will include the 2 new candidates for Newsletter Editor & Intergroup Rep. An announcement for ordering AFA's through the AIS office will also go out for the February order by date. Announcement also that the Caledonia "Discovering Choices" AFG will be closed starting December 1st until April 1st. Many members are 'snowbirds' and are out of state at this time. Megan also asked that ISR's print a copy of the Newsletter to put on their groups' clipboards. Has been to meetings and seen month's old Newsletters circulated with no recent information.

Volunteers/Service Center: No report. As always the office needs more volunteers.

Website: Joni reports the Web Committee met and were looking at revising 3 By-Laws specific to the website. In keeping with the 11th Tradition the website is considered a form of media. It is important to keep anonymity when anything is to be posted on the website. Any proposed changes to the By-Laws will be presented at an AIS meeting and voted upon by the ISR's.

An updated AIS website is about 95% finished. It will have a fresh look and will be mobile friendly (for use on smart phones & tablets). As analytics on the website traffic report show 56% of views of the website are on mobile devices.

Intergroup Rep: Position remains open.

Unfinished Business:

The proposed AIS Budget for 2017 had been previously handed out. Sheila asked if anyone had any questions for members of the Finance Committee. There were none. Megan made a motion to approve the budget, Connie 2nd. Area ISR's voted, approved. Many thanks to the Finance Committee for your hard work.

New Business:

Additional volunteers for Newsletter Editor & Intergroup Rep will appear in the December Newsletter. To be voted on in January.

Megan made a motion to close, Mel 2nd approved. Meeting ended with the Al-Anon Declaration & Serenity Prayer.

Next meeting is December 3rd, 2016 at the AIS office at 10 AM.

Respectfully submitted: Ancelin