

AIS Meeting Minutes
December 3, 2016 (rev.)

Present:

Ancelin: Secretary/Sunday South Wedge Serenity Seekers ISR
Brian O: Public Outreach
Connie T: Step into Recovery ISR
Deb G: Came to Believe ISR
John B: Evening Serenity ISR
Joni H: Website Chair/ Simple Beginnings ISR
Kathleen: Victor Parents ISR
Marci: Vice Chair/D19 Treasurer
Maryann: Monday Sunshine ISR
Megan: Newsletter/Evening Serenity GR
Mel: Treasurer/Webster Monday ISR
Mike H: Book Depot Chair/Faith & Hope ISR
Rose B: Serenity on Saturday ISR
Sheila S: Chairperson

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

Reports:

Chair: Sheila will be including quotations from CAL in her reports. Encouraged folks to invite people to come to the AIS meetings. As a result of much discussion from the last AIS meeting a reminder was made to act with courtesy during our meetings as any AI-Anon meeting and wait until individuals are done sharing to speak. Also to stick to AIS related topics, individual group business should be consulted with that groups GR or the DR for the district. Presented a copy of the WSO Conference Summary 2016 which will remain in the office. Encouraged everyone to take a look at it, and is also available online on the NYN website. On a personal note Sheila will be having another joint replacement surgery and will not be in attendance in March 2017. To encourage people to come to the AIS meetings Sheila stated she will make a flyer up for distribution. Joni suggested a special breakfast meeting. Suggestion from the floor to coordinate with Becky as she is the activities chair for this.

Secretary: Ancelin will update the Agenda with AIS email addresses provided. Presented last month's meeting minutes for approval. Mel made a motion to approve, Megan 2nd, approved.

Treasurer: Mel went over the Treasurer report sent out. AIS is in a positive cash flow this month! Book depot orders going very well. Megan made a motion to accept report as presented, Rose 2nd, Approved. Also reported he has not heard anything further from Frontier at this point after sending in proofs of payments.

Vice Chair: Marci presented Michele (not present at this meeting) interested in the Intergroup Rep positions & Connie for Newsletter Chair. Marci will cover Vice-Chair position through March to ensure a transition to a new chair and to cover when Sheila is out for surgery. Deb currently considering Vice-Chair position, will speak with Marci more privately.

Megan made a motion for Connie to be voted in as Newsletter Chair, Mel 2nd, ISRs voted in favor, approved. Mel made a motion for Michele to be voted in as Intergroup Rep, Rose end, ISRs voted in favor, approved.

For the Tureen Supper Marci & Donna are Co-Chairs. Asked if members would be willing to donate hand-made items in the past it has made a fun 'bidding war' of sorts with members competing and buying tickets.

Hand-made items make for good fund raising! There are many talented members, also gives a chance to show off some creativity during the Tureen Supper. Marci also asked that all attending please bring a dish to pass as food has run out early the past couple of years. Asked for suggestions for Al-Anon & AA speakers and working with Diane to see if we could also have an Alateen speaker. Ancelin did make up a flyer but needs to amend it with the name & address of the church, will send out after the meeting. There was much discussion regarding what time to put food to start, speakers, etc. (This was further discussion amongst several officers and decided that a program could be made up, too much information on the flyer does not look good and we want members to come for the entire program).

Activities: Becky was not in attendance, no report was received.

Alateen: Diane not present, sent in her report. There was an Alateen AMIAS meeting today.

Book Depot: Doing well. Mike has ordered some case lots which should be in shortly. Going through the soft-cover "How Al-Anon Works" very fast. Will make an announcement in the Newsletter to order "Al-Anon Faces Alcoholism 2017 (AFAs)" through the book depot. The larger the order the better the price we get. Deadline to order is February 8th, 2017. Will not overprint newcomer pamphlets anymore with local group information there was no interest. Old AFAs should still be distributed, WSO suggests putting a sticker over the year and hand them out; information is still useful.

Megan has the information for the DRs from Linda at NYN. Will send notification to order AFAs through the book depot at the office. Ancelin will give a list of the sign in sheet for the AIS meeting to Megan for this purpose as well.

Finance Committee: No report for the Finance Committee this month.

Institutions/Public Outreach: Brian presented a poster board he designed along with WSO approved logo's for Public Outreach events. WSO very helpful in providing high resolution logo's which make the material very professional looking. He is getting a lot of connections from networking at the Family Recovery Network presentation. Often finds that the individuals at these events which consist of providers, counselors, etc., often need the Al-Anon program themselves. Starting to get contacted from other providers in the field which means providers are talking among themselves regarding the program.

Will be working with Pat H, Joni, and Mel on a Public Outreach portion for the AIS website. Brian will also let Mike know how many AFAs he wants to order with the PO Budget. Mel suggested making a Newsletter for Public Outreach itself which could be sent to the list of professional contacts he has. Ancelin will bring in a bunch of old Forum's and a hard cover "How Al-Anon Works" to Rose for the Jennifer House meeting.

NYN Public Outreach: Pat sent in a report which focused on groups remembering to order the 2017 AFAs. There was much discussion about ordering AFAs throughout the entire meeting.

Newsletter: Will go out within the week after this meeting. Megan thankful for the experience of Newsletter chair and ready to hand off the reigns to Connie for the new term!

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

Website: Joni reports the Web Committee met and will be meeting every 2 months beginning in January. Still looking over the By-Law specific sections applicable to the website for updating and will present to the larger AIS meeting. Still looking for a Webmaster to make changes for the site itself.

Going forward any questions should be sent directly to Joni for the website. Email info is website@aisrochester.org.

Joni went over the web traffic report. There has been a very positive response to the updated website, very easy to navigate, nice graphics, and mobile friendly! There is an even number of users viewing the site on desk-top computers and mobile devices.

Rose made a comment here about the cooperation in these AIS meetings. Every suggestion made today was met with a positive remark and a can do attitude. Very nice to witness this and see how much folks are willing to work together.

Sheila remarked that she appreciates working together with all and encouraged everyone to come early at 9 am to The Concepts meeting. It is a great study session and sets a nice tone of cooperation & trust for the AIS meeting following.

Intergroup Rep: No report.

Volunteers/Service Center: No report submitted. Mike states there are 5 – 6 volunteers at the office and we always need more. No coverage in the evening or on the weekend. There was much discussion about ways to get ISRs more involved & volunteers in the office. Joni suggested speaking about it at the Tureen Supper. Brian asked if anyone has spoken to George regarding these ideas as he is the chair. This discussion was tabled until the next AIS meeting in January.

Unfinished Business:

ISRs voted in 2 new chairs: Connie as Newsletter Chair & Michele as Intergroup Rep.

New Business:

Further discussion of how to get volunteers into the AIS office.

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

Next meeting is January 7th, 2017 at the AIS office at 10 AM.

Respectfully submitted: Ancelin