

AI-Anon Service Meeting Agenda/Minutes

December 14th, 2024

10 am-ELECTRONIC ONLY

Electronic sign in on AIS website

[ZoomMeeting ID:5853884817](#)

[Passcode:ais](#)

1. Opening: Pat Serenity Prayer

2. Reading of:

- 12 Traditions: Ann S
- 12 Concepts of Service: Kathy S.
- Warranties: Elissa
- Expanded Concept of the Month: Diane Concept 12

3. Roll Call First Names Only

- See excel spreadsheet. 17 members in attendance

4. Welcome: Pat Welcome all to the AIS Rochester monthly meeting.

We hope you will find in this fellowship:

- Growth in your program and understanding of how AIS works.
- A welcoming environment where members feel safe and can express opinions and ideas freely, w/o interruption or criticism.
- Discussion and actions that benefit the AI-Anon groups in the Rochester area and beyond. (We welcome feedback, especially ideas for improvement).
- Contact information for Officers and AIS members, and an orientation for new members.
- Thank you for your service; rotation of service is important for our group's health.

5. Reports from Officers and Coordinators

A. Chair: Pat H.

Please let us know at AIS if your group is not meeting over the holidays.

- Our open house - defer to Terry.
- Today we will vote for our new treasurer, Kathy S.
 - Kathy S was unanimously voted in by the ISRs in attendance!
- Thank you, Diane, for your years of service. We appreciate you!
- Activities Coordinator position is open –
How about a Tureen Supper sometime in February?
Anyone willing to Chair this?
- NYN 2025 Assembly/Convention flyer is on our website.

B. Vice Chair: Open

- Pat reminded group 2025 will be her last year as chair.
- Anyone willing to step forward to fill this role now will allow for collaboration and sharing of ESH with Pat throughout the coming year.

C. Secretary: Maggie

- Review of last month's meeting minutes
 - Motion to approve minutes: Loron
 - Seconded by: Ann S.
 - Minutes passed as written: Yes

D. Treasurer: Diane

All Documents saved at end of Report.

- Motion to approve: Elissa
- Seconded: Loron
- Passed: Yes

E. Finance: Kathy M

F. Activities: Position Open

- Despite the vacancy in this position, planning activities for the AIS service area remains a priority for AIS.
- Suggestion/request for someone to offer to chair/ coordinate a tureen supper, as these have been successful activities in the past
- Brief discussion about possible locations that would be central for our districts
- Loron O will investigate the possibility of coordinating this event in March. Carol G offered to investigate costs of possible locations.
- Loron and Carol will discuss these possibilities and report back to the group.

G. Alateen: Maureen

H. Book Depot: Cassandra P

The **AI-Anon Family Groups Workbook Bundle (K-74)** is now in stock. These cost \$25 for the bundle through January 2, 2025. The bundle includes Blueprint for Progress (P-91), Reaching for Personal Freedom (P-92) and Paths to Recovery Workbook (P-93).

We are currently out of the **Parents' Newcomer Packet (K-24)**. If a group needs some packets put together for their meeting, let me know, and I can create the packets for you.

Current Literature out of stock at WSO:

- Adult Children of Alcoholics Packet (K-21)
- Al-Anon Focus/Declaration Card (S-24)
- Alateen – Hope for Children of Alcoholics (B-3C)
- Lois Remembers (B-7)
- Movin on! From Alateen to Al-Anon (P-59)
- Parents’ Newcomer Packet (K-24)
- Professional Packet (K-30)
- Using Al-Anon Principles to Resolve Conflicts Kit (K-70)
- What Happens After Treatment (P-81EF)
- Why Anonymity in Al-Anon? (P-33)

Gratefully Submitted,
Cassandra P.
Book Depot Chair

I. Intergroup Rep: Loron O

Visited two new to me online and two in person/hybrid new to me meetings In October, one in November.

The “Bundle” of information I shared:

- Al-Anon Service structure, communication between WSO/NYN/AIS/groups
- Importance of group rep and at least contact person for group-we added Monday Sunshine contact person.
- Do folks have access to Newsletters, AIS, and NYN and “the LOOP” for calendar events and updates.
- Questions and answers for Zoom only meetings, do they want to join Geographic area service or GA Global electronic area?
- Resources to help with this decision-Forum October 2024, And Delegate report 2024 from the World Service conference in 2024.
- Members questions, how will people find us if we join NYNorth structure vs global? Where does the Al-Anon app direct folks?
- Member Comment-We benefit from AIS Rochester and NYN, will we still be able to participate in these events if we join the Global Electronic area? Will we lose our out of state members if we leave the global area? Some groups are not too worried and will keep things as they are.
- Nothing we do have a member willing to do sign language interpreting for groups in Al-Anon or business meetings. (*newsletter item*)

My goal for Dec 2024 is to get more information to help folks learn about these options. Meanwhile NY north will develop policies for admitting electronic only to our Geographic area, NY north. Attend the GR Meeting hosted by NY north to learn more about this role and service structure-this is helpful.

More information on the Acronyms: see below:

Alphabet Soup AI-Anon Acronyms • AFG AI-Anon Family Groups • GR Group Representative • DR District Representative • AIS Area Information Service • ISR Information Service Rep • AWSC AI-Anon World Service Committee • WSC World Service Conference • WSO World Service Office • AMIAS AI-Anon Member Involved (with) Alateen Service • GEA Global Electronic Area • PEG Permanent Electronic Group • GEMS Global Electronic Meeting Search • GSO General Service Office • IAGSM International AI-Anon General Service Meeting • NERD Northeast Regional Delegate • NERT Northeast Regional Trustee

Thank you for leading me be of service.

Loron O.

- *Loron shared at the meeting that there is an ASL interpreter that is willing to interpret at local or online meetings if needed. Please see Loron for details.*

J. Newsletter: Teresa

- Articles due by December 18th

K. Public Outreach: Dennis C

- Loron shared that the member who regularly provides AI Anon support at Jennifer House will be unavailable for several months over the summer, so the outreach committee is looking for members to fill in during that time. Please see Loron or Dennis for details.
- Jennifer House is also in need of literature donations (gently used items welcome) Daily readers, How AI Anon works, and anything that focus' on adult children are suggested.

L. Office Coordinator: Terry D

Open House at the AIS Office 12/7/24 - 12:00PM-3:00PM

- Good turnout - at least 21 persons came to visit our new office location.
- Volunteers came to help set up and decorate the office: Kathy S. decorated, and Cassandra set up a book display.
- We had 3 baskets of donated items, etc. that were given away as door prizes. Two were mostly made up of items previously donated to AIS Activities plus items added by Diane and one basket was donated by Vera with an AI-Anon book donated by a volunteer Door prize winners were Ellen, Brenda, and Carol.

Terry D
Coordinator

M. Website: Ellen V

- Ellen reminded group to submit requests, updates, and ideas for the website.

6. Group Announcements

- <https://www.aisrochester.org/events-activities/>

7. Unfinished Business

8. New Business

- [WSO Board of Trustees October Newsletter](#)
- The above link will take you a page on AI Anon's website that includes various updates that include the 2 updates below. The reports are also attached to this document.
 - October 2024 Policy Committee Update
 - October 2024 Finance Committee Update

Next Meeting Saturday January 11th, 2025

Attachments:

Treasurer reports: 4

Web Committee report

NYN 2025 Spring Convention Registration Form

WSO Policy Committee Report

WSO Financial Update

AIS Treasurer Report 2024

December 5, 2024

AIS Treasurer Report November 2024

Attached reports:

1. Banking Summary
2. Transaction Report
3. 2024 AIS Budget

Summary:

• Checking Account Balance	10,044.08
• Savings Account Balance	17,669.83
• Book Depot Income:	1,087.70
• Fundraiser (zoom donation)	227.00
• Bank Interest on Savings	.14
• <u>Donations:</u>	<u>1,483.49</u>
• Total Income:	\$2,798.33
• Rent office and mtg. room	1,150.00
• Phone	44.99
• Fundraising	
• Insurance	
• Book Depot	1,432.08
• Outreach	
• Website/Electronic Meetings	
• <u>Supplies & Postage (includes computer)</u>	<u></u>
• Total Expenses	\$2,627.07
• Overall Cash Flow through 11/30/2024	\$171.26

Stay well....

Respectfully Submitted
Diane S.

Banking Summary - Last month

11/1/2024 through 11/30/2024

12/5/2024

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Category	11/1/2024- 11/30/2024
INCOME	
Bank Interest	0.14
Book Depot Income	129.00
Batavia Noon AFG	63.00
Canadaigua Thurs. Nite	138.00
Courage To Change	27.00
District 29	177.50
Eastside AFG	31.50
Evening Serenity	155.00
Good Old Gang	51.00
Greece Aldergate AFG	25.00
Saturday Serenity	43.00
Spiritual Awakening AFG # 27134	88.00
Webster Monday	17.70
Womans 12 & 12	142.00
TOTAL Book Depot Income	1,087.70
Fundraiser	155.00
Faith & Hope Zoom	36.00
Stepping Into Recovery Zoom	36.00
TOTAL Fundraiser	227.00
Group Donations	
7th Tradition	10.00
Canandaigua AFG	75.00
Canandaigua Monday Noon AFG	100.00
Courage To Change Sat. Mornings	130.00
District 29	160.00
Evening Serenity	60.00
Faith & Hope 30375	100.00
Good Old Gang	25.00
Greece Aldergate	200.00
Hamlin Sunday Niters	50.00
Member's PayPal 7th Tradition	217.49
Memory Of Joanne S	25.00
Serenity On Saturday	31.00
Spiritual Awakenings	225.00
Stepping Into Recovery	50.00
Webster Monday	25.00
TOTAL Group Donations	1,483.49
TOTAL INCOME	2,798.33
EXPENSES	
AIS Office	
Phone	44.99
Rent	1,150.00
TOTAL AIS Office	1,194.99
Book Depot Expense	10.00
WSO	1,422.08
TOTAL Book Depot Expense	1,432.08
TOTAL EXPENSES	2,627.07

Banking Summary - Last month

11/1/2024 through 11/30/2024

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Category	11/1/2024- 11/30/2024
OVERALL TOTAL	171.26

Transaction - Last month

11/1/2024 through 11/30/2024

12/5/2024

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Date	Account	Num	Description	Memo	Category	Tag	Clr	Amount
BALANCE 10/31/2024								27,542.65
11/14/2024	Checking	1716	Al-Anon Fam...Inv.616213,...	Book Depot ...			R	-244.81
11/14/2024	Checking	S		--Split--	--Split--		R	1,935.50
11/15/2024	Checking	1717	Rich Sam Pr... November ...	AIS Office:R...			R	-1,150.00
11/15/2024	Checking	1718	Al-Anon Fam...Inv.614772,...	Book Depot ...			R	-1,177.27
11/20/2024	Checking	ATM	Charter One ...October 20...	AIS Office:P...			R	-44.99
11/21/2024	Checking	S		--Split--	--Split--		R	635.20
11/18/2024	Savings			Group Donat...			R	100.00
11/27/2024	Savings			Group Donat...			R	117.49
11/29/2024	Savings			Bank Interest			R	0.14
11/1/2024 - 11/30/2024								171.26
BALANCE 11/30/2024								27,713.91
TOTAL INFLOWS								2,788.33
TOTAL OUTFLOWS								-2,617.07
NET TOTAL								171.26

2024 AIS Budget

		Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Total To Date Year End
Income														
	Budget													
	Checking Account	\$ 10,518.87	\$ 10,446.45	\$ 11,115.37	\$ 11,327.57	\$ 9,894.50	\$ 10,365.13	\$ 10,423.59	\$ 10,863.19	\$ 9,864.05	\$ 10,090.45	\$ 10,044.08		
	Savings Account (includes interest)	\$ 16,378.90	\$ 16,379.03	\$ 16,618.48	\$ 16,807.61	\$ 16,807.76	\$ 16,807.90	\$ 16,933.04	\$ 17,251.91	\$ 17,352.05	\$ 17,452.20	\$ 17,669.83		
	Book Depot	\$ 15,000	\$ 743.35	\$ 1,569.75	\$ 1,599.76	\$ 1,367.13	\$ 1,143.54	\$ 783.20	\$ 685.95	\$ 1,082.00	\$ 590.30	\$ 819.60	\$ 1,087.70	\$ 11,472.28
	Bank Interest	\$	\$ 0.14	\$ 0.13	\$ 0.14	\$ 0.13	\$ 0.15	\$ 0.14	\$ 0.14	\$ 0.14	\$ 0.14	\$ 0.15	\$ 0.14	\$ 1.54
	Donations	\$ 6,950.00	\$ 381.00	\$ 983.55	\$ 225.00	\$ 590.00	\$ 364.00	\$ 221.25	\$ 1,264.25	\$ 1,142.47	\$ 505.00	\$ 779.77	\$ 1,483.49	\$ 7,939.78
	Fundraisers	\$ 1,000.00	\$	\$ 6.00	\$ 27.00	\$ 96.00	\$ 36.00	\$	\$ 36.00	\$ 90.00	\$ 67.00	\$	\$ 227.00	\$ 585.00
	Total Income	\$ 22,950.00	\$ 1,124.49	\$ 2,559.43	\$ 1,851.90	\$ 2,053.26	\$ 1,543.69	\$ 1,004.59	\$ 1,986.34	\$ 2,314.61	\$ 1,162.44	\$ 1,599.52	\$ 2,798.33	\$ - \$ 19,998.60
Expense														
	Chairperson/Inter Group Rep	\$ 300.00												\$ -
AIS Office														
	Insurance	\$ 550.00								\$ 428.25				\$ 428.25
	Phone	\$ 800.00	\$ 65.42	\$ 65.42	\$ 70.42	\$ 70.42	\$ 70.03	\$ 70.03	\$ 130.06	\$ 65.32	\$ 161.72	\$ 44.99		\$ 813.83
	Rent Office \$350/month	\$ 4,400.00	\$ 360.00	\$ 360.00	\$ 360.00	\$ 370.00	\$ 365.00	\$ 365.00	\$ 365.00	\$ 365.00	\$ 1,150.00	\$ 1,150.00		\$ 5,210.00
	Supplies & Postage	\$ 500.00	\$ 28.10			\$ 7.14	\$ 1,141.19		\$ 498.85	\$ 159.99	\$ 2.20			\$ 1,837.47
	Fundraising Costs (Zoom, Tureen Supper)	\$ 500.00								\$ 415.67				\$ 415.67
	Website/Electronic meetings	\$ 700.00						\$ 319.80						\$ 319.80
	Alateen	\$ 200.00												\$ -
	Book Depot	\$ 14,000.00	\$ 1,036.83	\$ 2,206.30	\$ 513.11	\$ 1,204.37	\$ 1,400.39	\$ 98.79	\$ 489.03	\$ 1,031.15	\$ 1,086.25	\$ 1,432.08		\$ 10,498.30
	WSO Donation	\$ 500.00												\$ -
	Public Information /Coop PC	\$ 500.00									\$ 25.00			\$ 25.00
	Total Expenses	\$ 22,950.00	\$ 1,490.35	\$ 2,631.72	\$ 943.53	\$ 1,651.93	\$ 2,976.61	\$ 533.82	\$ 1,802.74	\$ 1,556.14	\$ 2,061.44	\$ 1,272.97	\$ 2,627.07	\$ - \$ 19,548.32
	Income (Loss)	\$	\$ (365.86)	\$ (72.29)	\$ 908.37	\$ 401.33	\$ (1,432.92)	\$ 470.77	\$ 183.60	\$ 758.47	\$ (899.00)	\$ 326.55	\$ 171.26	\$ - \$ 450.28
Prepared 10-8-2024														

AIS Rochester Web Committee Report

November 2024

Hello Fellow AIS members,

1 - If you have a problem with zoom and would like immediate attention or action, feel free to call me - I won't post my number publicly - but you can save it in a safe place to use if you need to. Please email me for the number - webcommittee@aisrochester.org.

Thank you-
Respectfully submitted,
Ellen V

Top Posts/Pages	AIS Rochester November 2024	
1. (not set)		2,639
2. Find A Meeting (scroll down for list) - Greater Rochester AI-Anon		1,344
3. AI-Anon Information Service Rochester, NY 585-288-0540 - Greater Rochester AI-Anon		873
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New vs. Returning Visitors



- New 84%
- Returning 16%

Device Breakdown



- Desktop 39%
- Tablet 4%
- Mobile 57%

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Top 10 Countries



2.	China	11
	United States	1,795
3.	Canada	5
4.	Ireland	3
5.	India	3
6.	Philippines	2
7.	Costa Rica	
8.	Germany	
9.	Bulgaria	0
10.	France	0

Top 10 Referrals



2.	conferenceofthelakes.org	5
	facebook.com	3
3.	aimbnra.shop	
4.	kidsthive585.org	
5.	schoen-place-psych.clientsecure.me	
6.	tabous.net	
7.	aemyler.shop	0
8.	m.facebook.com	0
9.	search.brave.com	0
10.	upstaterpsychology.com	0



NYN 2025 AFG Spring Assembly and Al-Anon Convention with AA participation

RIT Inn and Conference Center
5257 W Henrietta Road
Henrietta, NY 14467

May 30, 31, June 1 - 2025

For room reservations call (585)-359-1800 (mention NYN AFG for room rate: \$129 + \$18.06 tax = \$147.06)

Location: RIT Inn and Conference Center, 5257 West Henrietta Rd, Rochester, NY 14602

Banquet and Room reservation deadline: Thursday, May 1st

**Alateens must have notarized permission slips/medical release forms and adult supervision

Make Checks payable to: NYN 2025 Spring Assembly / Convention		We need volunteers for a successful assembly / convention! Would you be interested in helping out with registration, hospitality, or being a greeter? Please email: NYN2025Assembly@nynafg.com for more information
Mail your registration to:	NYN 2025 Spring Assembly / Convention PO Box 42 Webster, NY 14580	
Questions?	please email: NYN2025Assembly@nynafg.com	

2025 NYN Spring Assembly and Convention Registration

First and Last name:	Phone:
Street:	Email:
City, State, Zip:	District:
Home Group Name:	Are you a GR?

	Early Registration (Before May 1st)	Late (After May 1st)	Total
Al-Anon member	\$35	\$40	
Alateen member	\$10	\$10	
AA member	\$35	\$40	
Dual Member	\$35	\$40	

To register online please go to:

nynafg.com

Saturday Box Lunch:	\$20	\$20	
Circle 1: Ham - Turkey - Vegetarian		Gluten free roll?	
Sat Banquet Buffet Deadline - May 1st	\$45	N/A	
Dietary needs?			
Hospitality Donation: Thank you!			
One registration form per person please		Total	

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Date rec'd

Debbie P., Chairperson

Policy statements are interpretations of our basic guides: the Twelve Traditions and Twelve Concepts of Service. They help clarify how a Tradition or Concept might apply to a new or confusing situation that arises in Al-Anon or Alateen. Changes and additions to the Policy Digest are made only as our circumstances and growth require, since anticipating and including every specific situation would be impossible.

The purpose of the update sent each quarter by the Policy Committee Chairperson is to report progress and provide information on the following:

- Topics that are generated by the fellowship and discussed by the Policy Committee regarding issues or concerns that need clarification or interpretation in consideration of the Twelve Traditions and Twelve Concepts of Service.
- Progress of work being completed by Policy Committee work groups and task and thought forces.
- Policy motions to be presented to the World Service Conference (WSC).
- Policy motions passed by the WSC.

The Policy Committee meeting occurs quarterly prior to the Board of Trustees meeting. The Policy Committee met virtually on October 18th, 2024.

2024-2025 Concept Study Task Force

The Concept Study Task Force presented the second installment of the Policy Committee Concept Study, which offers Policy members the opportunity to study the Concepts together throughout this year. The October session focused on Concepts Four, Five, and Six. Members appreciated and valued the opportunity to explore the Concepts as a group, particularly in the context of their world service responsibilities.

“Local Services – Autonomy of Groups” Task Force

This Task Force has carried over several years and has been charged with considering the text of the “Local Services” section of the Digest of Al-Anon and Alateen Policies. The Task Force was now specifically charged with considering the feedback from the previous discussions on language and placement of the remaining “Autonomy of Groups” section of the Policy Digest.

The Task Force recommended, and the Policy Committee agreed, that the “Autonomy of Groups” section contained an important interpretation of our Traditions that needed to remain in the Policy Digest. The Task Force also recommended including language about meeting list publishing policies which have been implemented since this section was last updated. After discussion, the Policy Committee approved the Task Force’s recommendations to bring the revised text to the 2025 WSC for consideration following Board approval.

AI-Anon Members who are also members of A.A. Thought Force

As a follow up on a previous Policy Committee conversation regarding this Policy, a Thought Force was formed to engage the Committee members in a legacy-based conversation on the topic. The conversation included examining the question of whether the Policy applies to those who are also past members of Alcoholics Anonymous (A.A.). Since it had been several years since the original conversation, the Policy Committee began by considering and confirming the current Policy. Additionally, we concluded the Policy did not need to be changed to include past A.A. membership.

Following the discussion, the Policy Committee recommended that the Board of Trustees consider revising its criteria for WSO Volunteers and At-Large members, since it currently restricts applications based on both current and past A.A. membership.

“Choosing a Group Name Policy” Task Force

At the 2024 World Service Conference (WSC) after much consideration and thoughtful discussion from the Policy Committee, the Board of Trustees, and the World Service Conference members, a substantial revision was made to the Choosing a Group’s Name Policy. The intent of this revision was to ensure the Policy clearly conveyed the principles found in our Traditions that group names, like AI-Anon Family Groups themselves, be welcoming for all AI-Anon members and potential members.

Immediately following the WSC approval, the World Service Office began its work determining how to apply this Policy. At the July 2024 Policy Committee meeting, Staff presented an implementation approach to the Policy Committee for consideration. The approach involved using the “Participants” search feature rather than names to help members find meetings where they may feel most comfortable. The Policy Committee instructed Staff to begin implementing the approach when new groups were registering and when registered groups were requesting a name change. The Policy Committee also agreed that while the Policy applies to established groups as well, the Committee needed to engage the WSC in further conversation regarding how to educate and engage the membership in the ongoing implementation of this Policy.

Since the 2024 WSC approved the amended “Choosing a Group’s Name” Policy, the World Service Office has received several member appeals. In the spirit of Concept Five, these appeals were forwarded to the Policy Committee. At the October Policy Committee meeting, the Policy Committee thoroughly reviewed all the appeals that had been received and held an in-depth, comprehensive and legacy-based discussion. From the discussion, the Policy Committee concluded that the revised policy statement reflects an accurate interpretation of AI-Anon’s basic guides, the Twelve Traditions, and should remain as written.

As background for the conversation regarding ongoing implementation being brought to the 2025 WSC, the Policy Committee will provide the WSC members with redacted copies of the member appeals to inform them in their decision-making role regarding Policy.

As always, the Policy Committee welcomes all questions and suggestions from any Al-Anon member, meeting, group, or Area regarding issues that might need further clarification or interpretation in light of our Legacies.

Finance Update

Ann Marie Z., Treasurer

November 2024

The following update is based on the unaudited financial statements for the period that ended 9/30/2024.

Revenues (Income)

Revenue consists mainly of literature sales and contributions. Other revenue sources include magazine sales, *Mobile App* premium subscriptions, and investment gains or losses. Literature sales for September were \$351,340. Contributions for September were \$217,028. See the table below for YTD Actuals vs. YTD Budget.

Expenses

The largest categories of expenses consist of WSO Staff salaries and associated costs (payroll taxes and benefits), technology support, Conference costs (including interpretation), and office expenses (postage, telephone, stationery, supplies, printing, Canadian office). Expenses for September were \$540,253. See the table below for YTD Actuals vs. YTD Budget. We continue to monitor all expenses and reduce them wherever possible.

Net Increase/(Decrease)

The change in net assets has resulted in an operating surplus of \$657,728 which is higher than the projected budget.

Year to Date (YTD) September 2024

	YTD Actuals	YTD Budget
Revenue		
Literature Sales—net	\$2,294,657	\$2,200,778
Contributions	\$2,102,318	\$1,916,164
Other income	\$895,961	\$748,755
Total Revenue	\$5,292,936	\$4,865,697
Total Expenses	\$4,635,208	\$4,498,479
Net Increase/(Decrease)	\$657,728	\$367,218

Investments

Our ample reserve is contained mostly in the Reserve Fund under the careful watch of our investment manager. Market conditions in September were favorable, as the market experienced positive rates of return. We have a YTD increase of \$573,779 in the Reserve Fund. Our investment accounts continue to be sensitive to market conditions.

Reflections and Insight

Year-to-date literature sales are trending slightly above budget. An uptick in literature sales was experienced in September with the release of *Healing Within Our Alcoholic Relationships* (P-95). A holiday book bundle consisting of *Blueprint for Progress: Al-Anon's Fourth Step Inventory (Revised)* (P-91), *Reaching for Personal Freedom: Living the Legacies* (P-92), and *Paths to Recovery Workbook: A Companion for Studying Al-Anon's Steps, Traditions, and Concepts* (P-93) was released on November 1. The holiday workbook bundle will be available through January 2, 2025 for \$25, including free shipping.

Our message to the fellowship has been and continues to be one of gratitude and consistency. The WSO's role of providing services to the fellowship can only be carried out with consistent contributions, the purchase of Conference Approved Literature (CAL), and subscriptions to our *Mobile App* Premium Content and our magazines (*The Forum*, *Le lien*, and *en accion*).

The members are continuing to respond to our message, with year-to-date contributions being above budgeted expectations by \$186,154 or ten percent. This continued support has allowed us to confidently project a year-end surplus and the Finance Committee to recommend the four-percent annual transfer from the Reserve Fund, in the amount of \$169,200, be returned to the Reserve Fund and no transfers be made during the fourth quarter. The Board approved the recommendation at its October meeting.

On page 193 of *Paths to Recovery: Al-Anon's Steps, Traditions and Concepts* (B-24), it says, "We as Al-Anon members provide the sole financial support of our Al-Anon groups...With sufficient membership contributions, Al-Anon will always be there for families and friends of alcoholics." We have no outside obligations, since we do not accept outside contributions. We, the members, accept responsibility for Al-Anon's world services. The page goes on to say, "Al-Anon's independence and continued availability depends on us." This, to me, is what unity means. It is all of the members of our worldwide fellowship working together for our common goal. It is another example of how we live our Conference theme for 2024: "Our Path toward Grace, Unity, and Understanding."