

**AI-Anon Service Meeting Minutes**

**Date: 4/11/26**

**10 am-ELECTRONIC ONLY**

**Electronic sign in on AIS website**

**Opening:**

Serenity Prayer

**Reading of:**

- 12 Traditions - John F.
- 12 Concepts of Service - Ellen V.
- Warranties - Mary Ann E.
- Expanded Concept of the Month - Brenda L.

**Roll Call First Names Only**

Attendees: Julie B., John F. Stevan R., Brenda L., Terry D., Kathy S., Ellen V., Mary R, Mary Ann E., Ann S., Carolyn C., Dave, Cindy B., Deb G., Maggie E.

**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.
- [If you need orientation for a new service role, please reach out to Julie.](#)

**Chair - Julie**

- Happy Spring to all AIS committee members and guests!
- As sunshine and warmth returns to western New York so too does our vigorous energy for service in the miraculous program of AI-Anon.
- We've got the new service manuals in stock. Please come by the AIS office to pick yours up. With the new manual comes a need to review and revise the AIS Rochester By Laws. Significant changes are needed. Interested people who want to help in this work group are sought. To volunteer, please email Julie B.
- There are lots of exciting opportunities going on here in the Rochester AIS community. The Finance and Technology (web) subcommittees met and have expanded their efforts by welcoming Cait and Julie.
- Last Deb G. is joining us today for the April AIS meeting to talk about the 2016 Tureen Supper. Let's help make this year's event happen successfully and serenely.
- [AI-Anon Guidelines \(G4\)](#)

- *Reminder: Only ISRs vote.*
- Deb is planning the Tureen Supper and forming a planning committee. Meetings will be held via Zoom. The top priority need is a co-chair to help this year and take over next year. Please take this to your groups. Interested volunteers should contact Deb at [activities@aisrochester.org](mailto:activities@aisrochester.org)

### **Vice Chair - position vacant - contact Julie if interested**

### **Secretary - Jess**

- February Minutes:
  - Motion to approve Mary Ann
  - Second Carrie d
  - Carried? Yes
  - Opposed; 0
  - Abstentions: 0
- March Minutes: Were the February finances approved at the March meeting? Yes. Ann S. made the motion to approve them. Mary Ann E. seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

### **Treasurer - Kathy - Documents linked below**

- [Banking Summary March 2026](#)
- [Transactions March 2026](#)
- [Citizens Bank Checking and Savings March 2026](#)
- Motion to approve: Mary R
- Seconded: Dave
- In favor: 5
- Opposed: 0
- Abstentions: 0
- Carries? Yes
- *Reminder: After reports are shared there should be an opportunity to ask questions before we seek a motion to approve the minutes or financials.*

### **Finance - Stevan - [Prudent Reserve Policy](#)**

- Cait has joined the Finance Team and will attend the next meeting with Kathy & Stevan.
- The proposal for Prudent Reserve remains the same. At some point we need to move savings to CD. Currently there is \$17,000+ in savings, with \$12,000+ in checking as a buffer.
- The Finance Committee met earlier this month and discussed the proposal. They need to talk further about AI-Anon's guidelines about safeguarding money, consider the idea that we don't earn money on AI-Anon's donations, and how to handle a surplus.
- Julie proposes removing the proposal from the agenda until the Finance Committee can discuss it further.

- Ellen shared a brief overview of our bylaws. AIS is funded by donations, book sales, and special activities. The Service manual has details on financials. Concept 1, & several traditions address handling of fund. What is the spiritual principle around our money? Julie notes that WSO is looking into this as well, but we will likely want to make a decision before their guidance is available.
- **Action needed:** The Finance Committee will meet again for this discussion. Mary Ann E., Carolyn C., Dave T., and Terry D. are interested in attending an ad hoc meeting following the next Finance Committee meeting to consider this further.

### Newsletter - Teresa

- Articles/content needed by the end of the day Wednesday, April 15th
- Please send submissions to newsletter@aisrochester.org

### Alateen - Muffy (Maureen)

- Julie will reach out again to seek representation from Alateen based on service guidelines.

### Activities

- Activities person sought, contact Julie if interested. We have a volunteer to run Tureen supper this year.
- Cindy B. - is there a written job description I can share in my groups on this opening? **Action needed:** Julie will email details. A link to the description in our by-laws was shared in the chat.

### Book Depot - John

- 3 orders for over \$1,200 in the last month. Paths to Recovery is on the way
- Groups that work pamphlet (\$1) are also on the way! This is also part of the Service Manual.
- COTL - John will take the literature to COTL Friday.

### Intergroup Rep - Brenda L. - [April Report](#)

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Intergroup Representative Report

April 4, 2026

A sincere thank you to all who attended our 3/21 Service Workshop!

- Two Officers, four Committee Chairpersons and two Information Service Representatives were on hand with me to visit with a handful of other attendees in the office (and sell literature). Eight people went upstairs to the conference room for the Q&A-based workshop, and all actively participated. I would be grateful for any and all feedback!

I attended the 3/28 NYN Winter Area World Service Committee (AWSC) meeting

- This was a 4-hour online meeting in which we heard reports from the NY North Officers and Coordinators and others. The Delegate's report from Carol C was one of the main focuses. She reported on current activities of the World Service Office (WSO). She'll attend the final World Service Conference (WSC) of her term in April.
- As our AIS Rochester Liaison, I presented the report I shared with the AIS Committee last week (via email). <https://nynafg.com/pdf/2026/0328-aisRochester.pdf>
- We heard an update on the planning for the 2026 NYN Fall Election Assembly & Convention which will be held in-person only in Binghamton 9/18-9/20.
- The NYN Policy Task Force and the new NYN Meeting List Publishing Policy (MLPP) Thought Force also gave presentations. It was voted to create an MLPP Task Force to proceed with the work of creating an MLPP policy for the NYN Area.
  - After some discussion, it was decided that the Area Chairperson will create a Thought Force to consider what actions the Area can take to increase member participation in service at the Group, District and Area levels and strengthen the links between these service arms.
  - I noted that budgeted expenses for NYN in 2026 are \$22,125. The current Reserve Fund has a balance of \$22,125.46. (Interestingly, the budgeted 2026 Revenue is only \$11,200.)
- All written reports are currently available for viewing for a few weeks from the following page: <https://nynafg.com/most-recent-minutes-reports/> (In a few weeks, these reports (along with other archived information) will be moved to a different page.)

I attended the 3/29 NYN Trusted Servant Monthly Meetup online. The topic was Public Outreach.

1. The NYN Public Outreach Coordinator gave an interesting presentation on the mission and purpose of Public Outreach, some of the tools available from the [AI-Anon.org](https://ai-anon.org) website, and ways to use our program principles while performing that kind of service.

I attended the 4/4 monthly District 25 meeting. This District continues to meet without a District Representative or Secretary.

I've been invited to give a very brief overview of AIS Rochester and my role here at the District 2 Day of Sharing event on April 18. I hope to see you there!

#### **Upcoming NY North (NYN) Area events** (<https://nynafg.com/event-calendar/>):

- Trusted Servant Monthly Meetup, **Topic: My responsibilities as an AI-Anon member, GR or DR**  
**Sunday, April 12, 6:00-7:00pm**  
 An informal online event at which all members are welcome!

As always, let me know if you have any suggestions or requests regarding how I can contribute!  
 Brenda L

**Note:** As of 4/4, some of the above NYN Area website links were not working. The website is undergoing a transition and was not fully functional as of this date.

- Brenda is seeking feedback on what went well at the Service Workshop, what we could improve, and what info to cover if we hold a future service workshop.

### **Office Coordinator - Terry D.**

- Could use volunteers at the office. We may have to temporarily suspend Saturdays due to low foot traffic.
- Literature orders needed
- Service manuals available
- There is a flyer on AIS that we are seeking a volunteer to update.

### **Public Outreach - Dennis - [April Report](#)**

Public Outreach Update  
04/11/2026

Committee members continue to follow through with individual projects; Libraries, Post Offices, Community Centers, Health Centers and Coffee Shops. Follow up and restocking of materials as needed.

Al-anon meeting at the Monroe County Jail continues. Next meeting at the Jail will take place on April 11, 2026.

Beginner's meetings in the Rochester area continue to meet regularly, Wednesday at 11:00am and Saturday at 11:30am.

Newcomer packets continue to be sent as requests come into AIS.

Al-anon volunteer visits Jennifer House second Monday of the month.

Next meeting of the Outreach Committee is scheduled for March 18, 2026 at 6:00pm. Access to this meeting may be gained through [aisrochester.org](http://aisrochester.org) website.

Outreach Committee has been contacted by Nazareth University and invited to participate in a Wellness Fair scheduled for April 7, 2026 from 11:00am to 1:00pm.

\*\* Be advised, my term as Chair of this committee will expire on December 31, 2026. Anyone interested in this position, please identify yourself. I am happy to share my experience with this position and mentor as is necessary.

Submitted in Service,  
Dennis C.

### **Website: Ellen V. - [April Report](#)**

Hello Fellow AIS members,

- 1 - Keep sending committee updates and anniversary flyers!
- 2 - Could a meeting outside our AIS area use/rent our zoom?

3 - We are making slight tweaks - adding links and things that hopefully make the site easier to navigate - like contact us forms and a calendar on the home page.

Thank you- Respectfully submitted,  
Ellen V and Julie M

\*Click the [link](#) for data and charts on how people use the website.

- Ellen shared that Camille is joining the Web Committee.
- There's a need to update our Bylaws to add include a person who updates/manages the office computer
- Need to have a discussion about what to do if a group outside of AIS wants to use our Zoom. Brenda notes there's something in the bylaws about who we serve.

### Group Announcements

- [Dreamy Desserts @ Conference of the Lakes - desserts](#) sought
- Julie announced D2 DOS, Fellowship in Recovery. All are asked to share at their meetings. [Flyer for D2 DOS](#)
- **NYN Trusted Servant Monthly Meetup (Virtual Only)** Sunday, April 12:6:00 – 7:00pm
  - Zoom Meeting [829 5131 1512](#) [Passcode: 341891](#)
  - Topic: My responsibilities as an AI-Anon member, GR or DR

### Unfinished Business

- The Prudent Reserve Proposal was tabled until next month. Considerations from the Concepts, Traditions, and Service Manual were raised for the Finance Committee's next meeting. Following that discussion, an ad hoc committee of Mary Ann, Carolyn, Dave T. and Terry D. will be formed for additional deliberation.
- Julie B. will reach out to Alateen again to see if they are able to send representation to this meeting.

### New Business

- Bylaws discussion in May. Ad hoc committee needed. Julie mentioned potentially expanding the Bylaws to include a technology committee that oversees the web committee.

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### Closing - Al-Anon Declaration