

AI-Anon Service Agenda
Date: 5/9/26
10 am-ELECTRONIC ONLY
Electronic sign in on AIS website

Opening:

Serenity Prayer

Reading of:

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none">• 12 Traditions - <u>Jess B.</u>• 12 Concepts of Service - <u>Maggie E.</u>• Warranties - <u>Kathy S.</u>• Expanded Concept of the Month - <u>John F.</u> |
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Roll Call First Names Only -

Julie B., Jess B., John F., Stevan R., Brenda L., Terry D., Dennis C., Kathy S., Ellen V. (serving as ISR today), Mary Ann E., Ann S., Cindy B., Carolyn C., Dave T, Carol G., Loron O., Cait, Deb (Tureen Supper), Maggie E., Michele (ISR from D27)

Welcome all to the AIS Rochester monthly meeting.
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We hope you will find in this fellowship:

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none">• 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. |
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Chair - Julie

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none">• <i>Reminder: Only ISRs vote.</i>• The Service Manual for 2026-2029, and Alanon/Alateen Groups at work are now available at the Book Depot.• Deb G will attend every month to share a Tureen Supper update• Please announce open AIS Committee Positions at your meetings. Openings include co-chair, Alateen Coordinator, and Activities Coordinator. |
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- Julie is looking for people to review and revise AIS bylaws to align with the new Service Manual. If you're interested, please contact her.
- Volunteers needed at the AIS office & book depot. We are eliminating Saturday hours for summer.
- Tureen Supper report: Deb needs a couple volunteers for the Planning Committee. Please share this opportunity with your groups. The most urgent need is a co-chair to learn this year and lead next year's Tureen Supper. In a unanimous vote, the group opted to return to the United Church of Christ and hold this year's Tureen Supper on 10/25.

Vice Chair - position vacant - contact Julie if interested

Secretary - Jess - [April Minutes](#)

- April Minutes:
 - Questions? No
 - Motion to approve Loron
 - Second Ann
 - In Favor: 4
 - Carried? Yes
 - Opposed: 0
 - Abstentions: 3

Treasurer - Kathy

- [Banking Summary April 2026](#)
- [Transactions April 2026](#)
- [Citizens Bank Checking and Savings April 2026](#) - There is a typo on current balance, it's actually \$12,818.44.
- Questions: We clarified that only ISRs can move and vote.
- Motion to approve: Mary Ann
- Seconded: Ann
- In favor: 7
- 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](#)

Stevan Ramirez, AIS Rochester Finance Chair

May 9, 2026

Proposal 1: Establish an ample reserve for AIS Rochester - passed

- Presently we do not have an ample reserve
- Set aside one year of expenses

- Allows AIS Rochester to continue essential services if we have a substantial decline in revenues
- Review amounts every year
- Use any amount in excess for special projects or other needs identified
- Total amount for 2026: \$23,648
- Questions? Q. Why is the proposed reserve for 12 months? A. Per the AI-Anon recommendation in guidelines for Treasurers. Q. Could money beyond the ample reserve be used to reach deaf community? A. If there is extra in checking (which covers monthly expenses) we can decide at this level how to use it or donate it. This question was tabled for further discussion.
- Ellen motioned to set the reserve at \$23,648. Loron seconded the motion.
- The motion carried unanimously.

Proposal 2: Start the transfer of checking and savings accounts from Citizens Bank to ESL.

- ESL is a local bank which provides local services and has several branches in our area
- Citizens Bank, which is a National Bank, has limited branches and local resources. We are limited to working with people in the branch
- We would move slowly but efficiently to ensure that we remap the various accounts that we deal with such as PayPal
- Questions? Q. Are the interest rates and checking account fees similar between the two? A. They are better at ESL.
- Motioned: Loron
- Seconded: Cindy B.
- Carried: Unanimously

Proposal 3: Open a 7-month Certificate of Deposit at ESL for our ample reserve.

- 7-month certificate is currently earning 3.5%
- Could use an amount over the ample reserve for special projects or other identified needs
- Questions: Q. Can you access the fund before the 7 months is done? A. Yes, but there is a penalty to do so. We can have multiple cds to reduce the penalty you might pay if that scenario occurs. Q. Are we allowed to learn money? A. The AIS Rochester Bylaws say that funds are donated by groups and individuals within AI-Anon and Alateen, through the Book Depot, and AIS Activities. Q. Does this go against our traditions? A. Julie referenced the trusted servants on the Finance Committee and the many discussions had to reach this point. WSO is currently earning interest on their investments and will weigh in on this topic in the future. **Action needed;** Talk with ESL on how to split up the cd(s) to minimize penalty payments
- Motioned? Cindy motioned in favor of going forward with the CDs as outlined in the proposal.

- Seconded? Mary Ann
- In favor? 6
- Opposed? 1
- Abstentions? 0
- Carried? Yes

Newsletter - Teresa

- **Articles/content needed by the end of the day Sat., 5/16.**
- Please send submissions to newsletter@aisrochester.org
- Teresa's term ends in December.

Alateen - Muffy (Maureen)

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Activities

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Book Depot - John

- John attended COTL and sold around \$250 in literature, plus \$195 from the quilt raffle and book covers sold to benefit AIS.
- John shared that Groups At Work, P24, is part of the service manual.

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

AIS Rochester

Intergroup Representative Report

May 2, 2026

In the last month, I attended the following events:

- 4/12 NYN Trusted Servant Monthly Meetup online - The topic was Responsibilities as an AI-Anon member, GR & DR.
- 4/18 District 2 Day of Sharing - I gave an overview of our AIS. I was impressed by how connected the GRs were to multiple groups in their District. It was a wonderful fellowship event, and I even won a raffle basket!
- 5/2 monthly District 25 meeting - This District continues to meet without an official District Representative or Secretary although a couple members are performing some of those functions in the short term. They could use some support!

The updated/transitioned NY North Area website continues to become more functional! Check it out at <https://nynafg.com/>

There are members, including several Group Representatives, in District 14 who are interested in my facilitating a one-time District meeting for them! We are working towards selecting a date and location. Information Service Representatives and any other members who attend meetings there are especially invited to join us.

This week, I reached out to members in District 19 with the idea of facilitating a meeting for them as well. Several have responded with some helpful information.

It's time for all groups to start preparing for the NY North Area Spring Assembly on May 30. Does your group have a Group Representative (GR) who will attend? If not, there's no time like the present to elect one! When a GR cannot attend, any member (other than a dual member) can do this service in order to better connect your group with the links of service. Don't know how to prepare? Here are some things members in your group can do:

- Attend any (or all) of the Area meetings in the list below!
- Attend your District meeting (listed at <https://www.aisrochester.org/events-activities/>)
- If your District is not active, attend a different District's meeting – They'll welcome you!
- Contact me at intergrouprep@aisrochester.org and arrange for me to visit your group and help you get started!

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

- **Friday, May 15, 7:00-8:30pm: Spring Area World Service Conference (AWSC)**
Online only. All members are welcome. Register in advance.
- **Thursday, May 21, 7:30-8:30pm: New GR meeting**
Online only. All members are welcome.
- **Saturday, May 30, 9:00am-4:30pm (with breaks): Spring Assembly**
Online only. All members are welcome.
- **Monday, June 8, 8:00-7:00pm: Trusted Servant Monthly Meetup, Topic: Service above the Group Level**
Online only. 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

- Next, Brenda will submit an article for the newsletter about the Spring Assembly.

Office Coordinator - Terry D.

- **Saturday hours at the AIS office are suspended starting 5/16 while we seek the necessary volunteers.** If you'd like to volunteer, please let Terry know.

Public Outreach - Dennis - [May report](#)

Public Outreach Update
05/09/2026

- 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 for men continues.
- 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 May 20, 2026 at 6:00pm. Access to this meeting may be gained through aisrochester.org website.
- Outreach Committee participated in Substance use Family Summit that was held at East High School on April 18, 2026.

** 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.

- Dennis has found a printer to make copies of popular flyers for Outreach. There are 3 flyers we use predominately in outreach. The vendor will make 100 color copies of each for \$90. He'll make unlimited b&w copies. Dennis requested permission to spend \$90 for 300 flyers.
- Since the money can come from the Public Outreach budget, we didn't vote on this expense.
- It was recommended we compensate the printer for the black & white copies. Terry shared .03 as a suggestion from a quick internet search.

Website: Ellen V. - [May report](#)

Hello Fellow AIS members,

- 1 - Keep sending committee updates and anniversary flyers!
- 2 - We have a new member to the web committee - Welcome Camille! We are working on splitting the duties of the Web Committee. It's a work in progress!!

Thank you

Respectfully submitted,

Ellen V ,Julie M and Camille

- See report for analytics.

Group Announcements

- Trusted Servant Meetup - Monday, June 8th at 6 pm
Zoom Meeting ID: [829 5131 1512](#) Passcode: [341891](#)

Unfinished Business

- Ad hoc committee on Finance for continued discussion on earned income
- Bylaws discussion in May. Ad hoc committee needed. Julie mentioned potentially expanding the Bylaws to include a technology committee that oversees the web committee.

New Business

Closing - Al-Anon Declaration