

Draft Meeting Minutes

Meeting started at 7am

Julie read the Traditions

Officer Reports

Newt motioned
Nancy seconded
Minutes were approved

John - Treasurer

Sent several attachments sent to the Board
Our income was \$12 more than we spent

Venmo, PayPal and Zelle accounts are set up, no payment have come in yet

John reviewed the financial documents

Looked at our bare minimum running costs
Totals 5560, which would leave us 5200 for contributions
He didn't project income

Dani added -
SCAC stands for SoCal Alateen conference
Earmarked for that event unless we determine that
For public outreach, that part of our surplus was to support Young At Heart if they chose to participate in our district

Nancy added a comment on the SCAC funds - it's still a work in progress, they are working hard to reinstate things
The monies they had set aside were sent to SCAC separately
It was separate collections that came from the groups

Toni agree that those funds were donated specifically for SCAC.

Dani mentioned that Newt had a request to discuss
WSO has requested contributions, they are in dire straits. We will address that during Newt's report.

John continued with his report. The tax structure allows some organizations utilize the postcard filings, seems to be entirely online. The online application is extremely simple.

We include LDC's activities in ours since LDC was formed. In 2019 gross receipts were roughly \$18k. Our gross receipts was \$12k, which adds up to roughly \$31k.

John recommends using the postcard filing.
Dani agrees on using this approach.

John is our trusted servant.
This is where we have our discussion around the subject.

Newt mentioned that IRS has a list of non-profit organizations. They don't want to receive hundreds of thousands of large filings from small non profit organizations. They just want a name and phone number with a confirmation that income is under \$50k.

District 12, Nancy recommended to connect with the previous tax person, she suggests the AIS making sure that the person after John doesn't approach this postcard filing without an accounting background.
IRS rules change often, she recommends connecting a confirmation with an outside person.

The end result could be jeopardizing the non profit status.

Lalena agrees to add that reference in the binder, or a report to the next treasurer, or perhaps the buy-laws.

Dani asked that John will connect with the CPA? He responded yes. John can update the Board during the next Board meeting.

Nancy mentioned there's no concern with John using the postcard filing, it's just to have Newt made a motion - for John to do the postcard filing after connecting with the CPA
Kathy seconded

Dani - Chair

COVID has increased, in person meetings seem to not be in process
Website is going great, sometimes she'll get newcomer emails and phone calls.

Thought Force - Dani would like to start back up with staring this in September. The issues still remain to deciding about presenting to District 12 about recommended next steps.

Newt - Co Chair

Nothing to report, he's feeling very fortunate that the zoom meetings are strong in our district and around the country. He really likes the online meetings.

He's inspired about AIS keeping things going.

WSO - literature sales are down, they are laying off staff, they are dipping into their reserves.
To hear John's report, that we have \$5k roughly over
VCAAC was slightly over \$2k, that would be a total of \$7k
He would like to recommend that we consider donating money to WSO.
He doesn't like the idea of sitting on the money

We made a contribution to WSO last year
Dani would want to wait until the end of the year to contribute.
don't know how much we could contribute

John responded to Dani's comment on Outreach, the Thought force reserve could be part of an outreach, almost everything AIS does is an outreach function.

John's other comment is related about next year. He respects what Dani mentioned about protecting ourselves and we don't know what will happen.

Newt mentioned perhaps donating the \$2K from the VCAAC
Abundant thinking vs. poverty thinking

From a GR and the SoCal board, part of al anon is to donate to our service arms

Kathy suggested perhaps donating just some now, such as \$500

Julie B asked if we can base on this on the percentages on the scoop
Meetings contribute 10% to WSO

Newt mentioned that we will probably will sit on the rest of the money
Come up with a number today or at the next meeting.

Dani mentioned that we have to ask ISRs for their agreement on donating this amount
Large amounts will be less palatable to the general public.
She likes the idea of more frequent smaller amounts may make sense. A threshold amount of reserve, and donate that money to WSO

Newt agreed with that idea, we could calculate a renewed prudent reserve and donate a surplus over taht. Thet helps us keep a balance.
John commented on the structure of the reserve. Bylaws say we are required to maintain a 50% of our reserves. We are required to main

Newt made a motion for John and Newt to do an analysis and present that to the General meeting. 100% would go to SWO and not SoCal, Newt is not sure, perhaps donate to both. Dani suggested that Newt and John can make a proposal to the General meeting next month, and provide them time to discuss with their meetings, for a vote in October.

Motion for this approach - Toni is concerned without bringing it back to the board first. She prefers recommendations that come back to the boards. She feels that we can make those decisions as trusted servants.

Maybe make a motion to donate \$1k now, and bring it to the next meeting, and then

Kathy suggested adding links to WSO for literature sales onto the webiste. Dani mentioned that our own LDC is working on online sales.

It was decided that Newt and John will research and bring a proposal to the board during the next meeting.

Jimalee - Alatten coordinator

Online search on the website, it was hard to figure out.
You can't get the zoom link online but you can reach out to someone

Jimalee has set up an email address for an alateen coordinator on the website, and the email address will roll over to future board members

She wants to make sure that meetings on the directory remain there even if they are dark right now.

They put together a task force on how to share literature using social media. She will update the Board during the next meeting.

The phone number did mention alateen but there wasn't a clear path to find a meeting. Jimalee mentioned that some AIMIAS' would be willing to answer phone calls from alateen newcomers. They mentioned that perhaps people answering could also be aged out previous alateen members.

One of the AMIAS asked for a speaker for an alateen meetings
This could apply to teens and also people who have aged out and were in alateen

Liz is one of the AIMIAS's, they are setting up a virtual booth to represent al anon during a gay pride event.

Alateen, use the alateen sponsor email address in the tab, along with clicking into meeting lists for alateen meetings.
vcasac@gmail.com

Alateen still open

Toni - archives. No archive activity right now
Another question, how are we getting the info out to other meetings to share payments with the meetings?
Payment options are on the AIS group tab on the website.

Toni wanted to make a huge plug for Jessica, Toni said thank you for all the website help.

Christina - CDC was not able to attend.
She has been sending out postcards to other professionals.

Institutions - Linda

Were trying to reopen, but now things are locked down again.
The institutions were not able to communicate how they would maintain safe distances.
She asked about her budget. When people call she mails out materials, she wants to know what we will do with the budget she's not spending? John mentioned that this is part of the financial information.
She expects COVID budget that institutions may have in the future.

Toni wanted to share, that she should be reimbursed for mailing and payments to keep al anon separated. Linda agreed.
Because of COVID she's going to have to drum up volunteers again.

Public information - Brian

Answering service
The last group meeting, considering the removal of the old answering service. He wants to make a motion to stop supporting that.
Community is previous answering service
AT&T is to keep us in phone books

Freedom Voice is the service that is working. Each time he was able to get people to answer and talk to people in AI Anon that he's never met.

John has a question

Got a bill from AT&T for \$80, that includes long distance.

Freedom Voice is less than \$25.

John recommends that he would get with Brian to confirm the payments.

Julie made a motion that we go ahead and eliminate AT&T and Community phone services.

Toni seconded the motion

Everyone agreed.

Who will disconnect the service - John offered.

Sarah has requested to use funds from Public Info, Brian agreed to that.

Sarah thought that in the past the funds came out of public outreach

Virtual booth in pride festival

Still don't know exactly what that will look like yet

25 word blurb, link to web page and zoom link

Aug 15 & 16, Sat and Sun

Maybe do meetings, some Q&A

Support is always appreciated

The more voices the better

Jimalee offered to help during those days if she wants to do an alternate thing

Website - Jessica

Email - she will add it to the chat. jessblanch2@gmail.com

Concern with meetings that don't have their passwords online

The general public access to the meetings is important

Have been running into emails online where passwords are not included

Dani has a suggestion, to create a tab for District 12 and their meetings, to share information. There's no website for District 12.

Scoop editor remains open

Round Robin - Lalena, no meetings re interested at this time

She's putting some flyers on the website

She's a GR for another group

Things to consider when it's time to consider going back to face to face

Someone emailed to Jessica that there is a face to face meeting... she wasn't sure how to handle that

It's a SoCal / WSO MEETING

There's a lot of zoom meetings, she doesn't like the idea of adding it back and forth

Spanish liaison is open

Nancy - District 12

Committee in Aug will be on a zoom meeting, she has to do a training on that and learn special rules for a large group.

They may do an assembly on a zoom meeting. She will have more info at the next meeting.

Past chair - Julie

She doesn't have anything specific at this time, she says thank you to everyone for being in service

She is putting a flyer in the chat for LDC

To let people know, it all take through steps to share with meetings, Ventura LDC has a system in place to accept orders.

It's not as good as amazon, but it will generate funds for LDC.

Books get delivered by volunteers, and there' hubs, people get their books within 3 to 5 days.

Dani needs to know who's rotating off the Board at the end of this year.

The meeting ended at 8:38