

FINAL AIS General Meeting Minutes Feb 20, 2020

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AIS

Dani opened the meeting with a reading.

Had Introductions around the room

Toni, the Acting Secretary from the December General Meeting, read the minutes.

Julie motioned to approve the minutes as read
Audry seconded.
Minutes were approved.

Officer Reports

Treasurer - John

He passed out 2 items
Reviewed December report
- last year we spent \$4379 more than we had coming in
- available funds at this time of \$4997

John collected 7th tradition contributions

Newt wanted to commend those meetings who took the time to send in the donations even though they were small in comparison. Those small donations do add up for AIS. He appreciates that effort.

Dani asked the new ISRs to introduce themselves
Pam, Lordes, Becky, Vicky, and Anton

- We have information packets for new ISRs, she is very grateful for all the ISRs service
- Without the ISRs we wouldn't be able to pass information back to our meetings

Chair - Dani

The Chair Dani has started sticking to her vow to attend all the meetings
She attended meetings in Camarillo, next she'll be in Simi and Ventura.
Attending these meetings has reminded her why she is here. She is looking forward to learning so much from everyone.

The Thought force is working together, they had a meeting tonight. Dani's gotten to know many people, it's a privilege to be able to do that. They will have more to report over time.

Co-Chair - Newt

He doesn't have an official report, he's trying to help everyone out and be of service. He finds it amazing to go to new meetings and meet people he has never met before. He attended a meeting in Simi and found it very inspiring.

He's thought more about a gratitude buffet, Toni who. Has done that before has offered to graciously help her out. Thanks for letting him be of service

Alateen Coordinator - Jimallee

She's been out but is feeling better now.

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Cindy P shared a sheet, its info on how to become an alateen group sponsor.
She has a decertified list
Local recent date is May 9 from 2 o 6pm, there's more info coming for that, Jimalee can share that info with you.

Serenity by the Sea is coming soon, they could use some alateens.
She just heard today that we have 5 new group sponsors from Simi Valley.
We are in need of alateen group sponsors. They'd like to get more meetings going.

There are some meetings being held in middle school and high school, those are not open. So three are actually more than 4 meetings.

She would like to encourage everyone who knows of alateen meeting or has a child who attends an alateen meeting... She doesn't get any of those flyers, please share if possible.

We have purchased quite a bit of alateen literature, please see Jimalee about getting some literature.

We need a teen rep for the meeting,.

An announcement - Wed at 7:30 in Agoura that is on the verge of shutting down. They really ,really need people to attend so that they can continue to support alateen. - CA community church, corner of Reyes Adobe and Agoura

Newt asked about Schools that are holding meetings - Jimalee will connect with Cindy to ask.

Alateen Rep position is open.

Archives - Toni

She went to the storage unit
She met Lisa who is doing Serenity by the Sea archives. They looked through information.
There's a lot of stuff.
For VCAAC Toni will work with that person as well as the time

CPC

- that position is now open, Margie had to step down. It's a wonderful way to serve, we want to have professionals help serve the community.

Dani had that position for some time and found it to be very gratifying, she is very proud of the work she did in that position. Please connect with Dani if you have
Law enforcement, clergy, nurse practitioner, teen center, lawyers, mental health practitioners
All members of the professional community

Institutions - Linda

Thanks to the meetings who are signing up to volunteer for both women and mens meetings.
Todd Rodd Jail, the mens meetings will start on Saturday morn ing soon

Casa Pacifica

The parents are not ready to receive / accept AI anon yet
Her name is there to support the meeting but it is still in process
Linda is leaving literature there

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Audrey asked if there was any progress in getting a volunteer at the district level so that Linda can attend those conferences?

Linda responded not yet, there's not yet one person to connect them all together, each person is doing their own thing

They are continuing to accept more volunteers

Public information - Brian

Directories are here . \$5 per pack

5 meetings had changes

Running out of room to add new meetings, we are a 65 total meetings.

The second important part of his job is the answering service.

A lot of blood, sweat and tears has been used to get the service to work. The flow for the phone calls

ID announce.... Hi this is the al anon answering service, press any key to accept this call.

805-253-7188 that will be shown. On your phone

Service has 2 purposes:

- for someone to speak to someone right away, they press the number 0. The answering service number is - to program it into the phone

Second aspect to the answering service is a list of meetings

801 to 8y5, you get a location and time for a meeting. If a caller is interested, it says you can go to the website.

It says to the caller that you have to type in a range of meetings with extensions, he's curious to see if this is something that is worth it to work out.

Dani mentioned, she will work with Brian and work out the meeting details.

Initially it's ok to have it be a work in progress.

The introduction mentions the website. The extensions have to be updated as we

Julie's suggestion is to bring this to the board meeting to work through the details, and do the fact finding at the Board.

Brian is the trusted servant, he would like input and help.

Newt asked if there's any extra cost to have the directory option, he's not sure if the contract includes the meeting codes.

Audrey would like to be involved in this topic.

Brevity is important to keep people on the line.

Nicole - what is the phone number

What is the percent of calls who want to speak to someone right away, Brian is not sure yet he will investigate.

Website - open position

Scoop - open position

Round robin - laalena

Round robin in Jan vary, 40 people attended, dos and don's was the topic.

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No round robins are scheduled. Please contact her with any interest.

District 12 not present

Past chair - Julie

- she wants to thank everyone, all the ISRs to attend these meetings.
- It's so important to take this information and relay it back to the meetings.
- She really appreciates their service
- And even to pass out the directories
 - Remove the old directories and the old flyers when you bring the new material

LDC - Julie

They have a new committee, she's taken over as the chair.
Fran is the volunteer coordinator
And other people who have volunteered for other positions
They lost Helen, she is very sad about it.

They still have a lot of the same people,
They are looking for fresh volunteers. She did a flyer, training more people next Saturday.
Only serving once per month
It's a great opportunity

The building is going through some serious renovations

Julie reviewed the financials

Julie past chair asked - how are the credit card swipes working? The swipe is great for the credit cards. Sometimes volunteers may struggle with it... sometimes it's a training issue. It's available, you can tap or swipe. It's working.

New business

Serenity by the Sea announcements

Ellie - publicity chair

There's a few sign up sheets gone out previously, she's dropped off more sign up sheets for resignation, hospitality, for literature, to donate a basket, to be involved with the basket table, marathon meetings with topics, and a huge money maker - the country store that starts Friday morning in loading the trailer.

April 24 to 26, at Ventura county fairgrounds. AA roundup with al anon and alateen involvement.

A huge venue, for all al anons and alateens. Country store, a tent for Spanish marathon meetings and alateen meetings.

Great speakers and panelists.

Can't be done without volunteers.

The sign up sheets work... mention in the meetings please

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They will take new comers

Meeting member fill out contact info - take a picture and send their details to the contact person listed on that sign up page. They can sign up for more than one position if they are interested.

Newt - he wanted to add to that fabulous announcement

He's the chair for huggers and greeters

People can sign up and text their volunteer info to Newt

He's looking forward to lots of volunteers for this type of position

The bingo night was a great success.

VCAAC announcements

Dani - she's the publicity chair

If you feel like your summer aint filling up... the. 9/11,12,13 at the Westlake Hyatt

Alateen chair and cochair for the kids - that may be filled

Archives

Fundraiser chari

Graphics

Program

Secretary co-chair

Security

Also - a logo contest to win tickets if you design the winning logo

Theme - a vision for you

They paste them all on the wall on March 7, everyone who submits one gets some thank you goodies

Julie asked - planning committees, second Sunday of every month'2pm at aa central office

March 8 at 2pm is the next meeting

321 Aviator street

Except for Mothers day

Audrey - Lindsay B and Lane K are co-chairs of the country store, they are planning to have an arts and crafts day, it will be after the April meeting. In support of the country store, there will be a much bigger space this year

Michelle from Simi Valley

3 steps to freedom as a workshop

Fundraiser to fund the workshop and promote scholarships for those who can;'t afford to pay

Last year they had great feedback and participation, please take the orange flyers to the meeting

Open to both men and women

The thing that brought this to Simi valley.. .they found that the men had a long standing steps of 1 2 and 3

Galena asked - on the service manual on page 90, LaLena suggested to keep the literature as Al Anon conference approved literature and prayers

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This year it's all conference approved literature and use the spiritual principles of the 7th tradition
Best to pre-register, let them know

Audrey has new business as an announcement
Thurs night WLW 6:30 meeting is adding a speaker meeting on the second Thursday of the month. They are open to all types of speakers, trying to encourage people to attend the meetings.

Open positions

Dani reviewed the open positions

Julie reviewed an example of the Scoop to describe how it works
It's a cut and paste, it's very easy, If there's a function, you add that, it's submitted online, and then the Public Info Coordinator and the Scoop take turns picking up the copies

Please pass on the details for the Scoop to your meetings.
Dawn shared that it's about 8 hours over each 2 month period.
There's a binder for the position, and others who have done those positions beforehand.

Dani mentioned that board members contact info is included in the directories.

Jamie - when she first started volunteering at the LDC, she started writing a book review.
How does the material come to that person?
A topic is decided, you submit to the VC scoop editor by email.
The editor is the trusted servant to create the

A different Julie - she was the scoop editor before Dawn. She put in the details as they got in form email a little at a time. And if there wasn't enough materials

Jemma shared that she didn't realize that she herself could write an article in the scoop.
Jimalee mentioned that lateens have a page in the scoop, they can submit whatever they would like.

As soon

Jessica volunteered as Website coordinator. Dani will get the notebook

Dani
Julie nominated, Julie seconded

Julie B needs the AIS board summary from Kathy

Jimalee nominates Christina for the CPC position, Dani seconded, all agreed

Adjourn with the AI Anon Declaration
At 8:24