

AIS FINAL Board Meeting Minutes
May 21, 2020

Meeting started at 7:03

Julie H read the Traditions

Officer reports

John - Treasurer

John reviewed the financials

Requested debit card for contributions
2 contributions from the mail

How to file tax returns
How to file federal and state tax returns for non profit corporation

Last 3 years paid CPA \$670 to file federal 990EZ and a state form
Each one is 10 to 12 pieces of paper, mostly disclosures around

Combined gross income of 2 entities is less than \$50k
We qualify for the postcard filing
It's set up to where we can do it online, 7 or 8 screens, just answer the questions

Tony asked a question, we did do the postcard filing last year
John - he has the return and he sees it and what we paid
In the past we had extensive conversation about someone who knows how to do the taxes vs. us using the tax guy. The person has an al anon background

Dani - she remembers about Jiloe using the long form allows for more oversight
This year, what is happening, pretty much guaranteed steep drop in income, it may behoove us to do the postcard filing and save the money

Maybe John and Newt can discuss
We have July 15... we actually have 3 years, there's no penalty if we file late

Dani suggests that John discuss with Newt

John said whatever transparency people want us to do he's happy to do it

Julie remembers that there was a lot of fear last year, and the board decided

Julie B shared some links for filing with the postcard for non-profits.
Here's some great links for this
<https://www.irs.gov/charities-non-profits/annual-filing-and-forms>
<https://www.irs.gov/charities-non-profits/annual-electronic-filing-requirement-for-small-exempt-organizations-form-990-n-e-postcard>

<https://www.irs.gov/charities-non-profits/information-needed-to-file-e-postcard>

It is super easy

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Dani - John and Newt can discuss, there's no rush
Bring this up for the next Board meeting
Make this as part of his report

John - continuing his report as an fyi
One of the checks received last week had the breakdown of 10% to District 12... and other percentages
He has no objection to it, wondering why the meeting followed that approach
The meetings get to decide by a group consensus on how to support, that's a decision they are entitled to make

Tony - wondering if we're going to discuss what we might be doing / setting up a Venmo or a Zella to support those online deposits

Julie - John has already gone to the bank, they offered him the debit card when he was a signatory
Once we have that we can set up the Zella account

Dani - Chair

Wanted to take amount to acknowledge the loss of Cindy P, she's held every position. She was Dani's grand sponsor and service sponsor. A large part of what Dani does is in service to her memory

Thought force she remains committed to this, but wants to put this off to see what the landscape looks like
Given the restrictions in outreach for gatherings and prisons, wants to continue to move forward and revisit in Sept to see how COVID
District 12 and AIS align. Regroup in Sept and determine best next steps at that time

New reality with pandemic
Attended 37 online meetings or physically
21 meetings in our directory that either it's not able to access, and some have decided to go dark until things get settled
As we have as many operational meetings to newcomers as possible
She made herself Contact for al anon , on the gmail account, she's been able to suggest meetings with all the choices we have.

Can't think that having 10 people per meetings would be realistic
Convention in Sept cancelled for this year, dates being considered for next year
Not sure what it will mean for our fellowship

We are doing really well
Facebook page is really great
Online meetings are very strong in Ventura county

Still need scoop and Spanish liaison - maybe just put this on the website
Alateen rep

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Alateen coordinator - Jimalee

Alateen has suffered a huge blow and all over SoCal with the loss of Cindy P
She was Jimalee 's service sponsor
She put everything into what she did
She put everything she could into service positions

Convention cancelled for this year
Alateen cancelled for the syear
3 alateens cochairs for the program
They want to continue and be on the committee for next year
Some alateen meeting on zoom, don't know who they are

Move forward in alateen

Nancy had a question - thank you Jimalee for your service
AIMIAS meeting for their area - zoom get together for the district
Last Sunday of the month
Get an email out to all the amias'
2 meetings that need alateen meetings once they reconvenes
Westeslake
West hills - sponsor is moving
Area 17 doesn't hav ea lot of meetings
Amias or alateen sponsor, meeting on 31st

Archives - Tony

Nothing to report, not doing anything for archives, she's available as needed

CPC - Christina

Gone through all the literature, half of it was outdated and she threw out half
Materials online, she can post them virtually... medical practices...
Posting websites and virtual sites...
Existence of Ventura al anon .com with th eonline meetings listed

Introduce herself, include Dani
Issue with touching literature... complicated now
COVID precautions
Try to do virtually / by phone what we did in person before

Zoom meetings are listed on our website
Ask - where to get funding if there are expenses
Have a budget for CPC
Totals \$1500.

John can advance money or reimburse her
Notices printed up

Kathy asked about the new phone number

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Institutions - no report, did not attend

Brian - Public Information - did not attend

Website - Jessica

She tried calling and people did answer, seems to be working, she can try again

Website is going well

Email Jessica directly with items to add to the website

One new meeting 10am in TO on Saturday

Website - views are up but flatlining right now

Get 3200 visits this month, were getting close to 4k last month

People are still using the website

Tony did receive a call last month, it came through and she answered.

Round Robin - Lalena

Had someone discuss a meeting right before COVID

Maybe doing a zoom round robin, would need to announce during the General meeting, could offer to do the zoom meeting in July or August

Use Venmo for round robin?

Announcing that during the next General meeting

Spanish liaison open

District 12 Nancy

Not much to report

District is amazing, still having district meetings, AIS continues to hold meetings virtually

Past chair Julie H

Disappointed to hear that the convention was cancelled but will focus on next year

Thanks everyone for showing up to the meeting

LDC - Julie

Doing a search to check on last minute updates, waiting for them to open the office at LDC.

Nothing yet new on that

Followed up with world service to ask about virtual newcomer packets

Needs a good cleaning from the construction along with the dust,

If there's a need for items she can get in and open the LDC as needed

Thanks Dani for mentioning Cindy P, for her will be a huge loss

Julie H - She won't go back to work until Sept or later, she's happy to help clean up the LDC

Meeting ended on 7:55 with Let it Begin with me