

AI Anon Information Services / Intergroup AIS General Meeting Minutes for 6-21-18

7:00pm

Meeting commenced with the Serenity Prayer

12 Traditions read by Dani C

12 Concepts read by Toni R

Introductions were made around the room.

Officer's Reports

Secretary - Kathy H voted in for Secretary position

Treasurer - Camille

Camille distributed and reviewed Income and expense statements.

Net Available Balance was discussed.

Opened it up for questions.

Toni made an observation that contributions are low from meetings. Suggestion from Cindy, take this to their meetings. Disperse balances

Marlyn suggested that the meetings have their insurance bill, that is what they are saving their money for at this time.

Chair - Julie

Julie explained that the new PO Box has been paid for a year. In August this new address will be ready for ISRs to take back to meetings.

August Scoop, August directories and the website, will have PO box listed for donations. In the meantime, we will leave the Ventura PO box open for 4 weeks to allow the bills to be transferred to the new PO box. The final step will be to put in a forwarding address that will be in place for 3 months.

New PO Box:

PO Box 728

Camarillo, CA 93011

Julie requested ISRs to please make sure that old materials are updated with new PO box address. We will remind ISRs again in August.

Co- Chair - Dani

Dani is working on fundraising for AIS activities and the convention. Making necklaces and selling them is going well. A Gratitude Fair is under consideration... unity, recovery and service for 2019 new year renewal.

Dani discussed the Insurance Liability issue. She learned that AI Anon is a master organization, and they DO provide liability insurance. Various levels of coverage were discussed based on the requirements of meeting facilities.

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The hope is that one insurance policy certificate could be purchased by AIS to cover insurance for all meetings in the Directory we have listed. Initially the cost seems reasonable for AIS to cover. Logistics on how to cover multiple meetings and locations were discussed and will be researched.

An important next step is for ISRs to determine what (if any coverage) is required by their meeting facility.

ISRs should bring this back to their meetings and talk to their Secretary to determine requirements. Please get prepared to vote on this in October.

Public Information and Directories - Tamara

Tamara announced that new directories are here, throw out old directories. Many changes have been made including a new Friday Alateen meeting.

Answering service work is coming along.

There is an upcoming 10th annual family community outreach in Santa Paula. We discussed that Spanish speakers are so important for successful community outreach.

There's a new 2019 new "Al Anon Faces Alcoholism" book that needs to be ordered by mid July.

This book is paid for by CPC. 400 copies.. 200 for each language. Tamara was thinking from previous meetings, she would like to reach out to other areas, to add a letter, and will use part of her \$500 budget.

Community outreach at the Ventura County Fair was discussed. Al Anon used to support this many years ago. Julie previously researched - you are required to be there and always cover a booth. It's almost a year in advance for non- profits to get a space at the Fair. Tamara will investigate for 2018 and the future.

Spanish Liaison - Martha

Martha got an order in from LDC, and is distributing the info on conflict resolution.

Institutions - Linda

Linda learned that the Todd Road Jail is open for volunteers again. There is a form on the internet that goes directly to the jail, then Linda puts the people on the schedule. She is trying to get an Al Anon meeting in Casa Pacifica, and researching needs.

Requirements for volunteering at institutions was discussed, and is in the service manual. The minimum is to be actively working a program, have sponsor, go to meetings, be in program minimum for a year.

Literature was used very quickly at these locations. We can donate literature to the jail.

Linda will add forms to the website.

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Cooperating with Professional Community (CPC) - Sara

Sara has been distributing literature, and has been requested for literature stands.

Intergroup Scoop - Dawn

Dawn was not able to attend but sent a report - Thanks for Scoop submissions. A simple way to be of service is to submit a writing. Feelings is next topic, due Aug 1. Maybe do a competition across all the meetings... see which meeting submits the most. Please let Dawn know of any AI Anon news or birthdays to add to the Scoop.

Alateen Coordinator - Karen

Dani reporting on her behalf. She is asking if anyone is an AIMIAS, they are needed for the convention in order for Alateen to participate.

Alateen Rep

Jimilie is a new AIMIAS sponsor and just started a Friday meeting. District 12 has only 4 Alateen meetings.

Webmaster - Pamela

Pamela reported that the website directory is up, all emails are answered. Lots of traffic on the website. Please forward any news to Pamela for inclusion on website. Correct on the front of the scoop - venturaalanon@gmail.com email on front is correct. On back of Scoop, that email address is not correct. PDF format is preferred to add materials to website.

Round Robin - Cindy

Cindy discussed a Round Robin meeting on June 28

This is her last year as Round Robin rep. New and / or small meetings can really benefit from a Round Robin event. Cindy has a goal this year of having a Round Robin meeting in Spanish.

ISRs - Cindy would be happy to join meeting to share info about Round Robins.

The meetings work hard to get things ready for the Round Robin, it's great to have a full house. Please do your best to attend when you see these advertised.

Archives - Brian

Brian volunteered to support the Archives role.

District 12 - Nancy

Nancy discussed the international convention. If meeting doesn't have a Group Rep, encourage that meeting to start going. Can contact Nancy to get more information.

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District Alateen liasons, Public Info, and Institutions all have open positions for District 12.

LDC - Ellie

Ellie discussed literature sales numbers.

Service manuals are available.

Spanish manuals will be available in July.

There's a new pamphlet in stock, on "Parents and Grandparents"

Supplemental pamphlets in LDC.

Ellie discussed her research of location options if the need arises.

Previous Chair - Toni

Toni had no report

New Business

VCAAC Announcements

Bruce is the Convention Publicity chair. Online registration open. Distributed flyers for ISRs to take to the meetings - convention details and service position sign ups.

Online sign up is required for AI anon luncheon or banquet.

Need Convention Service positions filled by end of August, a lot of people are needed to be of service. Bruce's email is at bottom of the sign up sheets. bb@remain.com

There's a VCAAC private FB page with photos and info. If anyone wants to be member, send Bruce or Dani an email and they will add to the FB page access.

Fundraising - Dani will go to meetings with the necklaces to sell for fundraiser

Basket Chair - Sara would love to get baskets from each meeting. Distributed flyers for ISRs to take back to meetings, hoping that each meeting will participate.

Spanish Liaison - Martha has flyers in spanish and english, this year they will have interpreters and a translator for the luncheon and banquet. Pass these flyers out to each meeting, encourage spanish speakers to attend the meeting for the translations.

Country Store - Rosalie has flyers attached to bags. Fill up the bags, call people on the flyers to have them pick up the items.

Last year, they did very well with women's accessories - bracelets, necklaces, etc.

Donating items really helps

Co- Chair for marathon meetings - Julie distributed sign up sheets. She encouraged meetings to sponsor a marathon meeting.... traditionally she has signed up during

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luncheons and banquets. If you're not going to those events, please attend the marathon meetings. Meetings sponsor one of the marathon meetings.

Linda - thanked Bruce for help at joining AA at their table. They have asked each institution at the AA institution table.

Don't have to be a volunteer at institutions, only needs to attend there. Really want to make sure that we fill that with volunteers.

Alateen Rep - Open Position

Needs to be a kid that attends Alateen consistently. They would attend AIS Board Meetings and the General Meeting. Adults need permission slip for them to be in the car with them.

They need to have a willingness to participate.

AIS' Net Available Balance - How Best to Spend It

Julie described how AIS' balance has increased over time. We had many vacant service board positions which never had the budgets spent. AIS received donations from Serenity by the Sea, LDC, etc.

Our Net Available Balance is available to be spent. We decided during the last Board meeting to create a task force and ask the ISRs for volunteers to participate in the task force. A task force is defined in the Service Manual on page 71 as:

“a temporary unit of people established to work on a single defined task or activity. It uses available resources such as perspective of members of the task force and staff knowledge.The objective is to complete the job description and present it to the originating body to move forward.”

Other references can be found on pages 66, 117, and page 101 on abundance and our primary purpose.

The Goal of this task force is to get together, have meetings, figure out how to spend the money, bring it to the Board, and present to General Meeting to be voted on.

Julie put a clipboard out for ISRs to volunteer to be part of the task force.

There was discussion around the optimal size of 7 to 8 people, preferably 10 max. Task force involvement is not limited only to ISRs - if someone from a meeting wants to volunteer, they should attend the August AIS meeting.

Jane mentioned the Saturday morning Step Study Meeting in Camarillo 10am is celebrating 32 years at their meeting on July 14th.

Closed meeting at 8:15 with the AI Anon Declaration.