

AI Anon Information Services / Intergroup FINAL AIS General Meeting Minutes for 8/15/19

(Kathy was late to meeting, didn't capture the initial details)

Meeting started at ____

Meeting commenced with the Serenity Prayer

12 Traditions read by -someone

12 Concepts read by -someone

Introductions were made around the room.

Officer's Reports

Secretary - Kathy

Kathy read the minutes aloud from the June AIS General meeting.

Minutes passed with changes

Camille - Treasurer

Reviewed the Expense & Income sheet

Ending Net available balance = \$4,806.80

Contribution to WSO happened after the first of August
80% was approximately 3800.

Today we have approximately \$600 available

Susan - July expenses, paid \$500 for Chris for a laptop
thought LDC had their own money.

Camille responded that they have \$9800 right now. They have an AIS budget,
it's their budget for LDC. The laptop overall was close to \$1,000.

Camille passed the basket for 7th traditions

Dani - Chair

Thank you for the attendance.

New ISRs? Kim and Becky

In the scoop theres a piece of info that has contact info for the new ISRs

Remind everyone, if anyone has an issue to add it to our agenda please let Dani
know ahead of time if possible, so that she can be prepared as needed.

Our last board meeting we discussed the issue of the Young at Heart money.

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We discussed that there's not really a nexus between what they are doing in LA, and us here. The absence between their activities and our activities, we currently are not in a position to donate funds. LA County has it's own funds.

We did disperse \$200 for Gay Pride public outreach. Liz G was spearheading that. It was a success last year and a great outreach to a diverse population.

Our next Board meeting is 9-19.

Newt - Co-Chair

He's learning what the position entails. It inspires him how many people attend these meetings. It reminds him that theres so many meetings going on in his meetings. He's inspired to get to know everyone and get to know the meetings.

Jimalee - Alateen coordinator

Was not in attendance but provided a report:

My report is as follows:

I attended RAD (Round up for Alateen) in San Diego last month. It was fun but unfortunately it was not well attended by Alateens. Lots of AMISA's (AI-anon Member in Service of Alateen). The Teen's did break out sessions during the day then dinner (taco truck) and a dance after dinner. Hopefully we will have a better turnout next year.

We continue to need AMISA's to sponsor meetings. We have not filled the position at Casa Pacifica. This is a wonderful opportunity to be of service to young people that have never heard of Alateen or AI-anon.

Currently I'm working closely with Sara for the upcoming convention. The Teen's have some fun activities planned.

I'm continuing to look for ways to keep our Alateen groups in the know. Many AI-anon meetings don't have ISR's so information may not get to Alateen meetings. If you are an ISR for an AI-anon meeting that has an Alateen meeting at the same time, grab flyers and information for that meeting as well.

Thank you for letting me be of service. Jimalee

Alateen Rep - Open

Archives - Brian

Newt asked about the status of archives, they continue to be in storage. They will be available for the VCAAC committee.

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He would volunteer to take care of the directories. Dani said wow.

CPC - Sara

She met with Hiede outside liaison for Kaiser, uncharge of external providers.

They have outpatient mental health and addiction.

Next step is to get in touch with the addictions section. sara will talk with Linda to see if there 's any overlap

Meet and greet for Conejo commission for youth and families

Lots of agencies were there, very good turn out. 10/3

Sara talked to Jimalee, she's not avialable.

Sara wanted to open it up to attend this function that's amazing, that supports teens, youths and their families.

If any ISRs are interested or maybe know others, please contact her it's on the sheet.

Linda Institutions

Please continue to put the word out

Todd Road Santa Paula

Casa Pacifica

Meeting on 8/24 for a meeting

8/31 first meeting 9am to 10am.

3 volunteers so far, needs more help. They are very excited for us to help.

Public directories - open

Tamara - website

Was not in attendance, provided a report

Dawn - Scoop

Thanks to those who contributed

topic - principles above personalities, email to the scoop email address.

Due Oct 1. (ok to be a bit late)

Newsletter includes details for the current public directories and outreach position.

Laleña - round robin

in July things went well, made about \$45, topic was maturity. About 30 to 40 people attended

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October 10th is next Round Robin. Suggested donation is \$3.

She would love to host another round robin, please suggest during our next business meeting.

Spanish Liaison - Rafeala had to miss the meeting, her family has health issues

District 12

experience of participating in the committee meetings...

(get report from Dani by email)

Toni Past Chair

She wants to share a thought, after the Treasurers report
Can the ISRs please share with the meetings that we did send out the contributions, and we do need the meetings to contribute.

ISR comment - Go to your meetings, make sure you have the distribution sheet that comes from the newsletter. Distribution sheet in the scoop - make sure that we use the form for Ventura County and not LA County. The group was unaware of the funds sending to LA County

Dani - she doesn't know that's such a horrific thing, Agoura Hills is part of LA county too... she doesn't know that it's enough of an issue to cause concern. It is a concern for this meeting, that our balance is getting lower and lower

Julie - a quick note, from what Dani said, as long as the group is aware that the money is going to LA County, that's great. Just make sure there's transparency there.

We post the donations, you'll be able to see the amount each meeting donated

Treasurer - Camille

ISRs please use the contribution form that's in the newsletter. It's been more than a year that we changed our PO box... it will no longer

Newt - he knows of a few meetings that are right on the edge of LA... Agoura Friday night is in LA, and in the LA directory. we are not completely

Sheet still shows the update date showing Feb 2012

Update the forms on our AI anon website, ISRs can print as necessary.

Tamara is our web master, Dani suggested that she contact Tamara.

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Toni - can we update the date?

Camille had mentioned this to Dawn, it's an oversight for the footer date. The group distribution form.

For now, she would like to encourage the ISRs to give the form out of the newsletter to their group meeting.

She's passionate about this, it's hard to stop the negative talk. People who aren't committed as an ISR or board member, she feels the negative feelings can be addressed by the ISRs sharing that we made the donations as voted on.

LDC - Ellie

To go over the report, reviewed the LDC income and expense sheet.

Assets are up 11.5%.

She wanted to let everyone know that they are on the 3rd floor of that building.

Floors 4 and 5 got rented out, and they will start to do construction on the building. They are still open.

Chris question - update on the credit card?

They are working through the bank, it looks like it's set up and working. At their LDC meeting they will be trained in using it, and training the volunteers at the LDC.

By the way they need volunteers there.

By the next general meeting they hope to have it completed.

The LA LDC, you can fax orders in and pick them up.

Not for now, they are very slim in what they are doing. They do not have paid employees.

People can let the LDC know of the order ahead of time, but still have to pick it up.

New Business

Dani - Meeting Changes

If there are meeting changes, ISR, a group rep... you need to let SoCal World service, on the agenda know. Please look at this website, also applies when a meeting is changing time, format or location.

We have a form in the scoop, to notify Kathy our secretary, Chris mentioned that she just had to do this with a meeting... just need the group number and can update it online using their form.

Dani mentioned - If you don't know the group number it's on the directories.

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Dani - Open AIS Positions

People can stand for election as soon as October.

Treasurer

Scoop

LDC

CPC

Website

Sara - if they are interested, what is the process

They can show up and say they'd like to volunteer

ISR - suggests that all ISRs read the by-laws. It's great to buddy up with the previous person.

Dani - Thought Force

reading the pertinent blurbs, page 71 to 71

brainstorm ideas, uses resources available.... thought force may lay foundation

presents info to originating body

page 72 -

objective is to present....

Dani has questions about the efficiency of AI Anon of Ventura county. We have meetings for both groups. Many positions are duplicative. Public info positions are empty for both sections.

ISRs please take this back to meetings.

how are the functions aligned? How are they not aligned?

other districts where they do things differently

analysis

ISRs - if you or someone in your meeting would like to participate in the thought force, thinking a max of 8 people. She wants a chance to bring it up at the next district meeting. She would like Nancy to participate in the thought force.

Please contact Dani if you are interested. If warranted, will present for the formation of a task force.

Lisa asked - is it possible to create a paragraph on what is expected for these roles, to share with the groups?

have a paragraph of each role for AIS and the District.

Can Dani please put together a description of the effort for the secretary to send out to the ISRs.

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job descriptions are in the by-laws which are on the website.

Newt - Thought force as it exists now is an AIS body. Have we received the active support and participation of the district? Dani will bring it up at the next District meeting.

Dani feels that some people will be interested.

Before we start this... the thought force hasn't been started, we don't yet have the support... it's AIS

Norma - just to understand. District 12, and AIS. Is it combining? Dani answered - we don't know. The next step is a fishing expedition to learn about options, what have other counties done. Where do we overlap, where do we not.

This has been considered before and dropped. important to be concise... somewhere in the archives, there was - during the time that Rosanne was the chair. When she was chair. 2004 - 2005

Toni - she would like to encourage the intergroup reps to get service manual and read.

Page 71 - thought force, it's also in the index. A temporary group to brainstorm ideas.

Definition has already been prepared for us in the manual.

Laleña - Rosanne was her sponsor, she passed away.

she remembers the task force, Rosalie was part of the analysis.

Rosanne had said that each group was doing what they needed to be doing.

After her experience she better understands why we have two separate entities. So that people have the knowledge.

Brian asked if District 12 is group reps? Dani said yes.

Julie - in case people would like to understand.

Way back when, SB was part of our district. But SB was not part of our county .

Along back when ... SB county became their own district.

The district encompasses all VC meetings. AIS also covers all Ventura county meetings. the goal is to see - do we need two groups covering the same borders.

District used to be larger.

Dani - a final thing. it's just an investigation. Feel there's a lot of good energy in our District, not sure that it's been utilized in it's full force. There's far fewer group reps than we have meetings. Both groups have positions that are not filled.

If we could combine in a way that meets the goals of both meetings. It's a sense that she has, she wants to gather a group of like-minded individuals.

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at the end the thought force would make a presentation.

ongoing business
public outreach and

Toni - VCAAC coming up

Sept 6, 7, 8 at the westlake hyatt
it's so much fun.

She wanted to suggest that maybe when our ISRs have been to the convention before, maybe speak of your experience and describe the events. There's fellowship, can go as a group.

talked about fundraiser and tickets

Newt - more fliers

volunteer sign up sheet, still need volunteers. Service is very fun to do at committees. when he first started going, being part of service was very helpful. sign up sheet is passed around, that doesn't necessarily translate to people understanding what it is. For the next few weeks, please ISRs make a comment in the meeting. Sometimes can offer to help people fill out the form.

Brian asked a question - when he looks at the income meeting and looks at the prudent reserve, why is our prudent reserve at \$8k,
answered - it's 50% of the operational expenses.

She will start the budget for next year.

accounting best practices, it's high because we have a lot of expenses.

Toni - one more thing to share something that she just learned about.

Pre-registration ends on Aug 20, it's now \$20, they moved the deadline date. She learned that there is AI Anon donations. You can volunteer your time, and then get into the convention for free.

Sometimes

Audrey - she thought it had been the policy to attend the marathon meetings for free. ISRs please let your meetings know.

she heard about the Friday night speaker, can she get information

Next thanked the ISRs for filling out the sign up sheets.

Meeting ended 8:21 with the declaration