

AI Anon Information Services / Intergroup FINAL AIS General Meeting Minutes for 4/18/19

Meeting started at 7:07

Meeting commenced with the Serenity Prayer

12 Traditions read by - Toni

12 Concepts read by - Dani F

Introductions were made around the room.

Officer's Reports

Secretary - Kathy

Kathy read the February 21 Draft Meeting Minutes aloud.

Edits were requested, Kathy updated the minutes to reflect these changes.

Audrey made a motion to approve the minutes, Julie seconded the motion. All were in favor, none opposed. Minutes were approved.

Treasurer - Camille

Reviewed financial statements for Feb and March.

Questions

Julie commented that the prudent reserve does not include the new insurance. Camille mentioned that the updated prudent reserve amount adds \$630.

Margaret asked why expenses were higher in March, Camille responded that this increase was due to the insurance.

Newt asked what the prudent reserve is based on. Camille responded that it's 50% of our operating expense for the budgeted year.

We did get a refund on the previous policy, which Camille has the check for and will be depositing tomorrow.

Chair - Julie

Julie presented the results of the Financial Task Force Proposal.

The proposal:

- 20% will be held for public outreach = \$1450.

Institutions for additional locations

Purchase a pop-up tent and banner for outreach events

Young At Heart promotions

- 80% will be donated to WSO = \$5478

ISRs, please take this back to your groups and be prepared to vote for your meeting in June.

Camille added, to clarify the numbers on the full sheet

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- 1) \$945 represents the full amount we just paid minus the recent refund
- 2) \$630 = amount to be added to the prudent reserve for the insurance
- 3) YHA = Young at Heart

Audrey asked if some money could be used for outreach events, Julie responded that Outreach has money already budgeted.

Toni clarified that the Financial Task Force committee members did a lot of work to get to this proposal. Each ISR should plan to vote either yes or no in June.

Kathy reminded the group that ISRs and AI Anon members were invited to participate in the Financial Task Force committee that performed this analysis.

Co-Chair - Dani

Welcomed the new ISRs, and asked if anyone has any questions about the paperwork to fill out.

Fundraising

Decoupage event was not greatly attended, other than all the attendees were great. There's some examples on the table to view. She is considering adding more art projects for the future.

Dani is continuing to visit meetings, she attended the Ventura 1pm anniversary meeting. She still has the goal of attending every meeting by the end of the year.

AI Anon FaceBook page

- This is a secret page, if you are a member no one will be able to see that you are a member. It's a way to promote events, meetings, anything that affects Ventura County AI Anon things.
- To join, you have to be FB friends with someone who's in it.

Lisa asked about the name of the FB page. Dani responded that you can't search for it, you have to ask Dani to join the club. Ventura County AI Anon Information Services

Insurance

The insurance description is in the recent newsletter, including the phone number and the SpringBrook Insurance member number.

SpringBrook Insurance Company
858-391-3001
Member Number - 58431

Audrey asked about insurance coverage for outreach events, Dani responded that those are also covered.

Margaret asked how the meetings would call about coverage questions.

Dani responded that as a courtesy it would be great to inform the Board of any issues.

AI Anon meetings should reach out to the insurance directly to ask questions or file any claims.

Chris asked about the original certificates that were sent out. Dani responded that the certificates copies could be requested directly from the number.

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Public Information and Outreach Coordinator - Position Vacant

Julie informed the group that Martha had to resign due to a new job.

The position includes covering the directories, the answering service coverage, along with public outreach. We have 18 months left for this position. This position is critical for AIS. There will be no more directories printed until this position is filled.

ISRs please take this back to your meetings, to see if someone would be willing to take on this service position.

Audrey mentioned that she has assisted the Public Information Chair, and performed research. She found a TO Rotary Club street fair in October. In the spirit of attraction not promotion, our information would be there. Audrey would like to get the Board's approval to register for this event.

Tamara mentioned that there's a binder that details our multiple events.

Dawn asked if Audrey was taking the position. Audrey wants to assist the Public Outreach role but is unable to take the Board position.

Kristine had a question about the open position. Anyone who's interested can attend the next board meeting or contact any Board member with questions.

Spanish Liaison - Remains open

Linda - Institutions

Linda was absent and provided the following report in advance:

Institutions is processing many new applicants but still needs more. The Todd Road facility is backed up and taking longer than expected to clear the new applicants so please be patient.

I attended the AA H&I Conference the first weekend in April even though AI-Anon Institutions was not formally invited. We were not invited as we do not have a "**Southern CA Institutions Coordinator**" to work with AA on these conferences.

ISRs - Please announce at your meetings that this District level position is open and ready to be filled. They meet in Camarillo on Saturdays monthly. The event was informative and inspiring and hopefully, we'll be invited next year. I spoke to many AAs and they actually missed having AI-Anon there.

Thanks to the Task Force, I have ordered 15 Paths to Recovery books to be housed at Todd Road for use in the weekly meetings. All the inmates are extremely grateful for the literature we provide for them.

CPC - Sara

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Sara purchased literature and books, provided over half of them for the Las Virgenes School District. The other half went to Casa Pacifica who had a networking event for professionals.

She responded to a request to provide information for a Mental Health Ministry event on May 4th between 9 and 11. They requested that AI Anon have a table there, man the table and have literature there.

Sara's happy to facilitate the event. If any ISRs are willing to attend please contact Sara.

Newsletter - Dawn

She received many shares this last month. On page 2, the insurance info. Page 5 includes answering service info.

June 1st - the next topic is Just for Today

Alateen Coordinator position - Remains Open

Position is Open, Karen had to resign due to health issues. The person needs to be certified to hold this position. See Cyndy P, Julie or Jimalee for more info.

Jimalee asked about scheduled events that the Alateen coordinator would need to attend.
SCAC

In the past, AIS would hold events ourselves and cooperate with SoCal to hold beach campouts and other fun events. VC AIS has not had this position filled consistently so we haven't had these types of events for a while.

Websites - Tamara

37,543 hits to the website.
Since the last meeting, we have had 6543 hits in 2 months.

Answering Service.

It's ready to go,

ISRs please take the form back to your meetings.

We are asking for a year commitment to be part of the support group.

When the system calls a phone number, you don't have to answer, and the system will move on to the next phone number, and so on.

Once we get about 20 to 25 volunteers and we can turn this on.

Kristine asked - how to return the list of the info? Please send them to Kathy the Secretary to put into a table.

Audrey asked, how many people have called the phone system.

Camille has the phone records bill and can answer that question. The current phone system charges per minute. We had 143 minutes of calls for the last month.

Tamara responded that on average it was 80 calls per month when the research was in process.

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Brian asked if there's a way to identify the incoming phone number that would be from newcomers?
Tamara will research this.

Round Robin - Laleña

Last meetings were well attended.

Next meeting is coming up, there's a flyer.

Archives - Brian

The Archives are still in storage. All is well.

Shredding party is on his list.

An AI Anon member is interested in AI Anon history.

Julie responded that Brian can invite people to go through the information with him, and make copies of any documents.

District 12 rep

Not in attendance, no report

Ellie - LDC

- March income was \$1258, which was slightly down from last year
- Just for Tonight bookmark is in now, expect it to be delivered on the 28th, 200 were ordered.
- The service manual is in Spanish.
- The big full manual has still not been printed.
- The meeting copy is now available and they are in stock at the LDC.
- Technology continues to move along. Ellie hopes by the next Scoop she will be able to include an announcement.

Toni - Previous Co Chair

No report

New Business

Request for Budget Spend by Julie, AIS Chair

AI Anon Member at large Liz G is working on an Alateen focus at a school

She's requesting \$45 to spend out of the public information budget

Julie made a motion.

Debbie seconded, the motion passed

PO Box business by Camille, AIS Treasurer

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Camille - In the scoop, there's a new contribution form. She's noticing that when we get the mail, it's going to the old PO box.

ISRs - please replace the old form with the updated form that's in the scoop.

Susan asked a question, the edited date was not updated. The new forms in the PO Box 728 Camarillo is the correct address.

Ventura address is incorrect.

Serenity by the Sea registration

- Serenity by the Sea is May 17 - 19
- Laleña shared that registration is online, including in Spanish.
- Margaret said she can take the donations for Ginger, for the Country Store
- The Scoop has contact info.
- They need volunteers to sign up. Email Angie, their chair. They have online registration.
- There will be an Archives table at the event. Clarice is the Archives contact for Serenity by the Sea.

VCAAC

Newt discussed a new convention fundraiser:

- win 2 nights at the hotel, 2 registrations, 2 luncheon and banquet tickets.
- the drawing will be held in mid August.
- if the winner has already purchased tickets and hotel rooms, that cost will be reimbursed

ISRs please take at least 5 flyers to pass out at your meetings.

Tickets are limited to increase the opportunity to win.

Toni mentioned that people can take the tickets to sell at the meetings and help out.

Insurance

Maria said that she would be willing to get the insurance certificate, scan it, and email it to Kathy H. Kathy will then email it out to all ISRs.

AI Anon Young at Heart - Nick and Jessie

The first- ever Young at Heart AI Anon convention will be held on August 3.

AI Anon Young at Heart Meetings:

Tarzana on Wednesdays at 8:30

Calabasas

Agoura Calabasas Recreation Center

website - yhaconvention.com

Nick started in the Westlake Alateen meeting, he wants to carry the message that you can move from Alateen and stay in recovery.

Jessie said they have so many newcomers at their meetings. They have many Alateens who age out and then leave the program. Previously they didn't have fellowship to keep them involved. YHA are trying to do outreach.

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They have hospitals and institutions, they go to young peoples groups, and correctional facilities.
They have 20 people on their committee.
They have events, including YHA presents YHA's got talent
Art show and an auction on May 25 near Hollywood
Their goal is to have fun in recovery

A question was asked - Is Young at Heart AI Anon at WSO? Answer = It's approved for SoCal.
Oregon is coming down to their convention. YHA is a part of AI Anon.
YAH was a designation at WSO nine years ago.

The meeting ended at 8:44 with the AI Anon Declaration.