

PO Minutes for ZOOM Meeting of June 5, 2023 @ 5pm

Attendees: Joy, Jan, Marian, Linda, Nell, Margaret, Susan T and Cathy

Opening: Serenity prayer led by Nell

Minutes: Cathy submitted the minutes from the May meeting; no changes.

Treatment Centers and Event Happenings

- Joy - no updated info regarding treatment centers at this point.
- Joy - made contact with Compass Health (at Franklin County Provider meeting) and they requested info for approximately 100 individuals; Joy was able to put together a packet of info; will deliver info on June 6th to her contact person.
- Sue B - has been in contact with Sana Lake according to Joy but no update at this point.
- Margaret – has been corresponding with Carly at Harris House re: Keeley outreach conference later this summer. Margaret emailed PSA recording to her for their possible use. Discussed need for anonymity at an event such as this and how to answer questions in a broad sense at this event. Margaret will contact Carly again; Cathy can help if needed. Margaret will keep the group updated.
- Linda - shared her experience when she was invited to share in a discussion on a local radio show and how her anonymity was protected; pseudo names were used. Linda is in the process of trying to get a couple who might also share on the radio about working their AI-Anon program; Nell is working with Linda in setting this up.

Budget:

- Balance: \$886.80. Literature that was donated for IL middle school outreach.

Digital:

- John – no report
- Joe, of AIS office staff, has been posting PO minutes on the AIS website.
- Cathy and Joe plan to develop a worksheet for event information. This will be much like the worksheet we used for the Back to School form. This information would have to be protected. AI-Anon members could add info to the worksheet as needed. Details have not been worked out yet.

Old Business:

- Outreach to hospitals/ER's: No update from Christine at this point. Cathy will follow up with Christine re: this.
- Linda - shared that she gives her own personal doctors PO info she has such as pens, newcomer packets and AFA's as needed. Linda has an AI-Anon holder type stand at the Postal store with AFA's, pens and other info that she replenishes as needed.
- Nell - shared that her district voted to give yearly subscriptions of the Forum to the local libraries in her district; she has volunteers assisting with this outreach. Also, she shares AI-Anon info with her personal docs too.
- Margaret - checked at the library to evaluate which AI-Anon books were available. Spoke with the librarian who informed her the library does not take physical donations of books, but an individual may put in a request for a certain book and the library may purchase it. Margaret will follow-up on this for the group.

- Jan - suggested the committee organize members to check at libraries (via the library website) for Al-Anon publications. Suggested using some of the free literature for outreach which can be found online such as bookmarks. Discussion by the group on using other Al-Anon literature such as: Are You Troubled by Someone's Drinking? and Did You Grow Up With a Problem Drinker?
- Business cards are still available at the office.
- No update on new Alateen info; Cathy sent info to Carol with info for WSO employee who may be able to help with this.
- Margaret - shared on using copies of CAL at meetings. Members are told not to remove the copied CAL info from the meeting room due to copyright laws. It was suggested to read the minutes from the Assembly for further clarification on this. (check MO Al-Anon website under Assembly minutes). Joy clarified she has used copies of CAL literature for a meeting, but the literature is not taken from the room. Nell wondered if we could lose our copyright privileges if copied CAL was distributed outside of a meeting. This guideline is difficult to follow, especially for zoom meetings. Nell suggested that members can also look to the WSO webpage for copies of certain info to be used at meetings.
- Nell's district will have a FB page. Joy shared there is a good article in Round Robin on FB and social media by Scott P. Take away for FB pages is the need to protect anonymity and not to comment on FB postings. Check out D25's FB page which is a great example of how to do a FB page. D28 will have FB up and running this June.

New Business:

- SA article: suggestion for sharing on using PO info at your event. Cathy will do this.
- Joy shared that there was discussion at the IR meeting regarding sharing of PO literature distribution so that others may see types of outreach done by the PO group and others. This would avoid duplication of sharing info/literature between groups and outreach sites. Cathy will follow-up with Blake re: this.
- Update on Day of Service - Great presentations! Joy encouraged all to do some type of public outreach when she presented during her session. There were approximately 35-40 attendees including zoom people who were in attendance. It was a fun day! Hopefully members will have a better understanding of the links of service as well as the joys of service. Nell agreed it was a wonderful day; very fun, liked the skit. Special thanks to Jan for writing the poem which was placed on the bundle of give-away info for attendees.
- Redistricting D10 will become D9.
- Crime Victim Center – Cathy reported her personal friend will contact the person she is working with (at the Center) as she is a social worker and possibly Al-Anon info would be beneficial at this site.
- Flyer for Potluck: Jan suggested putting together a basket on PO. for June 10 (D15). Cathy will check with the office to see which supplies are available for this.
- Other Outreach – Joy shared there was mention of other types of outreach at the monthly IR meeting such as with the sharing of Al-Anon info at a neighborhood block party. Cathy shared this was done in 2022 at a block party.
- PO needs to encourage other members to donate old forums to the office for recirculation. Cathy to put in SA newsletter.
- Cathy reported that the AIS office picnic was fun and seemed to be a great turnout with lots of raffle baskets.

Closing: Serenity prayer by Jan.

No meeting in July

Next meeting in August 7, 2023

Submitted by: Cathy W