

AFG STL Board Meeting Minutes November 17, 2022

The meeting was held via Zoom at 5:02 pm. Present: Blake R.-President, Barry R.-Treasurer, Mary Kay H.-Secretary, Linda W.-AIS Office Liaison, Jan McD. and Barb B.S.-Board members. Mary R., prospective AIS Liaison, and Lisa G., Alateen AAPP, were visitors.

- I. The meeting opened with a Silent Serenity Prayer.
- II. Treasurer Report for October-Barry provided the following overview:
 1. Overall, the month of October produced a distorted result due to Literature Expenses, with a Net Operating Deficit of [\$2,969]. YTD was a Deficit of \$[797].
 2. On a cash flow basis, Literature Sales were \$1,887 [versus budgeted average of \$1,416]. Group Contributions were about at the average at \$2,041. Miscellaneous Contributions, Fundraising Revenue and the Sustaining Support Campaign were below what has been budgeted on average.
 3. Total Revenue was \$4,668 versus a budgeted average of \$5,325.
 4. Monthly Expenses, at \$7,637, were \$2,140 above the budgeted average of \$5,497. Literature expenditures of \$3009 were above the budgeted average of \$917. We all know that there has been distorted supply and demand issues surrounding literature ordering and sales.
 5. Total cash in checking was \$3,452. Total Cash and Reserves were \$58,083.
 6. The previously approved drawdown of \$5,000 is still only half drawn.

Linda inquired about literature. Barry responded that literature costs are more than budgeted. Linda stated that is due to ordering literature in cases instead of lesser quantities. Blake asked if there is any surplus literature and Linda reported that there is not much excess. However, they did find some literature that was reserved for Public Outreach and made that committee aware of the supply. Literature is being ordered based on sales.

The treasurer report was unanimously approved.

- III. Office Report-Linda reported that they have had no problem covering the schedule while Beth is out. The staff is meeting Saturday on the Website design and Stephanie (new Webmaster) will join. The business cards ordered for Blake have not been printed yet and Susan is following up.

Mary Kay reported that someone at the Assembly asked if the Office tracks calls from newcomers to inquire how they learned about AI-Anon. She asked if that is possible to include it in the Office Report for the IR meetings. Linda will ask staff if that is feasible.
Topic tabled.

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Jan inquired if the Office will open again to allow visitors to enter beyond the doorway. Linda stated that visitors must wear a mask to enter and staff is not comfortable due to tight spacing. Jan's concern is that newcomers may want to browse.

- IV. Public Outreach-Barb reported that the Back to School campaign is continuing and they are now keeping a list of contacts and how many brochures have been sent out. District 14 asked a donation from Public Outreach to put up a billboard in North St. Louis for one month; they raised \$1,025. P.O. agreed to make a \$300 donation; no IR approval is needed because it is less than \$500. Barb will contact Annette to arrange for the reimbursement to P.O.
- V. Old Business
- a. Public Outreach-PD Business Cards-Blake (no update)-Blake will wait for cards to be printed. **Topic tabled.**
 - b. Family Court Crisis Intervention Update-Christine was unable to attend. No report. **Topic tabled.**
 - c. AIS/AWSC Liaison-Mary Kay introduced Mary R., outgoing DR for District 15-Panel 60, who expressed an interest in becoming the Missouri Area AIS liaison when they met at the November Missouri Area Assembly. Linda shared that Susan C. from the AIS Office usually prepares the report and recommended that Mary contact her to collaborate future reports. Mary's appointment for the position was unanimously approved. Mary agreed to attend the IR meetings.
 - d. Articles of Incorporation-Barb reported that she sent a letter with the corrected form and it was mailed November 3rd.
 - e. Historical Board Meeting Minutes-No Update. **Topic tabled.**
- VI. New Business
- a. 'Official' Board Officer Elections-Blake stated that Officers, except the Secretary, will continue in their positions: Blake-President, John-Vice President, Barry-Treasurer and Linda-Office Liaison. Barb agreed to serve as Secretary and Jan offered to act as her back-up when Barb is unavailable. Officers were unanimously approved.
 - b. Alateen-Mary Kay introduced Lisa G., Panel 60 Alateen AAPP (Area Alateen Process Person) and Panel 63 Alateen Coordinator that she met at the Missouri Area Assembly. The topic of starting more Alateen meetings in St. Louis was brought up at the last IR meeting. Lisa stated that there are guidelines in the Missouri Procedures Digest. Lisa stated that if anyone is interested in Alateen service she can be contacted because she is the AAPP. She explained that there is an Alateen page on the Missouri website: Missouri-al-anon.org under the Member tab. Members do need to have a background screening through the Family Care Safety Registry of Missouri. There is a one-time registration fee of

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\$14 which can be reimbursed by the group, district or Area. This is an online only process and information is sent via an encrypted email that only the person asking for it can open. Once the screening is received that, along with the forms, can be sent to Lisa for processing. On January 1st, the new AAPP will be Elaine M. but Lisa could still be contacted because she will be training Elaine on the process.

Lisa explained that an AMIAS could serve in several situations: helping in an Alateen meeting, transporting a teen, 2 hours shift of serenity patrol at an overnight Area event; two AMIAS adults are always required. An AMIAS does not sponsor a teen; they sponsor each other. Mary Kay recommended presenting this information to the IRs, asking them to share details in their groups and ask for members to consider being a certified AMIAS. Linda suggested putting an article in the Sincerely AI-Anon; Lisa agreed to contact the current Coordinator, Audrey, and submit an article. It was decided that there is no need for an informational meeting but anyone interested should contact Lisa at: area31aapp60@gmail.com. She said finding teens who are willing to go to a meeting is a key factor to get a meeting started.

VII. Open Sharing-

- a. Mary Kay offered to prepare an article for the Missouri Area Round Robin to announce Board member elections.
- b. Mary Kay reported that Lori Hassler approached her at the Assembly and inquired about the open Board positions. She would like to be invited to the December IR meeting or January Board meeting as she may be interested in a Board position. Mary Kay will follow-up with an invitation to Lori.

The meeting adjourned 5:53 at pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Mary Kay H., Secretary