

## Intergroup Representatives (IR) Meeting Minutes

December 3, 2020

The meeting was held via Zoom at 7 pm. and chaired by Bill B., Board President. Other Board members present were: Mike P.-Vice President, Annette K.-Treasurer, Linda W., and Mike W. Also present was Marc B.-AIS Office Liaison, Susan C.-AIS Office, and Mary Kay H.-Secretary.

- I. A moment of silence was followed by the Serenity Prayer.
- II. Concept 12 was read.
- III. Introductions were made. There were 20 IRs (1 is new) and 3 visitors present.
- IV. Announcements / upcoming events-There were attachments sent out with IR meeting reminder.
- V. Secretary Report-November Meeting Minutes were emailed prior to the meeting, reviewed and approved unanimously.
- VI. Treasurer Report-The Treasurer Report was emailed prior to the meeting. Annette reported that for September there was a surplus of \$2,045 due to \$2,400 of journal sales and for October there was a surplus of \$2,100 due to increase of group contributions. For year to date through October there is a deficit of \$1,886 which is not far off of the 2020 budget of \$1,000 deficit. Journal sales going forward will be revenue income. The treasurer's report was approved unanimously.
- VII. Website Report-Chris E. stated there were 918 users to view the meetings, store, and events page which is slightly higher than normal.
- VIII. After Hours Phone Answering Report-Peggy B. reported that they had 5 calls. Volunteers took 4 hour shifts in addition to their regular shifts during Thanksgiving holidays, and some shifts for Christmas holidays are covered.
- IX. AA Social Event Coordinator-Mike W. reported the Alano Zoom event was a success. Member Marilyn Sue W. gave a good talk. No other events planned.
- X. Office Report-Sue C. reported they have given out 150 newcomer packets since the start of the pandemic. As the pandemic continues the office is getting requests for Zoom speakers and people willing to speak with newcomers. Please let your groups know of these two service opportunities. A staff meeting is scheduled for December 4.
- XI. Outreach Report-Bill B. provided a report submitted by Abby S. and showed the artwork proofs being explored by the Public Outreach Committee for getting the message out on billboards or bus stop posters. An article appeared in the December Sincerely Al-Anon regarding a fundraiser to support this Public Outreach endeavor. **Topic Tabled.**
- XII. Old Business:
  - a. Journal Fundraiser Report-Patty S. reported that 512 journals have been sold. She requested that members show the Journal at Zoom meetings. We ordered 1,000 and the profit margin is approximately \$5.60 per journal.
  - b. COVID-19 Update-Please alert the office if your meetings have resumed in person and are continuing online as well.
  - c. As always, we are looking for new board members. Blake R. was introduced. He provided information about himself and expressed interest in being a board member. The IRs unanimously approved Blake as a member of the Board.

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- d. Donations to Libraries Update-Mary Kay reported the 20 Al-Anon books donated to St. Louis County Library are now in circulation. There were 11 books and a supply of Al-Anon Faces Alcoholism booklets donated and delivered to Jefferson County Library and in process of being put into circulation. She asked that this be announced at meetings and library patrons can do a catalog search Al-Anon to find books available. St. Louis City has asked to hold off for six months. She will check with Board if St. Charles County should be contacted.

Marc reported that he's been in touch with St. Louis County Library regarding donation of digital copies of literature. The digital format offered by WSO does not match format used by libraries. He is waiting for a response from WSO Literature or Technology rep to discuss creation of a new digital format.

Marc also recommended that the Board consider donations to the Illinois libraries. **Topic Tabled.**

- e. Visiting Committee revival - Mary Kay sent out an email to all IRs requesting assistance in visiting groups that do not have an IR. Karen M. suggested a condensed version of the Talking Points. Mary Kay reported that the document was created by Nancy P. She also asked that IRs notify her if they visit a group.

Bill B. expressed concern about the lack of groups in St. Louis City and is working on details on how to provide more meetings in the city.

### XIII. New Business:

- a. WSO Temporary Meeting Change form- Mary Kay reported that the WSO website provides meeting change forms to be used for either permanent or temporary meeting changes. She recommended that groups complete the electronic forms so WSO, Missouri and St. Louis websites are updated. She offered to prepare an article for the Sincerely Al-Anon

### XIV. Open Sharing:

- a. Paula inquired about the Ugly Sweater event details which will be held this weekend. Susan C. will be the guest speaker. Paula also talked about a Public Outreach billboard that was used years ago showing a picture of a house and described it as a "Sad House".
- b. There was discussion about completing the WSO electronic meeting change forms and the meeting ID. Shari C. said if groups do not want to post Zoom information they can list an email address. The AIS Office email could be listed as an option.
- c. Bill reported that someone suggested having announcements listed by bullet points. Mike P. volunteered to help with this.

The next meeting will be held Thursday, January 7, 2021 at 7:00 PM on Zoom. Meeting adjourned at 8:00 pm with the Serenity Prayer followed by the Al-Anon Declaration.

Respectfully submitted,  
Mary Kay H., Secretary