The meeting was held via Zoom at 7 pm and chaired by Blake R.-President. Other Board members present were: John Y.-Vice President, Barry R.-Treasurer, Mary Kay H.-Secretary, Linda W-Board member and AIS Office Liaison, and Barb B. S.-Board Member. Also in attendance was: Christine M.R.-Prospective Board member, Susan C.-AIS Office, and Chris E.-Website Coordinator.

1. & 2. Opening-Blake called the meeting to order with a moment of silence, followed by the Serenity Prayer and the short reading of Tradition 8.

2. Tradition 8-Al-Anon Twelfth Step work should remain forever nonprofessional, but our service centers may employ special workers.

3. Introductions- Guests & New IR Members Only-There was 30 members present including 19 IRs or subs (2 new IRs), 1 unregistered electronic meeting, and 2 visitors.

4. Secretary Report - QUESTIONS/APPROVAL- Minutes from July IR meeting were sent in packet and were unanimously approved.

5. Treasurer report-Barry provided the June Treasurer Report which shows a net operating surplus of $2,049 and Year-to-Date surplus of $47. Total revenue for June was $6,404 and expenses were $4,355. The cash position at the end of June was $4,093, exclusive of other reserves. The previously approved draw down of $5,000 is only still half drawn down. A word of caution for the current month of July is it will probably be about $2,000 less. The treasurer report was unanimously approved.

6. Public Outreach Committee Report-John reported that the August meeting focus was on education and reaching out to school districts, counselors and prison ministry. Watch for more information in the Sincerely Al-Anon. There is a standard letter and packet going to counselors. There were 3 new members attending the meeting which brought the total attendees to 8. He also thanked Barb B.S. for joining the Public Outreach committee. They still need committee members to join the monthly Zoom meetings on the first Monday of every month. Please contact the AIS Office for more information.

7. QUESTIONS-After Hours, Office & Website Written Reports –

Website Report-Chris attended and stated he did not send a written report in time due to his work schedule and being out of town. He stated that there were 1,276 active users which is above average.

Chris added that he has been the Website Coordinator for four years and it is time to pass it on to someone else, not effective immediately, and due to his work travel increase. He will prepare documentation on the basic skills required and the process of maintaining and updating the website and provide that information to Blake and the AIS Office within a week. He asked if anyone is interested to contact the AIS Office. He stated that the monthly hourly commitment would be about one hour and updates come in sporadically.

Answering Service Report-There were no calls for July. The Answering Service did cover July 4 holiday from 9am-9pm. Respectfully submitted, Peggy B

AIS Office Report-Susan added that WSO will have an increase on literature prices on most of the books and some pamphlets effective September 1st. The AIS Office will send out an email with the increase information. She encouraged members to make purchases prior to September 1st.

List of Books Out of Stock from WSO as of 8-2-202 . We have no time line about the books below.

1. Courage to Change (B-16)

2. Lois Remembers (B-7)

3. As We Understood (B-11) we have plenty

4. Paths to Recovery (B-24) we have 3

5. Survival to Recovery (B-21) We have 9 in the office

6. New Service Manual only on pdf

Two new meetings: St. Louis and Bonne Terre MO.

Friday’s at 6 pm Tuesday’s at 7 pm

\*Avoidance AFG\* \*Overcomers AFG (Men only) \*

Steps Alano Club Centenary United Methodist Church

3974 Humphrey 2nd Floor 20 Park Avenue

St. Louis, MO. 63116 Bonne Terre, MO. 63628

\* Monday Night Serenity AFG (IL)\*

New Monday meeting starting September 5th 2022

Live Location

First Baptist Church

534 St. Louis Street

Edwardsville, IL 62025

See flyer on Website for Zoom information.

Meeting format:

1st Zoom Only

2nd Hybrid (in-person & Zoom)

3rd Zoom Only

4th Zoom Only

5th Speaker Meeting – Hybrid (in-person & Zoom)

True Path to Freedom Alateen is returning August 7th

Sunday 6:30 – 7:30 pm

Chapel of the Cross Lutheran Church

907 Jungerman Rd.

St. Peters, MO. 63376

Enter in the rear

For more information contact Amy N. at beginwithme2008@gmail.com

\*Our monthly newsletter, Sincerely Al-Anon, is a great way to be informed about what’s happening in St. Louis and surrounding areas. If you are called to service work, one way is to write an article. If you have any questions please call the office. You can sign up for our newsletter at www.stl-al-anon.org.

\*Help us keep the fellowship informed of your meeting’s status. If you become aware of any closure or change, please notify us by email and we will update the website. Aisoffice@stl-al-anon.org. We update our meeting list usually once a week.

\* Many Al-Anon groups, districts, and MO Area & AA (with Al-Anon participation) are planning in person/or virtual events. The office regularly updates our calendar. We put all flyers on our website and a hyper link to for flyers in the Sincerely Al-Anon newsletter. Please let the office know of any events by emailing the office.

\*My Journey Journals

Journals are $12.00 each. They make great gifts or attendance prizes. Please call the office for more information at 314-645-1572.

From January to July 2022, The AIS Office has given out 148 newcomer packets and 2 Alateen packets. With each phone call or walk in we have wonderful chats about the Al-Anon program. Thank you to our many volunteers who when needed call the newcomers.

In Service, Susan C., AIS Office Staff

8. Old Business:

a. Outreach-Police Department Update (Approval/Review meeting deferred)-Blake reported that the meeting at the precinct he contacted has been postponed for a month, but is hopeful to be able to provide police with Al-Anon information to have available on calls. **Topic tabled.**

9. New Business:

a. Literature Coordinator/Literature Liquidation-Blake provided for information purposes that the AIS Office was contacted by the Missouri Area asking if the AIS Office could store their excess literature and if the Office could purchase literature at the same price they paid and the Board approved both requests. The Board’s response included that the Office could purchase literature from the Area, not to exceed what we would pay WSO for literature. Susan will contact the Literature Coordinator to inquire if they have some of the books the AIS Office has as “Out of Stock”.

b. Website Coordinator-Covered under Website Report

c. Christine M.-Review and Election of Prospective Board Member-Christine provided a brief outline of her Al-Anon experience and service. Blake added that there can be nine Board members, so Christine will be a Board member at large, and will be eligible for an officer position at the November election. She was unanimously approved.

10. Open Sharing:

a. Barry reported that the Board approved renaming the Annual Appeal Campaign to Sustaining Support Campaign. Barb updated the document and the revised version will be sent out with the IR minutes. There were no objections from the IRs.

b. There was a question if those who contribute online monthly could designate for the Appeal or as a Group Contribution. Susan explained that there is an area where the type of contribution can be notated if it’s a group or individual contribution. If it’s for the Appeal, that should be noted. If nothing is noted, Susan said it would be entered as Guest Miscellaneous Contribution. Barry added that individual contributions over $20 would receive a tax receipt letter. Susan stated that she would prepare an article regarding this topic for the next Sincerely Al-Anon newsletter.

c. Mary Kay welcomed the visitors and explained that to become an IR the member would need to be elected by their group and then notify the AIS Office of their position.

d. Susan invited members to join the District 15 picnic on August 13th and to refer to the flyer on the website for details.

11. Meeting Close-The next meeting will be held Thursday, September 1, 2022 at 7:00 pm on Zoom. The meeting adjourned at 7:41 pm with the Serenity Prayer followed by the Al-Anon Declaration.

Respectfully submitted, Mary Kay H., AFG STL Board Secretary