

Intergroup Representatives (IR) Meeting Minutes

February 4th 2021

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, Mary Kay H.-Secretary, Abby S., Blake R., and Linda W. Also present were Marc B.-AIS Office Liaison, and Susan C. and Beth C.-AIS Office.

I. A moment of silence was followed by the Serenity Prayer.

II. Concept 2 was read.

III. Introductions were made. There were 35 members present which included 24 IRs; 4 were new IRs.

IV. Announcements/upcoming events-There were attachments sent out with the IR meeting reminder.

V. Secretary Report-January Meeting Minutes were emailed prior to the meeting, reviewed and approved unanimously.

VI. Treasurer Report-The Treasurer Reports were emailed prior to the meeting. Annette reported that December shows a surplus of \$2, 219, year-end surplus of \$590 and reserves of \$74,400. She also presented a six month budget for 2021 based on the last six months of 2020. Based on the reserve guidelines, she is recommending that no reserves be contributed to AFG-Missouri or WSO. The treasurer reports were approved unanimously.

VII. After Hours Phone Answering Report-Peggy B. reported that they had 3 calls in January.

VIII. Website Report-(Bill B. provided a report post-meeting.) Chris E. stated that there were no major changes or updates. The website had 873 unique visitors.

IX. Office Report-Susan C. reported the AIS Office has a new employee Beth C. During the pandemic, Sue leaves the office between 2:30 & 3 pm on Thursday to make the bank deposit. They sent out 25 newcomer packets in February. The large print ODAT is available for a reduced price of \$12.50. Members are

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encouraged to sign up for emails which are the best way to get Zoom meeting information and events. The next staff meeting is February 8th.

X. Outreach Report-Abby reported that Public Outreach found four (4) speakers for UMSL in March and four (4) for Maryville in February. They connected the Rockwood School District with A.A. and District 13 Rep, Barb D., was helpful in connecting with an A.A. group. Barb D. also offered information to the school district to start an Al-Anon meeting for parents in the school system.

She encouraged the IRs to ask members in their groups and district to volunteer for public outreach and to contact the AIS Office to be a speaker.

The Public Outreach billboard campaign is called Happy Birthday Lois. The estimated cost will be \$3,000 (more expensive if closer to St. Louis) and \$305 has been collected. Examples of the billboards with costs and possible locations on I-70 and I-44 were presented. A six month contract is required for the billboards. She asked that IRs ask members to make contributions, checks payable to AFG STL with notation for Happy Birthday Lois P.O., and mail to the AIS Office.

XI. Old Business:

a. Journal Fundraiser Update-Patty S. reported that 670 of the 1,000 journals have been sold. Bill B. suggested putting the Journal flyer on the Missouri website. Patty S. suggested the AIS Office put a Journal in baskets for upcoming events. She also reminded groups to consider donating journals as an outreach project to rehab centers, etc. New IR, Lois S., offered to show to Illinois groups.

b. Donations to Libraries Update-Mary Kay H. followed up on a suggestion from the December meeting to make additional book donations. Bill B. recommended that the Board continue to review and make donations to libraries. No further action needed at IR meetings.

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c. Visiting Committee Revival-Mary Kay H. is coordinating visits to groups without IRs. She provided her email address and phone # so IRs can contact her directly to help visit groups to recruit additional IRs.

d. WSO Temporary Meeting Change form-Mary Kay H. reported that the February Sincerely Al-Anon has an article regarding recommendation by Board to use the WSO meeting change forms found on their website. When WSO is informed of a meeting change, the WSO, Missouri and St. Louis websites are updated. The AIS Office should also be notified by email of all meeting changes.

XII. New Business:

a. Amendment to the Articles-Marc B. stated that the Articles of Incorporation show that we have five (5) Board members. The Board authorized the Articles of Incorporation to be amended and the number of Board members will be set forth in the Bylaws for the Corporation. The Amendment was approved unanimously. Marc B. will send to Bill B. for his signature.

XIII. Open Sharing:

- a. Additional discussion regarding the use of the WSO Meeting Change form.
- b. Marc B. suggested the municipal libraries that are not part of the St. Louis County Library system be contacted. **Topic tabled for next Board meeting.**

The next meeting will be held Thursday, March 4, 2021 at 7:00 PM on Zoom.

Meeting adjourned at 7:57 pm with the Serenity Prayer followed by the Al-Anon Declaration.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Kay H., AFG STL Board Secretary