

Southern Arizona Al-Anon Information Service (AIS) Business Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, October 4 , 2023

6:30-7:45 PM

The meeting was called to order at 6:30 p.m. by Kathy M. with a moment of silence followed by the Serenity Prayer.

Welcome and Courtesy Guidelines – Kathy M.

Step 10 – Julie

Tradition 10 – Lisa

Concept 10 – Kathy M.

Introductions –Rhea S. was introduced as a new Information Service Representative (ISR). Marilyn M. was introduced as a new Group Representative (GR). There were no new Alternate GRs. Jennie W. was introduced as the new District 23 Representative (DR).

Participants included:

Kathy M.	Alice W.	Cynthia V.	Marilyn
Monta	Julia C.	Ricki	Lisa J.
Sue C.	Steve R.	Julie	Ellen R.
Mary Jane G.	Rhea S.	Sydney C.	Anne S.
Leigh S.	Bob H.	Judith P.	Jennie W.
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18 voting members were present.

The September Business Meeting Minutes were approved by consent.

The September Treasurer’s Report was approved by consent.

The 7th Tradition was observed – Participants were encouraged to pay by the following methods: Check (sent to PO Box 44003, Tucson, AZ 85733); or Zelle (using the email address reasurer@so-az-alanon.org).

Old Business

Bring a Friend. Kathy discussed the “Bring a Friend” event. The event will be held on Wednesday, December 6, 2023, from 6:00 pm to 7:45 pm. The Christ United Methodist Church, 655 N. Craycroft Rd., Tucson, has agreed to rent space to AIS. Although the event is on the Church’s calendar, the Church has not sent the paperwork to Kathy to sign. Kathy is hoping to sign the paperwork soon. Kathy has speakers for the event. AIS will provide pizza and those attending are encouraged to bring a salad or dessert.

Pima County Jail Coordinator Position. Sydney C., the current Pima County Jail Coordinator, spoke of the need to find someone to replace her as she has served in the position for 6 years and is stepping down in the next few months. Sydney C. spoke of how rewarding her experience has been working as the Coordinator and that the personnel at the jail provide great support to the person filling the position. Sydney is going to prepare an email for Alice W. to send to the AIS list regarding the duties of the position and seeking someone to fill the position.

New Business

New Message Coordinator. Kathy has received interest from one person indicating that they are interested in filling the position. Hopefully, the person will follow up with Kathy.

Election Chairperson. Sue C. volunteered to fill this non-permanent position. Elections will be held on February 7, 2024, during the So. Ariz. AIS Business Meeting on Zoom. Sue C is preparing a flyer for Alice W. to send to the AIS list.

Reports and Announcements

District 20. Ricki is stepping down this month from the position as the District 20 Representative. Everyone thanked Ricki for her service. Ricki reported that the Monday 10:30 am “Thrive—Not Just Survive” adult child meeting is doing well but the Monday 12 Noon Study Group is struggling for members.

District 24. Julia discussed several concerns: (1) a couple of group meetings are at risk of shutting down and what can be done to increase attendance. Both of the meetings at risk of closing are held at St. Paul’s Methodist Church, 8051 E. Broadway—the 5 pm Gift of Hope Meeting on Sunday and the 7 pm Thursday Nite Eastside AFG. (2) So. Ariz. AIS still does not have anyone to fill the position of 12 Step Coordinator and no one may be returning messages left on the AIS phone; and, (3) there are several GR positions open and it is difficult to find individuals to fill service positions at meetings.

District 5. Anne S. was welcomed as the new District Representative for District 5. Anne S. reported that there are two on-line meetings in her District—one is doing well, and one is struggling.

Public Outreach Coordinator. Judith P. reported that she is still working on helping set up an interview between a local reporter and an Alateen member.

Liaison to AA. Bob reported that he would be reviewing the AA So. Ariz. Intergroup Website and attending their business meeting, which is held the 2nd Sunday of each month. He is also asking to be put on their distribution list.

Literature Coordinator. Leigh reported that orders come in in “peaks and valleys.” Last week he had 8 orders, 3 of which he was able to deliver in person to avoid postage. This

week he has only had 2 orders. He has recently placed an order with WSO for approximately \$600. The new daily reader titled “A little Time for Myself, A Collection of Al Anon Personal Experiences” is still on back-order. Leigh does have the Spanish version of the reader in stock.

Treasurer. Cynthia asked that each Intergroup make sure that the group contributions page of the monthly financial report accurately reflects that group’s monthly contribution to AIS.

Chairperson. Kathy M. sought individuals to be on the Budget Committee. Sue C., Alice W. and Kathy M. agreed to be on the Budget Committee chaired by Cynthia.

Kathy M. closed the meeting at 7:20 p.m. with the Al-Anon Declaration.

Next Southern Arizona AIS Meeting:

Wednesday, November 1, 2023

6:30-7:45 PM

Zoom Meeting

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Respectfully submitted by Alice W., Secretary.