

## **Southern Arizona Al-Anon Information Service (AIS) Steering Committee Minutes**

**Wednesday, October 18, 2023**

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m. by Kathy M. with a moment of silence followed by the Serenity Prayer.

Concept 10 was read by Kathy M.

Participants included Kathy M., Alice W., Cynthia V., Michelle Y., Leigh S., V., Mike M., Michele Y, Gene T, and Dick B.

### **Matters Discussed**

**Treasurer's Report.** Cynthia discussed the ample reserve guideline that provides that AIS will maintain an ample reserve of four months of operating expenses. Cynthia asked whether the ample reserve amount considered anticipated income from literature sales. She also asked how often the amount up and above the ample reserve should be distributed to WSO and the Arizona Area. The consensus of the group was that she should bring the issue of how often to distribute amounts up and above the ample reserve amount back to the group in four months.

**Bring a Friend.** Kathy discussed the "Bring a Friend" event that is being held on Wednesday, December 6, 2023, at the Social Hall Christ Church United Methodist, 655 N Craycroft Rd, Tucson, from 6:00 pm to 7:45 pm. Kathy noted that she still has not received a proposed contract from the Church but will follow-up by November 1 with her contact at the Church.

**Elections/Open Positions.** Sue C. has agreed to be the Elections Coordinator. There was a discussion of open positions including the Women's Prison Coordinator Position.

**Budget for 2024.** Cynthia V. noted that the Budget Committee met on October 16, and she reviewed line-by-line the Committee's proposed budget, comparing the budget from 2013 to the proposed 2024 budget. The consensus of the group was to present the proposed budget at the November AIS Business Meeting for its approval. Cynthia V. noted that literature sales in 2023 have been aggressive due to sales of the new reader, and income from literature sales may be less in 2024. The proposed budget adjusts for this possibility.

**Literature Report.** Leigh S. reported that he now has the new reader, and he will be able to fill orders for the new reader.

**Email from Brothers of the Desert Men's AFG.** The group discussed the email received from the Brothers of the Desert Men's AFG, which stated that at their business meeting on September 12, the group had decided the following: "The Brothers of the Desert Men's AFG

7<sup>th</sup> Tradition contributions will be held in a special account until the policy of discrimination against Al-Anon members who attend AA ends. Once the policy ends, the funds will be distributed.” The group also reviewed the Al-Anon/AlaTeen Service manual at page 87 that provides that it is the policy that “Al-Anon members who are also members of A.A. participate fully in all group activities, including group conscience decisions. However, they do not hold Al-Anon service positions that vote in matters affecting another group or Al-Anon or A.A. as a whole.” It was further noted that the policy preventing members of A.A. from holding service positions above the family group level is a frequent topic of discussion at WSO meetings but WSO has not voted to change the policy. The group consensus was that without a decision by the WSO to change the WSO policy, So. Ariz. AIS has no authority to change the WSO policy or the consistent Guidelines of So. Ariz. AIS.

Kathy M. closed the meeting around 6:45. p.m. with the Al-Anon Declaration.

**Next Southern Arizona AIS Steering Committee Meeting:**

**Wednesday, November 15, 2023**

**Time 6:00 PM – 7:30 PM**

**Zoom Number 827 5938 5248 – Pass Code 474954**

Submitted by Alice W.

Secretary