

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

Wednesday, November 1, 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 11 – Julia C.

Tradition 11 – Sue C.

Concept 11 – Kathy M.

Introductions –Marilyn H. was introduced as the new Alternate GR for the Reaching for Personal Freedom family group. There were no other new Information Service Representatives (ISR), Group Representatives (GR), Alternate GRs or District Representatives (DR).

Participants included:

Kathy M.	Alice W.	Cynthia V.	Monta
Leigh S.	Eve	Julia C.	Marilyn H.
Mike M.	Ellen S.	Sue C.	Ellen R.
Andrew M.	Rhea S.	Mary Jane	Gene T.
Julie			

16 voting members were present.

The October Business Meeting Minutes were approved by consent.

The October 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 treasurer@so-az-alanon.org).

Old Business

Bring a Friend. Kathy M. discussed the “Bring a Friend” event. The event will be held on Wednesday, December 6, 2023, from 6:00 pm to 7:45 pm. Note that the event starts 30 minutes earlier than Zoom AIS meetings. The Christ United Methodist Church, 655 N. Craycroft Rd., Tucson, has agreed to rent space to AIS for the event. The Church has sent the paperwork to Kathy M. AIS will provide pizza and those attending are encouraged to bring a salad or dessert. Alice W. will send out a flier. Ricki and Debbie B. have agreed to be the speakers at the event.

Open Positions.

- Sue. C. is the Elections Chairperson. Elections will be held at the Zoom Business Meeting on February 7, 2024. Sue C. said that she was available to come and talk to any family group about the value of service and the positions that are open. Contact Sue C. if you would like her to come and talk at a particular family group meeting. Kathy M. prepared a flier about the elections and Alice W. has sent the flier to the AIS list.
- The Area Liaison position is open along with DR positions and other Coordinator positions.
- The position of Pima County Jail Coordinator has not been filled. Alice W. sent out a flier to the AIS list about the position. If anyone is interested in filling the position, please contact Sydney C., the current coordinator.
- It appears that the Message Coordinator position has hopefully been filled.

New Business

Budget. Cynthia V. reported that the Steering Committee was recommending the adoption of the proposed 2024 Budget that had been sent out previously by Alice W. to the AIS list for review. Cynthia V. reviewed the proposed 2024 Budget line-by-line, comparing it with 2023 YTD revenues and expenses. Cynthia V. noted that the proposed 2024 Budget reflected (1) a reduction in revenues from the sale of literature, as the new reader generated substantial sales in 2023 that probably will not be duplicated in 2024; (2) a reduction in contributions; and, (3) a reduction in contributions to the Area and WSO because the amount that AIS had been holding for several years to cover the expense of a physical office was dispersed in 2023 to the Area and WSO.

Sue S. made a motion to approve the proposed 2024 Budget. Andrew M. seconded the motion. The motion passed with a unanimous vote.

Reports and Announcements

District 24. Julia C. discussed that District 24 will be planning and hosting the Area World Service Committee (AWSC) in 2024. Julia C. explained that in between Area Assemblies, the AWSC meets twice a year and is attended by the Area Assembly Officers, District Representatives, Al-Anon Information Service Liaisons and Area Coordinators. The Area Assembly agenda is planned, information and reports are conveyed, and decisions may be made that cannot wait until the next Area Assembly. Julia C. also reported that District 24 had lost a few family groups, and this was reflected on the most recent Family Group List. Julia also noted that several GR's in District 24 are terming out and there is a need to fill these positions.

Literature Coordinator. Leigh S. reported that literature orders are slowing down. 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 this new reader in stock.

Web Coordinator. Reporting for Tim S, Andrew M. reported the speakers from the international convention are now on the So. Ariz. AIS website. The password is afg.

4th Step Workshop. Mike M. reported that the Monday Night Men’s Group is planning a 4th Step Workshop in 2024.

Kathy M. closed the meeting at 7:00 p.m. with the Al-Anon Declaration.

Next Southern Arizona AIS Meeting:

Wednesday, December 6, 2023

In-Person Meeting

Christ United Methodist Church, 655 N. Craycroft Rd., Tucson

Respectfully submitted by Alice W., Secretary.