

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

Wednesday, February 7, 2023

Zoom Meeting

6:30-7:45 PM

Call to Order, Serenity Prayer, and Opening Business

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 2 – Anne S.

Tradition 2 – Sydney C.

Concept 2 – Kathy M.

Introductions – There was one new Information Service Representative—Anne S. is the new ISR for District 5 (Sierra Vista), and three new Group Representatives—Anne S. Ened, and Mary Lou. There were no new Alternate GRs or District Representatives.

Participants included:

Kathy M.	Alice W.	Ened	Jennie W.
Rhea	Anne S.	Julia C.	Judith P.
Dick B.	Leigh S.	Andrew M.	Sue C.
Monta A.	Marcia	Ellen S.	Tim S.
Autum H.	Sydney C.	Cecilla N.	Ilsa B.
Mary Lou	Luz P.	Mary Jane	Mike M.

19 voting members were present.

The January Business Meeting Minutes were approved by consent with one minor correction—In the last line of page one, “12 Step Coordinator” now reads “12 Step Call Coordinator.”

The January Financial Report was approved by consent. Kathy M. reminded everyone to include family group information on any family group check or, if a family group contribution is made through the website, send an email to the Treasure, Cynthia V., at treasurere@so-az-alanon.org. referencing the family group name and/or group number. If this is not done, the donation will be considered an individual donation and not a family group donation. Also, each family group should check the monthly financial report to make sure family group contributions are properly attributed to the family group. If a contribution is not properly attributed, contact the Treasurer.

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

AWSC February 3 Meeting. Julia C. reported that the spring Area World Service Committee meeting was very successful. Julia C. thanked all the volunteers who helped with the meeting. Julia C. also thanked Anne S. and the Tech Team for the great job they did running the hybrid portion of the meeting. 40 to 45 people attended the meeting in person, including volunteers, and an additional 30 people participated on Zoom.

Spring Assembly March 23. Kathy reminded the group that So. Ariz. AIS is hosting the Area Assembly in Tucson on March 23, 2023, and she still needs volunteers to help with the meeting. If you are interested in helping with the event, contact Kathy M. at aischairperson@so-az-alanon.org.

Delegates Day June 1. Kathy reported that Delegates Day is also being held in Tucson and that a family group has agreed to host the event.

New Business

Elections.

The following individuals were elected to hold the following positions for next year:

AIS Chair	Judith P.
Alternate Chair	Kathy M.
Treasurer	Cynthia V. (Cynthia was not present and the election will be held to fill position next month.)
Secretary	Alice W.
Literature Coordinator	Leigh S.
Web Coordinator	Tim S.
So. Ariz. AIS Liaison to Area	Monta A.
Meeting List Coordinator	Andrew M.
AIS Liaison to AA	Bob H. (Bob was not present and the election will be held to fill position next month.)
Public Outreach Coordinator	Sydney C.

12 Step Call Coordinator	Autum H.
Message Coordinator	Kendra M. (The vote to fill this position was taken at the January AIS business meeting.)
News and Events Coordinator	Position is Open. (Marilynn has expressed interest in the position. Sue will contact to confirm.)
Alateen Coordinator	Position is Open
Translation Coordinator	Position is Open

Survey. Sue C., the Elections Chair, reported on the results of the service survey. The results of the survey were interesting, including why people began service above the family group level (a significant number were asked to serve) and the value of service above the family group level. Sue C. will send results of survey to Alice C. to distribute and Marta will report the survey results to the Assembly.

Everyone thanked Sue C. for her efforts as Elections Chair and for conducting the Service Survey.

Audit. The audit should be completed by the middle of February with a report at the March AIS business meeting.

Reimbursements. Kathy M. reminded members not to spend AIS money without first obtaining the prior approval of the Steering Committee.

Announcements, Coordinator and Officer Reports

Literature Coordinator. Leigh spoke about the amount AIS is charging for literature. Currently, AIS does not charge for shipping and other related shipping costs, and therefore more is spent on literature than is made on the sale of literature. The consensus of the group was that this is OK. AIS is a service organization with its primary purpose being to provide the Al-Anon message to others. Distribution of literature to our members is one of the primary ways the message is distributed. The consensus of the group was that shipping charges and related costs were anticipated in the budget, and donations far exceed these expenses.

Assembly. Anne S. asked for volunteers to help with the hybrid portion of the Assembly meeting to be held in March.

Meeting Location Change. Mary Lou announced that two family group meetings—the Peace of Mind Newcomer family group meeting held at 6 PM on Sunday at the Holy Way Presbyterian Church and the Women’s Step by Step family group meeting held at 6:30 pm held on Monday at the Holy Way Presbyterian Church—are

changing location to the Mr. Zion Lutheran Church located at 4520 W. Ajo Way. The days and times of these two meetings will remain the same.

Kathy M. closed the meeting at 8:00 p.m. with the Al-Anon Declaration.

Next Southern Arizona AIS Meeting:

Wednesday March 6, 2024

6:30-7:45 PM

Zoom Meeting

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Respectfully submitted by Alice W., Secretary.