

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

Wednesday, May 3, 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 5 – Julia C.

Tradition 5 – Anne S.

Concept 5 – Kathy M.

Introductions – Anne S. is the new GR for New Way of Living in Sierra Vista. There were no other new Information Service Representatives (ISRs), Group Representatives (GRs), Alternate GRs, or District Representatives (DRs).

Participants included:

Kathy M.	Alice W.	Julia C.	Leigh
Ellen R	Judith P.	Greg M.	Kathleen M.
Lisa J.	Andrew	Anne S.	Cynthia
Brian C.	Bob H.	Dick B.	Mike M.

13 voting members (and 3 non-voting) were present.

April Business Meeting Minutes approved by consent following one non-substantive change recommended by Alice W.

May Treasurer’s report approved by consent.

The 7th Tradition was observed – Participants were encouraged to pay by the following methods: PayPal; Zelle or a check made out to AIS and sent to the PO box on the website.

Old Business

Website. Andrew M. reported that the new website and new Gmail addresses were operational.

New Business

Task Force Recommendations re AIS Positions. Kathy M. reported that the Steering Committee had reviewed the Task Force and considered the Task Force’s recommendations regarding AIS positions. The Steering Committee is proposing keeping

positions, modifying positions, and eliminating positions as referenced on the attached chart. There was discussion re eliminating positions. The proposed elimination of individual positions will be voted on at the June business meeting.

Reports

District 20. Julia C. reported for Ricki, who was not present. District 20 had a picnic that went very well with approximately 35 to 40 people in attendance.

District 24. Julia C. reported that the District 24 GRs met last week. District 24 has an excess amount of funds. The GRs voted to make a significant contribution to WSO. The GRs tabled a motion to send the Area money to support hybrid meetings. Area officers are going to be doing a mini workshop about what it takes to host the Area Convention, and there is hope that Southern Arizona may bid for the 2023 Convention.

Treasurer. Cynthia V. reported that Chase Bank is doing away with free checking accounts for nonprofits. Going forward, if AIS does not keep at least \$2,000 in its checking account, it will be charged \$15 a month. Cynthia asked if AIS should move its prudent reserve funds to an interest-bearing account. The Steering Committee will consider this matter at its May meeting.

Public Outreach. Judith P. reported on her efforts to prioritize outreach efforts, including establishing a committee on outreach, contacting the Tucson Police Department, and sending a questionnaire to Alateens.

Literature Coordinator. Leigh S. reported that he was low in inventory in some areas and would be placing a literature order with WSO soon.

Speakers Meeting. Mike M. reported that the hybrid p.m. Monday Men's Meeting at Summit Ridge Church will be a speakers meeting because the regularly scheduled fifth Monday Meeting in May is Memorial Day. All are welcome.

Kathy M. closed the meeting at 7:25 p.m. with the Al-Anon Declaration.

Next Southern Arizona AIS Meeting:

Wednesday, June 7, 2023

6:30-7:45 PM

Zoom Meeting

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Respectfully submitted by Alice W., Secretary.

