

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

Wednesday, July 5, 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 7 – Ricki

Tradition 7 – Anne S.

Concept 7 – Kathy M.

Introductions – There were no new Information Service Representatives (ISRs), Group Representatives (GRs), Alternate GRs, or District Representatives (DRs).

Participants included:

Ellen S.	Alice W.	Leigh S.	Monta
Kathy M.	Judith P.	Tim S.	Ellen R.
Ricki	Cynthia V.	Lisa J.	Andrew M.
Anne S.	Julie		

14 voting members were present.

June Business Meeting Minutes were approved by consent.

June 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 (email address listed as treasurer @ so-az-alanon.org).

Old Business

None

New Business

Message Coordinator. Kathy M. had prepared, and the group reviewed, the job description for a message coordinator. This position is being created in light of the decision to eliminate the office coordinator position. The person in this position will be responsible for responding to messages left on the telephone number listed on the website. This new proposed position will be voted on at the August Business Meeting. Kathy noted that she will be proposing revised Guidelines removing the language that lists the Office Coordinator as an AIS Officer.

Kathy noted that we need to find a person to fill this position because the person currently answering messages is stepping down.

News and Events Coordinator. Kathy M. proposed a new job description titled News and Events Coordinator to replace the Al-Anon Note Editor position. This new proposal will be voted on at the August Business Meeting.

Reserve Fund. Currently, AIS has \$14,000 in its Reserve Fund. This amount represents AIS expenses for four months but assumes AIS has a physical office. Now that the decision has been made not to reopen the office, a decision needs to be made about how much money should be kept in the Reserve Fund.

The consensus of the group was to create a Task Force to make a recommendation about the amount that should be kept in the Reserve Fund and what portion of any excess should be contributed to the AREA and WSO. Judith P., Kathy M., Leigh S. and Cynthia agreed to be on the Task Force and report back at the August business meeting.

Reports and Announcements

District 20. Ricki noted that the Monday 10:30 am adult child meeting in Green Valley is going well. Ricki reminded the group of the 3rd Saturday speakers meeting and that the AIS Spanish Translator Coordinator would be the next speaker. She also noted that she still does not have enough GRs to have a district meeting.

Chairperson. Kathy reminded the group of the Arizona Area Convention to be held at the Sheraton Mesa Hotel at Wrigleyville West, Mesa, AZ. August 4 – 6, 2023.

Public Outreach Coordinator. Judith P. reported that she had learned a great deal attending the 2023 Al-Anon International Convention held in Albuquerque and she would be reporting further on ideas re public outreach.

Report from Literature Coordinator. Leigh S. reported that he is adding a new reader to the inventory titled “A Little Time for Myself, A Collection of Al Anon Personal Experiences.” The cost of the reader is \$17. There was also discussion of what to do when individuals or groups donate literature.

Web Coordinator. Leigh S. is to let Tim S. know of any updates that need to be made on the web relating to the on-line store.

Tuesday Reach Out for Wisdom. This NW group that meets on Tuesdays at 10:30 am at St. Odilia Church would like to grow.

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

Next Southern Arizona AIS Meeting:

Wednesday, August 2, 2023

6:30-7:45 PM

Zoom Meeting

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Respectfully submitted by Alice W., Secretary.