

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

Wednesday, September 6, 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 9 – Lisa J.

Tradition 9 – Julia C.

Concept 9 – Kathy M.

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

Participants included:

Kathy M.	Alice W.	Ricki	Julia C.
Marcia	Mike M.	Ellen R.	Tim S.
Mike D.	Judith P.	Lisa J.	Anne S.
Ellen S.	Steve R.		

14 voting members were present.

The August Business Meeting Minutes were approved by consent.

The August Treasurer’s Report was approved by consent.

The 7<sup>th</sup> 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**

**Bring a Friend.** Kathy discussed that the “Bring a Friend” event will be held on Wednesday, December 6, 2023, in the Social Hall at Christ United Methodist Church, 655 N. Craycroft Rd, Tucson, from 6:00 pm to 7:45 pm. The purpose of the event is to learn more about how AIS can support family groups and can also support an individual’s program through participating in AIS. Kathy has speakers for the event. AIS will provide pizza and those attending are encouraged to bring a salad or dessert. Kathy has prepared a save-the-date flier to distribute regarding the event.

**Financial Matters.** Kathy and the group discussed the following:

The audit is complete.

Cynthia V. dispersed amounts in excess of the “ample reserve.” The “ample reserve” is defined as the amount covering four months of expenses and is currently set at \$10,000. For August, after paying for literature and other expenses, Cynthia V. distributed \$3,732.46 to the Arizona Area (75% of the excess amount above the ample reserve) and \$1,244.15 to the World Service Organization (“WSO”(25% of the excess amount above the ample reserve).

**Elections.** Kathy M. and the group discussed the following:

Elections are approximately six months away—positions will be filled during the February AIS Business meeting. An email has been sent to remind members of open positions.

As the AIS chairperson, Kathy M. is completing her third year of service. According to the AIS Intergroup by-laws, she will be stepping down at the end of January.

The other positions that are currently open are as follows:

- Alternate Chairperson
- Alateen Coordinator
- News and Events Coordinator
- 12 Step Call Coordinator

In addition to Kathy, the individuals holding the following positions will be stepping down at the end of January:

- Message Coordinator--this position is currently being filled by J.
- Women's Prison Coordinator--this position is currently being filled by Sydney, who has held the position for three years. She will be stepping down at the end of January.

If anyone is interested in receiving a copy of any of the position descriptions, please email Kathy M. at [aischairperson@so-az-alanon.org](mailto:aischairperson@so-az-alanon.org) and she will send the position description to the person making the request.

## **New Business**

There was no new business.

## **Reports and Announcements**

**Area World Service Committee (AWSC).** Julia C. reported that she will be attending the Area World Service Committee meeting this Saturday in Casa Grande. Julia C. explained that AWSC meetings are held twice a year and consist of Assembly Officers, DRs, Area Coordinators, and Liaison members. The Committee meets between Assemblies to discuss Area and District matters, plan the agenda for the Assembly, initiate projects, and make recommendations to the Assembly.

**Men’s Prison Coordinator.** Mike M. reported that he will be taking over this position.

**Public Outreach Coordinator.** Judith P. reported that a local reporter is interested in interviewing an Alateen member. Also, AA is holding a workshop in the fall, and AIS will have a table at the event with literature for sale. Judith may need volunteers to work the table. More on this will follow.

**Meeting List Coordinator.** Steve R. reported that the Alateen meetings were listed this month on the revised Meeting List.

**Technology Coordinator.** Tim S. reported that he has tweaked the online store so that only orders that reference an Arizona shipping address are filled. Also, coordinators and liaisons with new AIS email addresses should contact Tim S. if they want to coordinate their AIS email with their personal email.

**Literature Coordinator.** Kathy M. reported that the new daily reader titled “A little Time for Myself, A Collection of Al Anon Personal Experiences” is on back order from WSO.

**Steering Committee.** Kathy M. reported that there will be no Steering Committee meeting in September.

Kathy M. closed the meeting at 7:15 p.m. with the Al-Anon Declaration.

**Next Southern Arizona AIS Meeting:**

**Wednesday, October 4, 2023**

**6:30-7:45 PM**

**Zoom Meeting**

**Access Code: 879 9286 3715**

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Respectfully submitted by Alice W., Secretary.