

Southern Arizona AIS Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, June 1, 2022

The meeting was called to order at 6:30 p.m. by Kathy with a moment of silence followed by the Serenity Prayer.

Welcome and Courtesy Guidelines – Kathy

Step 6 – Ricki

Tradition 6 – Cheryl

Concept 6 – Rhonda

Participants included Alice, Andrew, Cheryl, Connie, Denise, Frank, Jeff, Julia, Julie, Kathy, Kimberlie, Leigh, Letty, Lisa, Marsha, Mike D, Mike M, Mimi, Monta, Pam, Ricki, Rhonda, Steve, and Sue

20 voting members present

May Minutes approved by consent.

May Treasurer's report approved by consent.

7th Tradition Basket: Donate online or by mail

AIS Items of Interest

Safety Task Force. Kathy reported that the group is meeting.

Office. Several members shared the results of discussions within their groups on the matter of opening an office. One individual missed being able to stop by the office and browse the literature; another missed the opportunity to socialize; a third valued the experience of serving as a volunteer. There was, however, general agreement among the groups that (1) the current literature distribution system is working well; (2) office costs would not be offset by any substantial benefits; and (3) finding volunteers would likely prove to be a challenge.

Mike M. made a motion for AIS to continue operating without an office and to review this matter in one year. Cheryl seconded the motion. The vote was 18 for the motion, with 1 abstention.

AIS meetings. There was further discussion (from the May AIS meeting) on the format for AIS meetings. All who spoke wished to continue meeting on Zoom except for the “Bring a Friend” meeting. Kathy will investigate holding that meeting in-person during October or November.

On a related topic, several members expressed an interest in having Founder’s Day (last week of February) meet in-person if possible.

AA Convention.

Mimi reported that the organizers of the 2022 AA Arizona State Convention (August 26th-28th at Casino Del Sol in Tucson) have asked if AIS is interested in setting up a literature table at the convention. All sales would go to AIS. Frank said that he would need to purchase additional literature as soon as possible. Sue said that AIS has sufficient funds to make the purchases. Sue made a motion to provide literature for sale at the AA Arizona State Convention. Ricki seconded the motion. The vote was 17 for the motion, 1 against, with 2 abstentions. Sue will try to add Square as a purchase option (in addition to cash or check). Mimi will coordinate with Mike M and Frank in sending out a virtual sign-up sheet for volunteers wishing to help set up the table and work two or three hour shifts at the convention.

Officer / Coordinator / DR Announcements & Reports

District 24. Julia reported that the district will meet this month.

District 20. Ricki reported that the district may soon have seven meetings and expects an eighth meeting, a speaker meeting, to begin meeting face-to-face in September.

Web Coordinator. Andrew reported that the website is now HTTPS.

Treasurer. Sue reported that there will be two service opportunities in the coming months: the Second Audit Committee (July) and the Budget Committee (Fall).

AIS Chairperson. Kathy reported that the AI-a-Note Editor had to stepdown. Anyone interested in this position should contact Kathy. Other open positions include Alternate Chairperson, Secretary, Seventh Tradition, Archives, Meeting List, and Public Outreach.

Mike M. passed along a request from Debbie B., Area Group Records Coordinator, who is asking all groups to notify her of any changes over the last several months, along with any future changes, to their group's meeting format, location, time, etc. Kathy will send an email with a link for reporting the changes to Debbie.

Monta reported that the program is set for the 2022 Arizona Al-Anon / Alateen Convention with AA participation (July 8th-10th, Westin La Paloma, Tucson). There will be many marathon meetings. Issues with on-line registration are being resolved. Registrants are asked to fill out all information on the registration form.

Kathy closed the meeting at 7:30 with the Al-Anon Declaration.

Next Southern Arizona AIS Meeting:

July 6, 2022

6:30-7:45 PM

Zoom Meeting

Access Code: 879 9286 3715

Passcode: 913121

Respectfully submitted for the Secretary by Steve R.