

## Southern Arizona AIS Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, March 2, 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 3 – Julia

Tradition 3 – Sue

Concept 3 – Leigh

Participants included Alice, Andrew, Brian, Cheryl, Connie, Debbie P, Denise, Elaine, Jeff, Jennifer, Julia, Julie, Kathy, Kimberlie, Leigh, Letty, Marla, Mike D, Monta, Nancy, Pam, Ricki, Steve, Sue, and Sylvie

21 voting members present

February Minutes approved by consent.

February Treasurer's report approved by consent.

7<sup>th</sup> Tradition Basket: Donate online or by mail

### **AIS Items of Interest**

**Election of Officers.** Debbie P. was elected as the AI-A-Note Coordinator. Mike D. was elected as the AIS Liaison.

Positions still open: Alternate Chairperson, Office Manager, Secretary, 7<sup>th</sup> Tradition Coordinator, Archives, Alateen Coordinator, Public Outreach, Meeting List Coordinator, District 21 Rep, District 22 Rep, District 23 Rep, District 25 Rep. Kathy noted that if the Alternate Chairperson position is not filled, the Steering Committee will not meet every month. Anyone interested in filling these positions should contact Kathy.

**Audit Committee.** Kathy reported that the Audit Committee met and determined that the AIS finances are order.

**Safety Workshop Committee.** Volunteers are needed to serve on the Safety Workshop Committee. This committee has collected information from WSO and the Area related to safety at group meetings. The discussion of what to do with that information was tabled at the onset of the pandemic. Anyone interested in serving on this committee should contact Kathy.

A member spoke of a concern over safety following encounters with an individual at two in-person meetings. Several members shared their experience, strength, and hope on this topic. Points raised included (1) the possibility of taking a group conscience to ban an individual from attending a group's meeting; (2) the need to determine what type of behavior would warrant taking such a group conscience; and (3) the need to consider the principles of the program in taking a group conscience. Experience, strength, and hope were also offered on ways to avoid such encounters and still draw upon the resources of the program (e.g., attending electronic meetings, meeting with a sponsor or al-anon friends, etc.).

**Area Assembly.** Elaine G reported that the Area Assembly will take place on Saturday, March 26, at Casas Church, 10801 N. La Cholla Blvd., using a hybrid format. Steps to Freedom is hosting the breakfast and needs volunteers to help with (1) set-up; (2) serving; (3) refreshing drinks; and (4) clean-up. Volunteers are also needed to donate food for the breakfast. Kathy will send out an email with Elaine's contact information and a sign-up sheet.

**Officer / Coordinator / DR Announcements & Reports.**

**District 24.** Julia reported that she attended AWSC. She is setting up lines of communication between the groups in the district. She also asked for help in determining the status of groups listed as meeting at Mostly Books.

**District 20.** Ricki reported that future district meetings will be held every other month.

**Meeting List.** Steve asked for help in determining the status of meetings for which he has no current information (the meetings listed in black on the meeting list PDF).

**Treasurer.** Sue requested that groups making 7<sup>th</sup> Tradition donations via PayPal send her an email identifying the name of the group making the donation. She also reported that she will be out of town during March and that Michelle has offered to assist her during her absence.

**AIS Chairperson.** Kathy reported an increase in the AIS liability insurance, from \$447 to \$515 per year.

Kathy closed the meeting at 7:20 with the Al-Anon Declaration.

**Next Southern Arizona AIS Meeting:**

**April 6**

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

**Zoom Meeting**

**Access Code: 879 9286 3715**

**Passcode: 913121**

Respectfully submitted for the Secretary by Steve R.