

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

**Wednesday, October 5, 2022**

**In-Person “Bring a Friend” Meeting**

**Christ Church United Methodist Social Hall**

**655 N. Craycroft Road**

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m. by Kathy with a moment of silence followed by the Serenity Prayer.

Welcome and Courtesy Guidelines – Kathy

Step 10 – Monica

Tradition 10 – Sue

Concept 10 – Kathy

Introductions—Bob was introduced as a new Information Service Representative. There were no other new Information Service Representatives (ISRs), Group Representatives (GRs), Alternate GRs, or District Representatives (GRs).

Participants included Kathy, Sue, Alice, Joe, Monica, Cynthia, Lee, Judy, Marsha, Ellen, Mike, Jeff, Bob, Frank, Gene, Karen, Julie, Julia, and Mary.

14 voting members present

September minutes approved by consent.

September Treasurer’s report approved by consent.

The 7<sup>th</sup> Tradition Basket was passed, and participants were also encouraged to donate online or by mail. Sue encouraged participants to try using Zelle.

**Old Business**

**Elections Chairperson.** Kathy discussed the need for an Elections Chairperson. Participants agreed to advertise the need for an Elections Chairperson in their family groups.

**External Audit.** Sue reported that she has checked and AIS, which is a small 501C3, is not legally required to do a more formal external audit.

**New Business**

**Four Primary Ideas.** Sue read the “Four Primary Ideas” from the Service Manual.

**Tucson Festival of Books.** Kathy and Sue led a discussion of whether the Festival of Books would be an appropriate venue to carry the Al Anon message. Participants discussed the cost of

the booth, the number of volunteer hours to staff the booth, whether there was enough inventory to sell literature at the event and possible confidentiality issues. The idea was tabled for the Tucson Festival of Books for spring 2023.

**Literature.** Frank reported that WSO increased prices of literature to AIS in August. Frank also reported that the prices are now all even numbers. There was discussion that AIS could not charge prices for literature less than WSO prices and that prices on the Southern Arizona Al-Anon website should reflect the new WSO prices as soon as possible. Newcomer packet materials, including a copy of How Al-Anon Works, will remain free of charge to newcomers.

Frank also reported that using an excel spreadsheet was never intended to be a permanent solution for keeping track of sales and inventory of literature stored in the storage shed. Mike and Andrew are obtaining more information about how an on-line store would work and will bring information to the next Steering Committee.

**Founders Day.** No one has volunteered to chair Founders Day, which is scheduled to occur on February 25, 2023. Participants are to seek a volunteer in their family groups. If no one volunteers, the event will not be held.

#### **Officer/Coordinator/DR Announcements and Reports**

**Treasurer.** Sue reminded participants that if a family group makes a donation to Southern Arizona Al-Anon on-line, they need to identify the particular family group making the donation. If payment is made by PayPal, it does not specify the name of the family group, and this should be done separately in an email.

**District 24.** Julia reported that District 24 is working on creating a Parents Al Anon family group.

**District 22.** Debra has organized an informal group to “find a DR” for District 22.

**Speakers.** Sue and Jeff spoke about their experience and service in Al-Anon.

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

**Next Southern Arizona AIS Meeting:**

**Wednesday, November 2, 2022**

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

**Zoom Meeting**

**Access Code: 879 9286 3715**

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Respectfully submitted by Alice, Secretary.