

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

Wednesday, May 1, 2024

Zoom Meeting

6:30-7:45 PM

Call to Order, Serenity Prayer, and Opening Business

Judith P. called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. with a moment of silence followed by the Serenity Prayer. She also welcomed everyone and read the courtesy guidelines.

Anne S. read Step 5. Leigh S. read Tradition 5. Kathy M. read Concept 5.

There were no new introductions of Information Service Representatives (“ISRs”), Alternate ISRs, Group Representatives (“GRs”), Alternate GRs or District Representatives.

Participants included:

Judith P.	Alice W.	Kathy M.	Cynthia V.
Leigh S.	Monta A.	Ellen S.	Lisa J.
Ellen R.	Mary G.	Tim S.	Autumn H.
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16 voting members were present.

The April Business Meeting Minutes were approved by consent with one revision. The entry regarding Delegates Day was amended--the last sentence in the paragraph should read, “Family Groups will be asked to donate item for the auction, and Monta will be sending out a Flyer.”

The April Financial 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 (using the email address treasurer@so-az-alanon.org).

Old Business

Delegates Day June 1. Monta A. reported on Delegates day, which is being held in Tucson, from 10 am to 3 pm at the Christ Church United Methodist. Breakfast will start at 9:30 am. Volunteers are needed for clean-up, set-up and decorations. 7922. Breakfast items should be dropped off at 9:00 am. Items for the silent auction may be dropped off at 9:00 am. There were suggestions of different types of items for the silent auction--an overnight case, tools and gardening items. Contact Monta A. at 520-404-0787 with any questions.

Literature Procedures/Audit. Cynthia V., the Treasurer, reported that the Thought Force established to consider procedures for literature is going to meet on May 16 for their first meeting.

Insurance. Judith P. reported that insurance issues will be an ongoing items of discussion at the Steering Committee meeting.

Founders Day. Kathy M. reported that planning for the Founders Day will begin after Delegates Day.

Hybrid AIS Meeting -- June 3. Kathy M. reported that AIS will begin having quarterly hybrid meetings the first week of each new quarter, with the first hybrid meeting being on June 3. The meeting will be held in the West Meeting Room at Tucson City Counsel Ward 6, located at 3202 E. 1st St, Tucson. For those participating in the meeting by Zoom, the Access Code and passcode will be the same as for all AIS business meetings—see information at the end of these minutes.

New Business

Ice Cream Social. Judith P. reported that the Steering Committee has proposed having an ice cream social, probably sometime in the summer, and there would be more information provided in the future about the event.

12 Step Calls. Autumn H. reported to the group on her work as the 12 Step Call Coordinator and the need to find volunteers to cover time periods to respond to 12 Step Calls. Autumn H. is developing a flyer for Alice W. to distribute to the AIS list encouraging members to volunteer to help with 12 Step calls. Autumn explained the 12 Step Call process, including the following information:

- A phone number is listed on the So. Ariz. AIS website for a person to call who needs support or has a question about Al-Anon. Calls made to the phone number are routed to a call center.
- The operator at the call center who receives the call then reaches out to the 12-step call volunteer assigned to the time slot and patches the caller through to speak to the 12-step call volunteer. The call center has a list of volunteers and does try to find a volunteer to speak with the caller before asking the caller to call back later.
- In responding to a caller, 12-step call volunteers convey Al-Anon's message of strength and hope, describe their general experience in Al-Anon, and offer family group meeting times and locations and information about literature.
- Any Al-Anon member can volunteer who has been a member of Al-Anon for one year and has a willingness to answer calls.

Contact Autumn with any questions at 12stepcall@so-az-alanon.org

Translation Coordinator. A person has expressed interest in this position. The person needs to be encouraged to come to the next So. Ariz. AIS meeting to be elected to the position.

Announcements, Coordinator and Officer Reports

District 5. Anne S. reported that there has been low attendance at their District meetings. The District is planning a face-to-face speaker's meeting the last week of May. There will be more information on this to come.

Meeting List Coordinator. Andrew M. reported that the May meeting list has been sent out.

News and Events. Jane B. reported that the May Al-Anote has been sent out. In the future, if anyone wants to put a message in the Al-Anote, they are requested to get it to Jane B. before the last week of the month.

So. Ariz. AIS Liaison to Area. Monta A. reported that every three years WSO sends out a survey, and the next survey will be sent out this year around June 20. AIS members were encouraged to fill out the survey.

Literature Coordinator. Leigh S. reported that there had been numerous price changes from WSO for literature. Leigh S. thanked Tim S., the Webmaster, for updating the prices of these items on the on-line store. Leigh S. also reported that the new shelving was working well.

Treasurer. Cynthia V. reported that So. Ariz. AIS is doing well financially. Donations are up. All the budgeted yearly contributions to the Area and WSO have already been made and the reserve balance is back over \$10,000.

Alternate Chairperson. Kathy M. noted that she may cancel the Steering Committee meeting for May because she will be on vacation.

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

Next Southern Arizona AIS Meeting

Hybrid Meeting

Wednesday June 5, 2024, 6:30-7:45 PM

Zoom--Access Code: 879 9286 3715 Passcode: 913121

In Person--West Meeting Room, Ward 6 Tucson City Counsel Office, 3202 E. 1st St, Tucson.

Respectfully submitted by Alice W., Secretary.