

ASIS BOARD MEETING FEBRUARY 16, 2022 – ZOOM MEETING

Present: Diana S. (Chairperson), Steve W. (Vice Chairperson), Monica (Corresponding Secretary), Peggy (Recording Secretary), Jennifer M. (Meeting List Coordinator), Karen G. (Public Outreach Coordinator), Laurie B. (Public and Institutional Speaking Coordinator), John P. (Literature/Archivist), Barbara S. (Telephone Service Coordinator), Leon (Treasurer), Karen H. (Website Coordinator), Maureen P. (Liaison to AA), Barbara B. (Nassau Liaison to Suffolk).

Absent: Mary A, Terry M. and Christine M.

Guests: Sarah

Diana S. opened the meeting at 7:03PM with a moment of silence followed by the Serenity Prayer.

Old Business: Minutes from January Board Meeting were read. Leon R. suggested we take out the sentence stating that discussion will continue on the topic of insurance. Diana S. suggested that we mention Terry's request from last month. Terry asked that when group texts are sent to all please only reply to the person who directly sent the email to you and not the entire group in order to cut down on excessive texting. Motion made to accept the January Board minutes with the corrections mentioned. Motion was passed. Open positions on the Board are: Liaison to NY South, Liaison to A.L.L.I.S.O.N, Al-Anews Coordinator and Choices. AA Unity Breakfast was revisited from last month. Maureen reported that she spoke to a member on the WSO and we are not going against traditions attending the AA Unity breakfast. We can use board funds if members are doing service at the function. The possibility was mentioned of offering tickets to people in need. There's room to negotiate with AA. Maureen suggested this topic be discussed again before next year's breakfast. Leon R. suggested that members who are required to be at a function be reimbursed for the price of admission. This would include: John, Karen G. and Maureen at the AA Unity Breakfast. A motion was made that all board members who are actively participating in the AA Unity Breakfast, due to their position on the board, have the expense of their ticket covered through their individual budget accounts. Motion passed unanimously.

Member Reports: **Karen G. (Public Outreach Coordinator)** reported that she will be working the AA Unity Breakfast. She continues to drop off Al-Anon Literature at various public buildings such as police precincts, domestic abuse shelters, doctor's offices, etc...

Barbara S. (Telephone Service Coordinator) reported that newcomers continue to phone in looking for in-person meetings. There has been an increase in volunteers for phone service.

Barbara B. (Nassau Liaison to Suffolk) reported that they are working on their website. She plans on coming to our monthly Board Meetings on a regular basis.

Jennifer M. (Meeting List Coordinator) reported that there are no changes to the meeting list except for the hybrid meetings. There are currently 9 hybrid meetings not 10 hybrid meetings.

John P. (Literature/Archivist) reported that he will be attending the AA Unity Breakfast and working the literature table.

Karen H. (Website Coordinator) reported that she attended a meeting beyond the group level and has created a webpage explaining service beyond the group level. She posted a link for all to view.

Laurie B. (Public & Institutional Speaking Coordinator) reported that she did not go to Seafeld in January nor February due to high COVID numbers. She plans on doubling up starting in March and going to Seafeld the second and fourth Sunday of each month.

Maureen P. (Liaison to AA) reported that tickets are still available for the AA Unity Breakfast on 3/6/22 until 2/25/22. Diana S. will be the Al-Anon speaker. AA is interested in working with Christine and Laurie from our Board to bring AA and Al-Anon together. She encouraged attending open AA meetings. A suggestion was made for Jennifer to make copies of Al-Anon meeting lists to be available at the AA Unity Breakfast.

Leon R. (Treasurer) reported that there is \$11,953 cash in the account. \$5000 is in ample reserve. The proposed income for 2022 is \$12,043. YTD income is \$839. YTD expenses are \$97. YTD net income is \$742. The Wellness Center remains closed. Expense numbers remain low due to lack of physical activity. A suggestion was made to put the Board budget online for all to view. Leon volunteered to print labels to put on literature so that individuals who purchased books would know that it came from the ASIS Board. Sarah thought this was a good idea. Leon also commended Monica for her outstanding work on the Quarterly Highlights for the ISR's.

Monica (Corresponding Secretary) reported that the January Quarterly Highlights were sent out. There are 45 AFG's with electronic communication. On 2/10/22 she attended an ASIS/NYSIA Meeting on zoom. There seems to be a breakdown in data that flows. She's pursuing carrying the message. Tracy is the communication link.

Steve W. (Vice Chairperson) reported to the group, specifically Diana, that he is available to help out whenever needed.

New Business: Speaker's Exchange was tabled until next month due to absence of Mary A. (Speaker's Exchange Coordinator). Ten people from Suffolk Al-Anon attended the ASIS/NYSIA meeting. One of the items discussed was that an Al-Anon cannot split into a zoom and a live meeting. They must be separate meetings with separate group numbers. A task force was formulated, which will begin in May. They will be discussing the future of zoom meetings. Karen H. will be on this task force. The next item discussed was, Take Back the Night at Suffolk Community College on March 31, 2022. Al-Anon was invited to attend this event and set up a table with information and literature. John P. and Karen G. said they would attend this function. This would be a good opportunity to reach out to the younger people regarding Al-Anon and Alateen. The next item discussed was the Al-Anon Guidelines. Monica suggested an ad-hoc committee be formed to collect data and provide a document for the group to refer to. This was agreed on by the group. The following members volunteered to be on this committee: Diana, Maureen, Monica, Sarah and Yvie. The final item discussed was a birthday party for Lois taking place on 3/4/22 by District 4 and 5. Monica sent a flyer out to all with the pertinent information.

Motion made to close the meeting at 8:37 PM by Diana S. Motion was passed. Meeting closed with the Al-Anon Declaration. Next Board Meeting will be 3/16/22 at 7PM.