

ASIS BOARD MEETING MINUTES JUNE 21,2023-HYBRID MEETING

Present: Diana S. (Chairperson), Yvie (Vice Chairperson/Family Relationships Workshop Coordinator), Monica (Corresponding Secretary), Peggy (Recording Secretary), Jennifer M. (Meeting List Coordinator), Terry (Post Box Coordinator), Judy F. (Public & Institutional Speaking Coordinator), Kim B. (Speaker's Exchange Coordinator), Barbara B. (Literature), Barbara S. (Telephone Service Coordinator), Leon R. (Treasurer), Karen H. (Website Coordinator), Karen G. (Liaison to ALLISON), Ed O. (Alateen Coordinator), Barbara R. (Nassau Liaison to Suffolk), Pat C. (Liaison to NY South), Maureen P. (AA Liaison), Christine (Public Outreach Coordinator).

Guests: Sarah L. and Robin D. (ALLISON Public Outreach Coordinator)

Diana S. opened the meeting at 7:00PM with a moment of silence followed by the Serenity Prayer. Diana then read the rules to the Board. Motion was made to pass the May Board Meeting minutes with no corrections. Motion passed unanimously. Current positions open on the Board are: Archivist, Technology Coordinator, Alanews Coordinator and Choices. Board positions open as of 1/24 are: Telephone Service Coordinator, Treasurer, Website Coordinator, Corresponding Secretary and Post Office Box Coordinator.

Old Business: ASIS Guidelines-Monica reported that the committee met twice after the May Board meeting to address comments received. The June 2023 ASIS Revisions Guidelines proposed revisions were distributed to the board prior to the June meeting with the intent of securing final comments.

Board member reports-Karen H. (Website Coordinator) reported that someone is interested in taking over her position when it ends in December.

Kim B. (Speaker's Exchange Coordinator) reported that 13 groups are currently participating in the exchange. Only two groups have notified Kim that they have received all their incoming speakers. There have been requests for a bimonthly cycle Speaker's Exchange rather than quarterly. Assembling a focus group to simplify our speaker sign up system might be helpful. Kim suggested that possibly a spread sheet could be created with available dates and the individual could just enter their name next to the date they would like to speak? Kim will try to post the next quarter Speaker's Exchange information two weeks early.

Ed O. (Alateen Coordinator) reported that all AMIAS certification is complete. There is a schedule for all AMIAS doing Alateen service for the next three months. AMIASes have been going out to meetings to spread the word about Alateen. Ed spoke at the AA board meeting last month. The mock meeting training video is almost complete due to MaryEllen and her dedicated team. AMIASes have been in contact with several schools. Hopefully in the fall they will be able to visit these schools to spread the word about Alateen. There will be a monthly educational flyer sent to Al-anon meetings to highlight Alateen and its benefits. Ed and his team will be assisting Nassau with their Alateen program. Next AMIAS meeting will be held on 6/29/22 at 7PM on zoom.

Terry M. (Post Office Box Coordinator) reported that all is going well. Money is coming in.

Monica (Corresponding Secretary) reports that she continues to work on the verification of the WSO Records with the Area Records Coordinator (ARC). Thus far 10 AFG's were contacted to update their records. ARC was advised of 2 inactive meetings and 2 meetings were added to the Suffolk Meeting List. 57 meetings have current contacts and correct information.

Judy F. (Public & Institutional Speaking Coordinator) reported that there are 19 members in the co-leader pool. In June Meetings on Wheels visited Seafeld and St. Charles Detox Center. In July Meetings

on Wheels plans to visit: Seafield, St. Charles and Yaphank Women and Men's Correctional Facilities. The pipeline will be making their way through the list of Women's and Family Service Organizations. Judy held a potluck get together at her home on 6/4. About 20 people attended. Thus far 2 members applications to visit the jails have been approved and one is pending. If you would like to speak at the jails contact Judy. Upcoming events: 6/25/23 is the Nassau Unity Breakfast with Al-anon participation. Sunday 7/9/23 at 1PM there will be a meeting focusing on service. It will be at the Arbors Residence in Islandia.

Barbara B. (Literature Coordinator) reported that she will be attending the Steps 4,5 and 6 workshop on 6/24/23.

Yvie (Vice Chairperson) reported that Sarah L. volunteered to step up to the position of Telephone Service Coordinator for the remainder of 2023 and into 2024 if necessary. A member of one of the groups Yvie attends may be interested in taking telephone service. Two Individuals have expressed an interest in the Corresponding Secretary position as well as the Website Coordinator position. Leon is interested in taking the Technology Coordinator position if he can get someone to take his position as Treasurer at the end of his term. (12/23) Yvie continues to announce open positions on the board at all the meetings she attends and encourages anyone with an interest to contact her. She also encourages all board members to announce open board positions at all meetings they attend. **Yvie (HHH coordinator)** also reported that the Committee met twice thus far. There is no increase in venue fee. Lou will be available to set up on the Friday evening. (This a day that the church will be closed for Veterans Day). The board may want to consider increasing the gratuity fee. Hospitality expenditures should be down. There is a good deal of paper goods left over from last year. Yvie encourages early ticket purchases. The price rose \$1 this year. \$6 on-line and \$8 in-person. A save the date flyer has been sent out and amended on the website to include the ticket price and QR code. The ASL interpreter (Diane) may not be available this year. Yvie brought up to the group the question of whether a person had to be a member of Al-anon/AA to volunteer at HHH. Thought is being given to potential Al-Anon Keynote Speakers. She hopes to have the theme confirmed by next month.

Pat C. (ASIS Liaison to NYSAA) reported that activities continue both to support the new Global Electronic Area (GEA) and to support areas that have decided to accept electronic only groups. The international convention will be held in Albuquerque this year from 6/29-7/2/23. The theme is New Hope, New Friends, Renewed Recovery. A motion was made to revise eligibility requirements for NYSAA Secretary and Treasurer. Anne J. was unanimously elected as an Alternate Delegate. As for the election of secretary, they will continue with a Chairperson appointed Acting Area Secretary.

Maureen P. (AA Liaison) reported that the next quarterly "Journey through the steps" (with AA participation) will take place on 6/24/23. It will cover steps 4-6 and will be held at St. Mark's Episcopal Church in West Hampton. Suffolk AA will be having their Share-a-thon on 10/1/23 at St. Joseph the Worker Church in Patchogue. There is a list of meetings that are having an AA guest speaker on the Website. Maureen continues the program of AA members being invited to speak at Al-anon meetings. Thus far over 40 meetings have participated. Maureen can bring Anniversary flyers to the SIA meeting and General Service meeting as long as it states "AA speaker" on it.

Karen G. (Liaison to ALLISON) reported that Barbara R. has taken the position as Nassau Liaison to AA. Channels of communication are open! The Nassau board is working on upgrading their newsletter. The Nassau board discussed lost meetings and each member took a meeting. They will find a representative from each meeting as well as an email address to keep information current. The Alateen facilitator is interested in replicating the Suffolk Alateen poster and possibly create cards such as the ones recently made by our AMIAS team.

Barbara S. (Telephone Service Coordinator) reported that phones have been slow. Sarah L. volunteered to take over Barbara's position for the remainder of 2023. Barabara has met a new person that may be interested in taking her position when her term ends.

Jennifer M. (Meeting List Coordinator) reported that the meeting list is updated as changes are requested. All meeting list changes are to be sent to Jennifer, the DR and the NYSAA Area Records Coordinator to ensure that records are consistent.

Christine (Public Outreach Coordinator) was introduced. She is brand new to her position and is asking for assistance and support.

Leon R. (Treasurer) reported that available cash is roughly the same as last month. Contributions have fallen to a level expected between quarterlies. Income is evenly split between on-line and paper. YTD net gain reflects few in-person events. Raising funds among all member groups and during all activities remains a priority. Please keep thinking of a possible candidate for treasurer going forward. Leon's term ends 12/23.

New Business: Three titles were under discussion for a position that is currently open: Digital Tech Coordinator, Tech Coordinator or Digital Service Coordinator? After a brief discussion the position will be titled: **Digital Service Coordinator**. Diana S. reported that one particular group had an excess of money that they would like to spend. Diana asked for any suggestions. This will be discussed at the next board meeting.

Diana S. closed the meeting at 8:27PM with the Al-anon Declaration.

Next Board and Quarterly Meeting will be held at THRIVE in Hauppauge. 7PM Board meeting and 7:45PM Quarterly meeting.