

## **ASIS/ISR BOARD MEETINGS ON Zoom -OCTOBER 19,2022**

### **Board Meeting ASIS**

Present: Diana S (Chairperson), Steven W. (Vice Chairperson), Monica ( Corresponding Secretary) Jennifer M.( Meeting List Coordinator), Karen G. (Public Outreach Coordinator), Mary A.(Speaker Exchange Coordinator), Leon R. (Treasurer), Karen H. (Website Coordinator), Eddie O.(Alateen Coordinator), John P. (Archivist), Barbara S. (Telephone Service Coordinator), Terry M. (Post Office Box Coordinator), Maureen P. (Liaison to AA), Pat C. (NY.Area South Rep).

**ABSENT:** Yvette

Laurie

Peg

### **Old Business**

Diana S (Chairperson) opened the meeting at 7:00PM with the Serenity Prayer. She then proceeded to review the Board Minutes from July 2022 with the board members. No corrections were made. Motion was made to accept the board minutes and they were accepted. Diana S. then asked the Vice Chair, Steven W to give report on Open Positions on the Board. Steve reported that Pat C. had taken the NY Area South position and then listed all other positions that were open:

Vice Chair, Digital Technology Coordinator, Public & Institutional Speaking Coordinator, Literature Coordinator, Public Outreach Coordinator, Speaker Exchange Coordinator, Liaison to Nassau Al-Anon (A.L.I.S.O.N.), Al-Anews Coordinator, Archivist, Choices Workshop Coordinator.

Monica addressed the board with Guideline Committee Update. The ASIS Board needs to know what guidelines are necessary or review. They will be reviewed at the January meeting and again at the April and then again in July. Diana S. (Chairperson) asked if we should have a time limit on Board meetings. No one felt it necessary at this time. NY Area South just released its own guidelines and Leon (Treasurer) said that he would get a cop of them for us and send it to Monica. Leon also mentioned that the budget review process hasn't been completed by this period. He said that he would contact more of the board members and then share it in November.

### **New Business**

**Diana S (chairperson )** talked about vetting Eddie as **Alateen Coordinator** and **Judy as Public and Institutional Speaking Coordinator**. Judy and Caroline talked on ESCYPAA . This is a convention event that will be happening Oct.28-Oct 30 at the Huntington Hilton in Melville. There is a digital program on which Judy and Caroline shared beautiful panels. Sara M. southeast area chair will share. There will be workshops as well as digital panels. Leon (treasurer) will be a speaker at this event as well. The projected population at this event is 1000 people . To register it is necessary to pay \$30.00 or get a scholarship if necessary. Scholarships are available to those in need. The Rocky Horror Picture Show will be shown at 8:00PM. Leon asked if Judy and Caroline would stay for the ISR meeting which followed to give a presentation about ESCYPAA .

Leon asked about Hybrid meetings for the Quarterly ASIS meetings. There are two places available . One in Hauppauge and the other in Westhampton Beach. Leon suggested that we could perhaps have alternate meetings between Western Suffolk and Eastern Suffolk. This could be seen as a goodwill effort. Leon had also spoken to the pastor at Westhampton beach. The pastor was willing to offer us his place rent free with set-up. This arrangement would also help the East end group – they have a lot to offer. Monica (Corresponding Secretary) is a proponent of the Hybrid meeting. She agreed that Westhampton

is a very doable drive. Maureen P. (Liaison to AA) also agreed on efforts to include the East end of the island in going back to live meetings. Leon did say that we would need to come up with our own equipment. Mary A (Speaker Exchange Coordinator) told all of us that Leon is a magician with his equipment. Monica asked if Leon would be able to price out equipment. Leon responded that a large screen Smart TV with Mac Book Air would be \$800.00. Equipment would have to be transported and everyone would benefit. He also mentioned that St Marks Church is available to us every Wed. of the year.

Karen G. also shared about Thrive using a large screen TV.

Eddie O.(Alateen) asked that when talking about Al-Anon would we please to include "ALATEEN" as well. Everytime!

Rich (ISR) mentioned that there is a big AA Conference with AA and Al-Anon speakers coming up Dec 3.

Maureen P. (Liaison to AA) said that she was aware of this and would report on it at the ISR meeting that follows.

A motion to close the Board Meeting was made by Barbara S. and Karen G. Meeting was closed at 7:45 PM.

The ISR Meeting was begun at 8:00PM.

There were 15 ISRs present.

Diana shared the July minutes of the Board at this meeting with the ISRs. Motion to accept the minutes was made. All were in favor and motion to accept the minutes was made.

Once again Open Board Positions were listed: Vice Chair, Digital Technology Coordinator, Public & Institutional Speaking Coordinator, Literature Coordinator, Public Outreach Coordinator, Speaker Exchange coordinator, Liaison to Nassau Al-Anon (A.L.I.S.O.N.), Al-Anews Coordinator, Archivist, Choices Workshop Coordinator.

Andrew ISR Bayshore asked for descriptions of open positions available. Diana S. put a short description of positions on the screen so all could view. She also asked Steve (vice chair) to put his email in the chat. Monica asked for the descriptions to be added to the website which Diana agreed with. Monica also spoke on reviewing WSO are guidelines to assure consistency in services to Suffolk County. It is the intent to send copy of proposed revisions to all the AFGs in Suffolk County so that any questions can be answered. This includes budget process and what each board position does.

At the July Quarterly, all ISRs can vote to accept or not all proposed changes. Monica posted a link to see proposed guidelines.

## **BOARD MEMBER REPORTS**

Liaison to AA - Maureen P. reported that the SIA Sharethon held Oct. 2, 2022 was a great success. AA members speaking at Al-Anon meetings has also been a great success. Please contact Maureen P. if your group wishes to have an AA speaker at your Al-Anon meeting. Attendance at the ESCYPAA convention this weekend is also encouraged. On Dec. 3, there is a big AA meeting with Al-Anon attendance. They did ask for Al-Anon participation at this event. Finally, Maureen encouraged attendance at open AA meetings.

Caroline and Judy Speakers about the ESCYPAA Convention talked about workshops and panels that will be available at this convention this weekend – Oct.28 Friday to Sunday , Oct. 30 with preconvention event on Thurs. Oct.27 with the showing of **The Rocky Horror Picture Show** . The event will take place at the Huntington Hilton in Melville . The event will start on Friday at 4:00PM. It is important to register. The cost is \$30.00 with scholarships available to those in need. The expected attendance is 1000 people. Attendance is encouraged by all and please feel free to help Caroline, the Hospitality Chair by bringing cookies or making coffee.

Steven W. (Vice Chairperson) reported that the Guidelines Committee has spent much time especially on the Vice Chairperson description. Guidelines are much clearer here. Steve is finishing up his 5 year term . He encourages members to take open positions. Steve is also the co-chair of the Hugs,. Hope and Healing Workshop with Yvette W. as Chairperson. Steve said that they are in good shape with hospitality, speakers and gratitude for all the people willing to help. This is the first time in two years that this event is happening. So far , there are three hybrid speakers with the hybrid set-up. as well as keynote speakers. All actual speakers will be live at the church. All board members should reach out as volunteers to help with the workshop.. Email Steve or Yvie to volunteer for service. The location is at St Matthew's Church in Dix Hills , 35 N. Service Road.

Monica (Corresponding Secretary)- Monica's job is to communicate with all AFGs, Every AFG group in Suffolk needs to have an ISR person so that Monica can communicate with our groups. The new AD HOC Committee is addressing and maintaining information. This committee gives contacts and info. They are looking for anyone who would be willing to be part of the AD HOC COMMITTEE. You can send your info to the committee or Monica. This committee also does E Blast of anniversaries or flyers to further info to AFG groups.

Laura supplied and displayed flyers for Hugs, Hope and Healing Workshop.

Sara L. is in charge of making love gifts. She is asking for volunteers. People can volunteer to help up to November. Help is really necessary . Sara has put her email and address in the chat.

Michele (Guest) -reported that Karen H (Website Coordinator) has posted a link for Hugs, Hope and Healing on the Website. There is a button on this site for groups or individuals wishing to make contributions to the Hugs, Hope and Healing Workshop.

Leon (Treasurer) shared the set-up for the room for Hugs, Hope, and Healing. He is looking for volunteers to help him with the technology s. et up. There are three scheduled sessions :

10 – 11 Unconditional Love

11:15 – 12:15 Surrender and Acceptance

12:20-1:30 Tools of Recovery

Help is needed for these workshops. Please Contact Steve or Yvie if you can help. There will also be an ASL (American Sign Language person) available.

John (Archivist) John has place a \$700.00 order which will take a couple of weeks to arrive.

Jennifer M. (Meeting List Coordinator) - All in person meeting lists have been updated to reflect any changes. Please continue to double check your meeting info on the website. And please continue to promote the meeting code QR.

Karen G. (Public Outreach Coordinator)- attended Sharethon meeting in Oct. and went to the Arbors to attend AA/Al-Anon meeting. Very successful. Signed up for ESCYPAA on Friday with 2 tables for Public Outreach. Also did this for the HHH Workshop on Nov. 12. Order and deliver free for Outreach

bookmarks(M76). Collect old Forums and send them to Karen at 5 Washington Court , Smithtown 11787 or she will pick them up. You can also order 'Alcohol Faces Alcoholism' pamphlets - \$8.00 a pack.

Laurie (Public & Institutional Speaking Coordinator) - absent . Laurie has been visiting Seafield rehab on Sundays with Speakers.

Mary A. (Exchange Speaker Coordinator) – Speaker Exchange program is online for Sept. Oct. and Nov. Please see the Website. 17 groups participated successfully. Volunteers are needed to fulfill the Dec. Jan. and Feb. speaker exchange program. An email explaining the process will be sent to all Suffolk AFGs and ISRs on Oct.24. Please email Mary A. She is always available for help. Mary's term is up in Feb. She will be available to help anyone who would like to volunteer for this position. Kim (ISR Westhampton) did volunteer for this position.

Barbara S. (Telephone Service Coordinator)- The demand is still for more face to face meetings. Telephone calls are getting beyond the scope of service. She needs suggestions on how to guide her staff. We have hotlines to help. She needs us to get on the beautiful al-anon website created by Karen H. So much help is available on this website. She suggested that we go back to meetings and share the website with our members at the meetings. She is looking for a contact number that someone can have for newcomers especially. Lastly, change passwords to numbers – no words should be used in making passcodes.

Leon (Treasurer) -Group records indicate problem between WSO and the ASIS Board. The group secretary needs to register every meeting and any changes. Go to the WSO form and make changes. Group records secretary for the WSO is Jaime. He is very good. We have to go through the district rep and Info has to be in writing and in the form of an e mail. Bank balance 10.19.22 – 12,201.00. Less ample reserve (5000.00) amount available to spend -7,201.00. Budget being discussed for 2023 and contemplates increased physical activity. It was proposed that we contribute 5%(360.00)of available cash to the WSO and the NY South Assembly. Please discuss with your group the idea of continuing to contribute 5%of available cash to the WSO and the NY South Assembly at each quarterly meeting. And please encourage your group to take advantage of the online contribution option on our website. Leon made a motion for ISRs to vote on having a quarterly contribution to the WSO and NY Area South.

Sara (Guest) spoke and said that the WSO has not been as responsive to the AFGs as they had been . There are many discrepancies in the records. Sara would like to see more accuracies and services created. Monica asked to go back to her home group and ask them to make the decision . Leon agreed with this

Motion was made: Take it back to the AFGs , discuss it and vote on it in January.

Eddie O. (Alateen Coordinator) Alateen meetings are asked to use the phrase "Al-Anon/Alateen in their meeting formats. There are 2 suffolk Alateen meetings – Monday Evening "Deer Park Alateen" and Tuesday evening "Huntington Alateen". Both are on Zoom. Alateens from Suffolk may attend these or any of the 7 New York South Assembly. Area Zoom meetings listed on our website. There are currently 10 certified AMIASs in Suffolk (8 from District 4 and 2 from District 5) Every AMIAS is given the opportunity to serve. Eight of the AMIASs met on Oct. 11 on Zoom and formed several active committees. AMIASs will come to any Suffolk Al-Anon meeting to speak about Alateen. They will bring select Alateen CAL for the AFG. AMIASs will visit any open AA meeting that wishes to learn about Alateen. Pamphlets will be brought and distributed to those meetings. AMIASs will be contacting schools offering to educate students, faculty and staff on Alateen. Please contact Ed O if you work in a Suffolk school. The next AMIAS Zoom meeting will be Nov. 15 at 8:15pm. All past and current AMIASs

are welcomed and are encouraged to attend. Eddie also said that dual members can be amias. See Alateen flyer and schedule Amias to speak . Call or text Eddie or use QR code.

Motion to close was made by Monica and Ruth.

The next Quarterly Meeting will be January 18, 2023

Meeting was closed with the Al-Anon Declaration