

**Al Anon Information Services / Intergroup
FINAL AIS General Meeting Minutes
2/21/19**

Meeting started at 7pm

The Co-Chair Dani ran the meeting as Acting Chair. Julie was out of town.

Meeting commenced with the Serenity Prayer

12 Traditions read by - Newt

12 Concepts read by - Toni

Introductions were made around the room.

Officer's Reports

Secretary - Kathy H

Kathy read the December Draft Meeting Minutes aloud.

Edits were requested, Kathy updated the minutes to reflect these changes.

Audrey made a motion to pass the minutes, Debbie seconded the motion.

All were in favor, none opposed. Minutes were approved.

The ISR Contact sheets were distributed around the room for attendance, review and update.

Camille - Treasurer

Month of Dec - Net Available Balance \$9,873.60

Month of Jan - Net Available Balance \$9,671.75

No questions were asked.

The 7th Tradition basket was passed.

Dani - Acting Chair; Co-Chair

Asked for any new ISRs, there were several at the meetings. Meeting info sheets were distributed.

Dani discussed the fundraisers.

The focus is fun things, to make Decoupage. Donna D will be running the activity.

Dani has visited one meeting so far, in Camarillo.

She spoke to World Service about promoting Al Anon using FB. She will connect with Martha re. Public Information.

Bad news - For the insurance certification, there's some confusion about the coverage.

She is now looking at another insurance company, SpringBrook - ??

We are cancelling the previous insurance policy. The cost is looking more like 1200 to 1400 annually to cover the meetings. As of December we have voted on the contract of coverage, but now the cost will be roughly \$1k more annually.

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Dani opened it up for questions.

Newt mentioned that he has knowledge of insurance coverage, he feels this cost is very reasonable.

Marlynn mentioned that she also feels that the cost is very reasonable. Her question is... her policy runs for a year from June. If AIS covers for a year, how will the timing work?

Dawn asked whether the insurance certificate that was sent out, should we pass that out.

Ellie asked whether the LDC is covered, the answer was yes.

Newt asked whether Alateen is covered, the answer was yes.

Audrey mentioned that there was previous discussion about the District covering insurance. The answer was that in previous meetings we made the decision not to wait for the District to make a decision since they were very early in the process.

Toni made a motion to pay for the increase in insurance coverage for all the meetings.

Martha seconded the motion.

The motion to continue with the insurance with the higher premium passed.

Martha - Public Information Coordinator

Martha has the new directories.

Martha asked about the brand new Fillmore AI Anon meeting, she will attend that meeting.

Meeting for Young Alateen members - ages 7 to 12 years, in Ventura Thurs 7:30 to 8:30pm
21 North Dunning St, Ventura

This will be 2 Alateen meetings at the same location, for younger and teen Alateen members.

Tamara commented that this meeting is now on the website.

Martha asked about the missing meeting from the ISR summary / directory that Kathy had asked about. It determined that it was a Spanish speaking meeting, and it was not missing in the directory.

Linda - Institutions

She and an AA rep met with 40 Social Workers. They joined a Fire Camp meeting near Juvenile Hall, we are welcomed to attend whenever we are able.

Linda needs volunteers for Institutions. Please ask at your meetings.

She needs help at the Jail, please contact Linda. There's new forms, the County can be confusing with their forms

She also needs literature without staples

Sara - CPC

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Sara purchased 6 literature stands, and passed them out to local places.

She also passed out literature to many professionals.

She spoke to Kaiser about passing out literature three.

She's looking at passing out literature at Cal State LA.

She's looking into a School of Mental Health for Ventura County Office of Educational School Counselors, there's a collaborative for 2020.

Dawn - Scoop Newsletter

Dawn has the Alateen page, but needs info to put in the Alateen page. Maybe drawings, writing from Alateens, and announcements to include.

A subscription to the Scoop is \$7 will have it delivered to any address. Please announce this at your meetings. The form is in the newsletter.

Topic for next newsletter is Humility, due April 1. Can email them to Dawn, her email address is on newsletter.

Jimalee asked a question - if an Alateen submits something, is the topic open? Answer = yes it can be any subject.

Tamara - Webmaster

There have been 34,671 cumulative hits to the site, from the time the site launched. It's been about 18 months since it's been up.

The new meeting for Alateen is on the site.

She will add the Fillmore meeting to the website.

Answering service update... there's a glitch that needs to be worked out, but that Freedom Voice person was sick. It will be completed soon, and the AIS Secretary will send out the notice once it's working.

Camille asked about the process for cut-over. Tamara said that's the subject she will be working out with them. We already contacted our previous carrier, and we can roll the same phone numbers over.

Audrey mentioned that it would be great to know the monthly website traffic and unique users if possible.

Laleña - Round Robin

2 meetings are being held as a combined Round Robin meeting on March 23. The topic is Love. \$3 is the suggested donation, the money will be donated half to the meetings and half to intergroup/ AIS.

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Archives - Brian

Brian provided an update that things are going well.

District 12 Nancy,

Nancy was not in attendance, no report provided.

Ellie - LDC

Ellie reviewed the LDC's Financial reports.

2018 Year End Total income was approximately \$21,500.

Jan income was \$1400 sold in literature.

During the last meeting, there was a suggestion about putting the open LDC positions in the Scoop. That has been done. **ISRs, please remind your meetings that the LDC needs volunteers.**

LDC Meetings are the second Monday of each month, at the LDC location in Ventura.

The LDC contacted WSO, there's a Just for Tonight bookmark.

The new Intimacy book is out in Spanish, they are placing an order for that, hopefully it should arrive in a few weeks.

They are continuing to work on the technology, there's a lot of complexity in working with the bank, etc. It will help with inventory... there will be a swag fee to use cards.

An updated catalog is done, including a summary of all the literature. The prices are from our local Ventura County website, which is different from the WSO form.

Dani asked what is the "Just for Tonight bookmark".
Audrey wondered if it's related to the Intimacy book

Toni - Past Chair

Nothing to report

New Business

Serenity by the Sea

Laleña - Serenity by the Sea flyers were passed out.

May 17 to 19

The Al Anon speaker has been completed, she's excited about that person.

There's a few positions that are still open for help, they are listed on the flyer. There will be spanish flyers as well.

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Ginger - Chair for Country Store

She has a Co-Chair. The flyer lists both phone numbers. She got reusable bags for everyone's meetings, green, blue and black. She will pass out the bags after the meeting.

Each meeting could write "Country Store" and each meeting can reuse the bags each year. They have room in their garages, if there's larger items call Ginger.

ISRs please notify your meetings.

They could use any items, craft items are great.

VCAAC - Newt

Publicity Chair of VCAAC Sept 6 - 8, 2019

When we announce this in meetings, please use the description here - AA with AI Anon and Alateen participation.

It's located at the Hyatt hotel in WLV.

There's a logo contest, the flyer was distributed. Early to mid March is when the logo will be decided on.

A few service positions are open for VCAAC, please see Toni and Newt after the meeting. **ISRs also please make this announcement at your meetings.**

Newt wants to work with the Secretary Kathy to communicate with ISRs by email regarding the convention.

Please take a few extra flyers, please share the info with other meetings.

For the logo contest, you win - 2 registrations, luncheon, and banquet, and bragging rights that you won.

Old Business

Open Positions -

Alateen rep, the position is for an Alateen member
Spanish Liaison

Camille - Treasurer

The Task Force met prior to the General Meeting.
They are continuing to discuss options at this point.

They have decided to have a recommendation and present to the General meeting in April.
Voting will take place by the ISRs in June this year.

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Newt asked about the available balance amount, Camille responded that it's typically \$9500. Camille confirmed this money is not any of the budgeted items.

Pamela mentioned that someone has requested CDs from conventions. They are on the other side of the hill. How could we distribute these?

Laleña mentioned that in the past we had CDs in the Archives. The LDC has CDs from International conventions.

Leigh asked the date of the next ISR meeting.

Tamara mentioned that the AIS Meeting Dates are listed in the Directories.

The meeting was closed meeting at 8:10 with the AI Anon Declaration.