



**AIS Service Committee Meeting Minutes
September 21st, 2023
Draft V2 - final draft**

WELCOME & SERENITY PRAYER

READ CONCEPTS/WARRANTIES

INTRODUCTIONS:

1. Aimee P - Set Free - ISR
2. Allison - Sunday Serenity - ISR
3. Barbara C - Everybody Needs AFG - ISR
4. Carla H – Overlook AFG - AIS Secretary
5. Cheryl G – Tigard Monday Night – Meetings on Wheels/Fundraiser Co-Chair
6. Deanna – New Me – AIS Board Chair
7. Diana B - Serenity Trails - Alateen Liaison
8. Fran - New Me – AIS Treasurer
9. Judy I – New Me - ISR
10. Judy J HUGS - ISR
11. Kileen - Love Gifts and Gratitude - ISR
12. Loretta - Thursday Night Parents Aren't Perfect - ISR
13. Moon - New Me – Assistant AIS Board Chair
14. Norma P - Mt. Pleasant - ISR
15. Pam - Morning Glory - ISR
16. Roxie - New Me – Literature Chair
17. Sandra S - New Me - Alt ISR
18. Tony - One Step at a Time - ISR
19. Troy - Men's Recovery Thursday Night - ISR
20. Veronica P – Thursday Night Young People Speaker Meeting - ISR
21. Wave M – Men's Growing Towards Wisdom – Group Scoop/12 Step Calls Chair
22. Val V – North Plains Tuesday Night – ISR

SECRETARY'S REPORT

Deanna asked if there were changes to the minutes. Carla reported that in the fundraiser paragraph on the third line the words “service committee members” were changed to “ISRs” and in the eighth line the reference to help with the registration at the fundraiser was removed. No additional changes were noted.

*Veronica P made a motion to approve minutes as corrected. Motion was seconded by Cheryl G .
Meeting Minutes were unanimously approved.*

ISR UPDATE - THURSDAY NIGHT YOUNG PEOPLE SPEAKER MEETING

Veronica P shared that the next Thursday Night Young People Speaker Meeting will be September 28th online and that they will be spinning the wheel of serenity. Their October 26th meeting will be a Step 11 speaker followed by a Step 11 Build Your Own Prayer workshop. The group also has two upcoming special events: one that is to welcome Alateens transitioning into AI-Anon on October 21st and a second Holiday Serenity event on December 16th which will focus on healing parent and adult child relationships. Flyers have been submitted to the AIS and have been submitted to the Group Scoop. She also requested that any ISRs who know of young people who may be

interested to share this information. Troy also noted that the welcoming Alateens to Al-Anon event may be both in-person and virtual.

LITERATURE

Roxie shared that the new daily ready equipment has broken down and the book is now on backorder. Beth has backorders for two cartons of books so she will probably order five. Alateen has a new bookmark “Just for Tonight” and that will be shipped out September 21st.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Fran reported that AIS is in the black for August with a net income of \$232, however we are still at a net loss for the year to date of \$2,054. Fran is expecting that this loss will be taken care of by the fundraiser. Contributions were a bit higher last month than the last month. She also noted that many people who came in to buy the daily reader made additional literature purchases. Expenses were the same as the prior few months.

Wave made a motion to approve the treasurer's report as presented. Motion was seconded by Troy. The Treasurer's report was unanimously approved.

AIS FUNDRAISER

Cheryl G shared the October 28th Fundraiser flier and reported that there is more information on the website. She also noted that it would be greatly appreciated if the ISRs share the fundraiser information with their groups including the auction item highlights. Additional information about the apartment in Spain auction item can be found in the website linked to the fundraiser information. Cheryl G also requested that ISRs return the volunteer sign up sheets to her via email and let ISRs know that she can resend the form to anyone who needs it. Her final request of the ISRs is that they arrive at the fundraiser at 5pm so that they can help take the potluck items from people as they arrive. Lisa B will be at the front desk of the fundraiser and will show ISRs where things will go. One person is signed up to bake sweet potatoes and they need two more people to volunteer to bake sweet potatoes (AIS will provide the sweet potatoes and supplies). The regular potatoes will be baked at the event space. Two people volunteered to bake sweet potatoes. Cheryl G also noted that the committee has spoken with a Spanish speaking member regarding translation at the event since the prior meeting and noted that this will not be coming together for this year's event.

GROUP SCOOP

Wave shared the Group Scoop in the chat, noting that it includes the information on the auction items for the fundraiser and the Thursday Night Young People Speaker Meeting events. He also noted that he had created a new format that will no longer be sorted by date but will instead be sequential. He requested any questions, feedback, and items for the newsletter be sent his way. Comments can be sent to the thegroupscoopdx@gmail.com.

AIS WEBSITE

Deanna shared that the committee received comments back on the updated website and that changes have been made. She then reviewed changes with the committee and asked for any additional feedback.

Val V made a motion to begin transitioning to the new website as soon as possible. Motion was seconded by Pam. The new website transition was unanimously approved.

OPEN POSITIONS

Deanna shared that there are still open positions that include office volunteers, library chair, social media, institutions, public outreach, and AA Liaison. She asked that these be shared with the groups and noted that there are three new office volunteers. She also noted that there was a health fair in September and shared her hope that Maria-Elena would be able to update the service committee at a future meeting. Barbara C expressed interest in the

public outreach position and the committee unanimously approved accepting Barbara C into the new public outreach position.

OFFICE UPDATE

Moon reported that the office was working on having volunteers cover Beth and Nancy's vacations and that literature sales were up. Judy J asked if the AIS had enough office employees or if more needed to be hired. Deanna responded that the AIS has budgeted for employees to work 8 hours Monday through Friday and that has not been happening, both employees have been informed that they can come in on Monday and Friday if they can't get their work done from home on those days. Both Judy J and Pam offered to speak with Deanna outside of the meeting regarding this topic.

ISR UPDATES

Tony - One Step at a Time

Tony is the new ISR for One Step at a Time and they have transitioned into in-person meetings and they are also offering childcare. It is Saturday mornings at Grace Memorial on the NE side. They meet from 10-11:30am.

Allison - Sunday Serenity

Sunday Serenity has a survey about how people were feeling about virtual and hybrid meetings. So far both hybrid and virtual meetings are continuing. It is an ongoing issue that is challenging and she was curious to hear if any other groups were considering splitting.

Judy J - HUGS

HUGS celebrated in July their 34th anniversary meeting. It was wonderful to have so many people in the meeting. Half of the people had never heard a speaker before. She suggested that having a celebration was a good way to transition a meeting back to in-person. They also changed their meeting time to 7pm. The meeting is growing and they have a new GR who is very into public outreach.

Judy I - New Me

Judy I reported that New Me has been thinking about doing a group inventory and their theme is anonymity and they want everyone to be part of it. They have all the questions and then anonymously people can mail them back. Their group is hybrid and virtual and feels stagnant right now. They are trying to grow their group back.

Pam - Morning Glory

They are virtual and are an older group. Due to the age of the members they are enjoying the virtual format. They do a group inventory as a question a week. Pam is going to donate her beach house to the auction and the group will donate to the auction. They have had at least 15 people every week. For them the zoom is very successful but they are considering hybrid. The last Friday of the month they have a really great speakers meeting.

Kileen - Love Gifts and Gratitude

Kileen reported that their meeting is hybrid and they have about 20 online and that they have been growing. The group is building back and are very excited about the fundraiser.

Loretta - Parents Aren't Perfect

Loretta shared that they have a lot of newcomers, one or two every week usually, and that it is a wonderful group for parents.

Val V - North Plains Tuesday Night

Val V reported that they are still zooming and plan to do so till the end of the year and then make a decision if they are going to continue to zoom. She also reported that the Hillsborough Thursday Night meeting is still on Zoom and has no current plans to change at this time, but are talking about it.

Barbara C - Everybody Needs AFG

Barbara reported that the group is relatively new (1.5 years or so) and that they get quite a few newcomers. They are also getting more regular members with more program experience. At the last business meeting they decided they would have a speaker meeting when there is a fifth Thursday in a month.

Troy - Thursday Night Men's Group/Hugs to Go

Troy reported that Hugs to Go is online only with about 20 members. Troy also organized his first event with 25 people for Hugs to Go in the summer.

Diana B - Serenity Trails

They have a wonderful group that meets regularly, but are having trouble getting people to volunteer. They may try a group conscience. They are talking about an end of the year picnic, but no one has volunteered to pull that together. She is encouraging people to attend the AIS Fundraiser in lieu of an event for their group. Diana is also the Alateen liaison and she reported that they are starting outreach. Maureen came as a speaker to the State Alateen AMIAS meeting and the AMIAS group is very excited about outreach. They are very grateful to AIS because they get excellent referrals.

Aimee - Set Free

Aimee reported that there is no major news from Set Free. They have been meeting for over a year in their new space, Kairos Church. They had been on zoom for two years prior to this and at first had 3-4 people per week in person. Now they have 12-15 in-person and about the same number on zoom. They get new people both in-person and over zoom.

READ CLOSING/AL-ANON DECLARATION

END OF MEETING