

Southern Nevada Area Information Service (AIS) October 27, 2011 Meeting Minutes

Jane opened the meeting at 7PM with the Serenity prayer

Mary read the 12 Concepts of Service

Attendees introduced themselves.

Attendance was 20 (9 from District One, 4 from District Three, 4 from District Five and 3 Officers/Coordinators not also representing a group)

Secretary's Report:

- Michelle made a motion to approve the August 2011 minutes; Terry seconded the motion; vote taken; motion passed.

Treasurer's Report:

- Susan distributed treasurer's report with a balance of \$4,866.94 plus a prudent reserve of \$2,003.08 bringing our total assets to \$6,870.02.
- Contributions are down about 10%.
- Check to Mason's for use of their building in April 2011 has not yet been cashed.
- Mary made a motion to accept the treasurer's report; Loretta seconded the motion; vote taken; motion passed.

District Reports:

- District 1 (Loretta)
 - 75% of District One's groups had representatives at the NV Fall Assembly in Tonopah in September.
 - District One hopes to present a literature workshop in conjunction with another southern district or with AIS in early 2012.
- District 3 (Robin)
 - District 3 workshop on *How Al-Anon Works* held on Saturday, October 15, 2PM had 35 attendees; district is discussing topics for a workshop in 2012.
 - Southeast literature depot was able to sell some of their Spanish conference approved literature (CAL) at the Area Fall 2011 Assembly in Tonopah.
 - Group reps from District 3 voted not to put district meeting minutes on NV Al-Anon web site.
 - Welcomed a new Group Rep (GR), Daphne, from the Sunday evening *Keep An Open Mind* group.
- District 5 (Terry)
 - Approved a district budget and discussed possible district projects
 - Previewed WSO's new DVD *Al-Anon and Alateen's role in family recovery* and will look at ways to use it in our outreach.
 - Will host a workshop on *Sponsorship* on Saturday, January 14 in the afternoon; refreshments will be served. Time and location to be determined.

Action Committee Reports

- Alateen & Intergroup (Susan A. for Rosie)
 - Our 3 Alateen meetings and the on-line Alateen meeting are open and available to any teen.
 - Need new Al-anon Members in Alateen Service (AMIAS) to help support our current and future meetings.

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- Suggest that each district have an Alateen coordinator to help So NV AIS help and support goals for teens.
- The 8 Spanish speaking groups are planning special monthly events. They rotate hosting this event among the groups. Host group chooses a topic; expanded circle provides opportunity to hear new voices and support.
- The Spanish Intergroup office takes phone calls and helps newcomers and members by having someone share their program experience, strength and hope.
- Spanish intergroup is looking for ways to preserve their archives and get information about Al-Anon and Alateen out to the Spanish community
- Fellowship Communications Coordinator (Vacant)
 - Literature Depot North (Coordinator absent; no report)
 - Literature Depot South (Coordinator absent; no report)
- Group Services Coordinator (Vacant)
 - Group Records (Fran for Jola)
 - Distributed attendance checklist; encouraged attendees to check to see if their name and contact information has been correctly listed.
 - Meeting List (Michele)
 - Provided copies of current meeting list
- Membership Outreach Coordinator (Vacant)
 - Archives (Robin)
 - Still trying to contact past Archive Coordinator; members suggested she contact past AIS Chair for possible contact information.
 - Convention Coordinator (Absent)
 - Flyers with convention information distributed
- Public Outreach Coordinator (Phil)
 - Looking forward to Public Outreach's first major project, the Oct 29 *How Alateen Works* workshop.
 - NV Area website got 4900 hits in the first 26 days of October
 - Working with NV Area webmaster to post Al-Anon & Alateen members sharings on website; details on format for submission is being developed.
 - Michelle volunteered to help with flyer about posting sharings
 - Members suggested that Phil contact NV Area Public Outreach coordinator for support.
 - Continuing to work on getting Al-Anon into domestic crisis shelters
 - Phil being interviewed on internet radio station tlvs1.com on November 4
 - Continuing to work on getting Al-Anon public service announcements (PSAs) to all local TV stations
 - Plan to write a story about Al-Anon program and submit it to newspapers and/or website
 - Al-Anon/Alateen literature continues to be placed in AA's Central Office, whose staff have been most helpful.
 - Susan A. made a motion to allocate \$280 of AIS funds to purchase 800 copies of the 2012 *Al-Anon faces Alcoholism* public outreach *Forum* publication.
 - Terry volunteered to provide Susan A with ordering information
 - Joy seconded the motion; vote taken; motion passed.

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- Hotline (Melissa)
 - Going well
 - Discussion about our ability to tally number of calls

Old Business

- Please spread the word about our vacant AIS coordinator positions: Fellowship Communication, Group Services and Membership Outreach.
- Business Cards (point person absent)

New Business

- Posting Southern NV AIS minutes on NV Area Website
 - Fran S suggested posting the AIS minutes to the website to spread the word about AIS and hope that it encourages others to engage in service at the AIS level.
 - Lynne made a motion to post the minutes to the NV Area Website
 - Susan seconded the motion; vote taken; motion passed with 9 for, 4 opposed and 3 abstaining
 - Note: only group reps (GRs) are allowed to vote; officers and coordinators have no voting rights
- Translation equipment
 - Jane suggested that AIS either purchase translation equipment for use at AIS meetings and events or rent it for one month to try it out
 - Frances and Cindy volunteered to translate
 - Members discussed
 - Cindy volunteered to work with Rosie to carry this suggestion to Spanish Intergroup to obtain their feedback
 - Joy volunteered to check with NV Area Group Services Coordinator about Area's policy on borrowing their translation equipment.
 - Phyllis made a motion to table the discussion until February 2012 meeting; Michelle 2nd the motion; vote taken; motion passed.
- December AIS Meeting
 - Jane offered to host the December Southern NV AIS potluck dinner and meeting at her home
 - Potluck and meeting will be on Thursday, December 8 at 6:30PM.
 - Fran volunteered to create and send out flyer with information and driving directions.
 - Lynne volunteered to bring some folding chairs.

Meeting ended with members joining hands for the Serenity Prayer.

Next AIS meeting: December 8, 2011