

## SYRACUSE AIS MEETING MINUTES 09/28/09

Pat M called the meeting to order at 7:35 pm with the Serenity Prayer. The following were present:

Pat M, Pam A, Walt S., Helen H., Dolores L (P/O), Ruth S, Lucy J, Jerry H., Cathy A, Kathi D, Nancy P and Kathy M.

Secretary: Pam A read the minutes from the 8/24/09 meeting. The only corrections noted were typos. Motion to accept the minutes as corrected by Walt S, second by Ruth S. Motion passed.

Treasurer: Jerry H. - Distributed three reports.

- The balances reflected as of 9/28/09 were: Savings acct -\$1,079.51 checking acct – \$998.89.
- It was noted that prior to the meeting a member notified Jerry that some of the YTD expense balances on the Budget Report were reflected inaccurately. Jerry will work to correct the balances.
- The spreadsheet of budget against actual - showed 2009 expenses thru 9/28/09 of \$1,465.82 vs. \$6,562.50 budgeted. Group donations for Sept were \$100.00 and the LDC's monthly donation of \$250.00 was received for Sept.
- The report reflected total group contributions for the year as \$1,584.27 and the LDC made contributions totaling \$2,250.00 thru Sept. *(reports attached)*

Literature: Cathy A. Distributed - Treasury report & Summary of LDC activity as of 9/28/09

- Literature sales since 8/24/09 were \$2,038.13 which included \$750.28 from the NYN Fall Assembly. Expenses since 8/24/09 were \$627.25 for an ending balance of \$8,609.32.
- First literature order via the new online order form was received. It was from Poughkeepsie NY for \$133.92.
- Working with the 2010 Roundup committee to improve the location of the Al-Anon literature table at the Roundup.
- Al-Anon Faces Alcoholism 2010 - now available - fifty cents each.
- The WSO is looking for personal writings /stories to be included in a new book - working title is "Tracing Our Growth". The book will tell Al-Anon's story from the perspective of Al-Anon members, including those whose personal progress involved working in Al-Anon service on the challenging issues of their day. *(reports attached)*

Archives: Kathy M. – no report

Spanish Contact: Ciria was not present.

Service Center: Louise

- Louise was not present but left a report.
- The volunteer luncheon is schedule for Oct 24<sup>th</sup> @ 11AM.
- Pat read a note from Louise - asking for a donation of a cake for the luncheon. If you can do this please contact Louise.
- Louise also left a note attached to an article from the forum soliciting readers and sharing needed. Louise suggested that we hold a Forum workshop during one of our AIS meetings. *(report attached)*

Website: Kathi D

- During the Public Outreach project part of the meeting Kathi conducted usability testing of the new website with various members.
- Kathi submitted a written report. Highlights as follows:
- The new website is live. The contact us mail box is working and several emails were received, messages forwarded to the appropriate office/coordinator.
- Sent a request to WSO related to E-Communities
- Waiting for approval from WSO to repost the Legacies to our website. Temporary approval has been granted.
- When sending info to Kathi for "Events" do so by clicking on "Contact Us". *(report attached)*

## Old Business:

### Proposed workflow for filling literature orders

- Pat reviewed the proposed workflow/procedure (*circulated via email prior to the meeting*) for volunteers to follow when filling CAL orders.
- Discussion occurred. It was decided that completed orders “awaiting check” will be placed on the back table in a designated area.
- A vote occurred and the new process will be implemented. (*see attached for procedure*)

### Printer

- New 4 in 1 printer installed. The old printer still works, but not w/Windows Vista - if anyone needs a printer. It was originally donated by a member a few years ago.

## District Reps:

### Dist 15 – Walt:

- Friday night Camillus Alateen group hosted their a spaghetti dinner on Sat 8/29 and raised over \$800.00 to help the group pay expenses to attend NYNAC in Oct
- The teens from Friday night Camillus would like to be involved in P/O to schools. More to follow.
- Walt asked about the \$25.00 that was voted on and approved at the last AIS meeting for Alaten fee assistance for NYNAC. Jerry needs to know who to make the checks payable to.
- Oct 10, 2009 -Circle of Hope Annual Day of Sharing - 9-3:30 PM.
- Nov 11, 2009 - Thursday Night “Works in Progress” Liverpool anniversary celebration
- Next District 15 meeting – Oct 14 @ 7:00 PM - at Open House.

### Dist 3 – Ruth:

- Next Dist 3 meeting in Nov. Date TBA
- Discussed -The Monday - Adult Children Meeting in Baldwinsville is not registered the WSO, should we have unregistered meeting on the new schedule. NYN Group Records coordinator could not find any info on the group. Cathy A will visit the meeting to them know they are not registered.

### Dist 18 Lucy:

- Oct 3, 2009 - Dist 18 Day of Sharing - Immaculate Conception Church in Fayetteville. 9 -3.
- District 18 is hosting the NYN Fall 2011 Election Assembly with District 6 (Utica area) 1<sup>st</sup> meeting scheduled for late Oct. They will be alternating locations for their planning meetings.

### Dist 21 – Kathy M:

- Nov 14, 2009 – Dist 21 Annual Day of Sharing – Fulton
- Alateen schedule shows Mexico Alateen meeting - no longer in existence, it never panned out, needs removed.
- Wed night Fulton Alateen meeting should be on the schedule and is not.

## New Business:

- How about a workshop for the writings for the new book – by 12/31/09 and a workshop for sharing for the Forum. Discuss at future meeting.
- Cathy A. proposed for us to go out to meetings and introduce the AIS and distribute the treasury guidelines. It was suggested that the AIS guidelines be the same as the NYN guidelines. Pam will send those to Cathy.

**Next meeting: 10/26/09 @ 6:30 PM in Oswego** – address is on the schedule and driving instructions will be sent out. Remaining 2009 meeting dates - Nov 23 & Dec 28<sup>th</sup>.

Meeting closed at approx. 8:35 PM with the Al-Anon Declaration.