SYRACUSE AIS MEETING MINUTES 01/25/10

Cathy A opened the meeting at 6:05 pm with the Serenity Prayer.
Ruth S read the Traditions and Walt S read the Concepts.
The following were present:

Cathy A, Pam A, Walt S, Ruth S, Cathy A, Kathi D, Jerry H, Beth Pete L, Kathy M, Cira B, Alfredo, Diane C and Carol.

Pam acted as time keeper. All in attendance were voting members.

1st order of business was to elect new officers to serve out the 2 remaining years of the current terms for Secretary, Service Center Coordinator and Alateen Coordinator.

Secretary – Pam A stood unopposed for the position. She read her resume. There were no other nominations, a vote was taken- result was unanimous. New secretary Pam A.

Alateen Coordinator – Walt stood unopposed for the position. He read his resume. No other nominations - vote taken - result unanimous. Walt S is new Alateen Coordinator.

Service Center Coordinator- Ruth S stood unopposed for the position. She read her resume. No other nominations, vote was taken - result was unanimous – Ruth S new Service Center Coordinator.

After the elections Diane C noted that she was impressed with the skills and the amount of service all of the candidates had.

Secretary: Pam read the minutes for the 11/23/09 meeting –they had not been distributed prior to the meeting. No corrections were noted. Motion to accept the minutes by Walt S and 2nd by Ruth S. Approved,

Literature: Cathy A. Distributed - Treasury report & Summary of LDC activity as of 12/31/09.

- Deposits were $1,359.78 and expenses were $946.18 for an ending balance of $8,8929.84.
    - Cathy reported that she found a few pennies discrepancy between the checkbook and the bank statement . She adjusted the records to reflect the balance on the Bank statement as of 12/31/09. She will be using a new format for her reporting and cutoff at the end of the month.
    - Cathy plans to sell off old inventory at the Round-up.

Treasurer: Jerry H. *(report attached)*

- The balances reflected as of 1/25/10 were: checking acct – $1096.93 and savings acct was appox - $1,081.00
- Dec. income was $346.50 from groups & $250.00 from LDC. Dec. expenses were $372.16.
- Jan income was $142.22 from groups & $250.00 from LDC. Expenses were $462.77.
- The budget for 2010 needs to be completed.
- Discussed that insurance should be an LDC expense.

Archives: Kathy M. – *(report attached)*

- Kathy made 2 trips to AIS office and sorted three boxes.
- Consulted with NYN to see what NYN items the Syracuse should be archiving.
- Emailed the WSO regarding records retrieval.
- Emailed former NYN Archivist regarding past practices.
- Disposed of duplicated materials, left material for the AIS coordinator to review and separated materials for the treasurer & AIS chair to review.

Service Center**:** Ruth *(report attached)*

- Submitted the Service Center report for the time period of 11/14/09 thru 1/15/10.
- Volunteers are still needed for the Service Center for designated shifts and as substitutes.
- Coverage is needed in March for the 2nd & 4TH Monday 3-6 PM and the 1st Friday 3-6 PM.
- As of 1/01/10 the Service Center report will reflect activity from the 1st of the month thru the last day of the month. *Example* – the report given at the February meeting will be as of 1/31/10.

Spanish Contact: Cira – no activity recently.

- An English speaking individual came to the Spanish meeting.
- Cira would like it noted on the schedule that the meeting is Spanish speaking.

Website: Kathi D *(report attached)*

- Needs people to help work on improving the site's navigation & page organization.
- Meeting information/changes should be sent to Service Center Coordinator.
- There is still some confusion about the inclusion of Alateen meetings on our schedule. NYN policy states that no Alateen meetings will be posted on websites. However, it is acceptable to include Alateen meetings on local printed schedules. These printed schedules are shared among members. Currently Syracuse AIS meeting information is maintained in three forms two of which are posted on our website. Alateen meetings are not listed on any of our meeting web pages or on the printable meeting schedule available online. Only the meeting schedule that is available from the AIS Service Center for distribution at meetings contains Alateen meeting information. In an effort to make sure groups have updated meeting schedules I have been emailing to this schedule to those Al-Anon members who attend AIS meetings. Emails are private communication and as such including Alateen meetings on these schedules adheres to NYN policy.

Public Outreach: Dolores L not present

- Still have 29 P/O packets left.

Alateen: Walt –

- Asked if Fulton has an Alateen meeting. Answer: There is a sponsor available each week; however no teens show up.
- Same for Auburn Alateen meeting- sponsor is there - no teens show up.

District Reps:

Dist 3 – Ruth:

- Next district meeting- 1/30/10 3 Pm Faith Lutheran Church Cicero following 2 pm meeting
- Working on Day of Sharing – May 1

Dist 15 – Walt: (report attached)

- Working on a combined Day of Sharing with District 18. To be held June5, At St Michaels Lutheran Church –West Genesee St- Camillus,
- The Marcellus Wed 7 pm meeting has disbanded and been removed for the schedules.

Dist 18 Lucy: not present

Dist 21 – Kathy M: (report attached)

- Change to schedule –Wed Night 7 PM meeting at Believers' Chapelwill not held until a heating issue is resolved
- P/O information wa sent to: Harbor Lights (Mexico), Pulaski Health Center and Pulaski Central School District
- Has idea for Love gift to send to NY Delegate for the WSC in Aoril.
- Next District meeting in February- TBD

Dist 28- Not present

Reports ended at 7 PM

Old Business:

- **Public Outreach** – see Public Outreach section above.
- **Visit All Groups** –
  - Discussed creating a small packet to go to groups with and introduce the AIS to them and a guideline for group funds. Suggestion to form a committee .
  - There is a suggested guidelines for group funds in Feb Northern High-Lights.
  - G41- from WSO is also available.
  - Cathy A proposed we form a small committee to work on a complete financial guideline and bring back to the AIS as a whole. The committee should follow the guidelines set up in G-41. All were in favor. The group decided to table further discussion until the next aIS meeting.

- **Phone System**- Discussed options available for phone.
  - Do we keep current options or change?
  - Current phone is only local service. Appox $10.00 more we could have long distance and up to 3 mailboxes to hold messages.
  - We could get a new phone and answering machine
  - We could get a new phone and use the Verizon mailboxes.
  - We discussed that we are speeding to much for answering service for the amount of calls received,
  - Discussion occurred regarding a new phone and answering machine what the Rochester, Pittsburgh and Philadelphia AIS's use.
  - We need to have the name on the current phone bill changed to Syracuse AIS.
  - After much discussion a vote was taken to go with the Verizon option which will be a price increase from 61.15 to 72.59. And will include Local, Regional & Long distance calling. Passed. There were 2 abstentions, one due to the belief that people need immediate access to meeting information and the other felt they did not know enough about the current phone service to make a decision and thought it was good to have someone on the other end as opposed to answering machine.
  - Cira suggested that we could set the mailboxes to pickup after 6 rings.
  - How to use the mailboxes:
    - About Office and website
    - Spanish
    - Leave Message
  - A motion was made to get more info from Verizon including a written estimate and circulate to all. Prior to the mailbox option, Pete made motion Carol 2nd, Passed 12-1.
  - Alfredo would like to purchase a phone and donate to the AIS
  - We will need to contact the Answering service to discontinue the service.

Next meeting: February 22, 2010 @ 6:00 PM @ Service Center

Meeting closed at 8:00 PM with the Al-Anon Declaration.