

DRAFT MINUTES

NYC AI-Anon Intergroup AFG Representative Meeting

July 25, 2023 6:30 pm

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Chair: Meret O
Vice Chair: OPEN
Treasurer: *[Gracemarie H, not present]*
Secretary: *[Camille A, not present]*
Board Member: Cynthia R
Board Member: William S (adjunct Treasurer) *[arrived after introductions]*
Board Member: Roderick F

Note taker: Patty M, allipgm@aol.com

6:30 Serenity Prayer
CAL Reading: Paths to Recovery, p 216, first 2 paragraphs, "Defining My Responsibility"

6:35 Acceptance of [IR Minutes from April 25, 2023](#) {note: addition of Carolyn C, Eastside Serenity}

6:40 IR Sign-in & Introductions

Intergroup Representatives (Quorum count)

1. Carolyn C Eastside Serenity Sunday 6pm Manhattan
2. Jenny L Saturday Serenity Squared, Sat. 9:4am, Brooklyn
3. Agnes C Happy, joyous free, monday, 7pm, brooklyn,
4. Rita J Stepped Up in the City, Wednesday, Manhattan, 7-8:00pm, 214-384-8223
5. Sarah JW Bed Stuy Serenity, 7pm Tuesdays
6. Vickie Step Into the Heights, Thursday's 7-8:30, Zoom, Manhattan, stepintotheheights@gmail.com
7. Elspeth Inwood Beginners Group, Manhattan, Saturdays,
8. Amanda D Waterside, multiple weekly meetings, St Margaret's House (in person) & Zoom WatersidealanonVC@gmail.com
9. Ilene Today's Reminder Upstairs, daily @9:05am, Zoom only (prev Sheen Ctr Manhattan)
10. Isabel ZG Page 269 AFG, Saturday, 11am, Brooklyn
11. Scott G Serenity in the Garden, Sunday, 4PM, Manhattan
12. Justine Solutions and Serenity, Brooklyn, 7:30pm, Tuesday,
13. Fred G Let it begin with me, Friday, Bklyn, 7:30 pm
14. Jeffrey Westside Gay and Lesbian Family Group, Sunday, 6:00pm, Manhattan, Zoom only
15. Christine G SYDR/EYDR every day online
16. Patty Harlem Hope & Harmony, Mon 7:00pm, zoom

Board of Trustees Members Introduction: Meret, Cynthia, Roderick
[Update: Bill W is continuing service as adjunct Treasurer because he lives in Manhattan and can easily get to the office]

6:55 Reports on Ongoing Activities:

[Office Administration Report](#) (Cynthia) IG is in the process of opening a new Bank account at TD Bank.

Query: should funds be split between two banks given recent bank failures in the news?

Answer: FDIC insured up to \$250,000.

[Treasurer's Report](#) (Meret) \$14,380 in checking, \$97,072 in Savings, \$15,000 Outreach. We are working out kinks from the recent transfer of Intergroup's bookkeeping from QuickBooks Pro to QuickBooks Online. We will present detailed accounts at the next IR meeting.

[NY South Area AWSC](#) (Julie) Electronic Work Group is working on details of how NY South can add electronic groups who wish to maintain an affiliation w/ NYS. October 22 is next Assembly (hybrid?)

[Share-a-Day](#) (Meret) The dollars and participation are trending downwards from January 2023 to June 2023. New easy to use link to volunteer is at the top of every page on the Intergroup website.

7:07 Old Business (updates)

Public Outreach

[SENY Outreach](#) (Charlie) Volunteer opportunity on August 12, 2023 at St. James on 71st Street from 8:00 am until 5:00 pm. It's an AA sharing event with 2 AI-Anon meetings, one at 11:00 am in English, the other at 2:00 pm in Spanish.

Charlie is looking for families who participate in the AI-Anon AND Alateen program.

Also, need volunteers to work at the Literature table. Intergroup is donating literature in the form of book marks, pamphlets, and booklets. (No book sales.)

[CAL & poster download](#) (Meret) World Service has created a flier for outreach. It is on Intergroup's Intergroup's website. Click "Resources" then "Download a poster. Good for individual and group level outreach.

New Business

1. Updating the Mission Statement: [a proposal](#) (Camille) (*Not enough time to discuss but please bring back to your groups for discussion and we will return to this topic.*)
2. Answering Intergroup's Helpline: call for ideas (*Not discussed, lack of time*)

7:20 7th Tradition Break

7:22 Breakout Rooms:

How does Intergroup serve YOUR group?

1. Is Intergroup's bookstore still necessary or important?
2. Would a monthly newsletter help your group?
3. Does your group use "[Al-Anon Related Announcements](#)" or the [Calendar of Events](#) on our web page at the 7th Tradition break?
4. Do you have Ideas to foster group community vs. group isolation?

7:37 Breakout Room Reports

- **Group 2--** *Al-Anon Related Announcements* Mixed response: some said they weren't needed, others liked reading about events
 - *Bookstore*: Not as essential during the zoom/ pandemic years, now it seems a duplication of services
 - *Isolation of groups*: social events around them?? Also, the comment of registering zoom and newly formed in person groups would make meetings less isolated
- **Group 3--** Newsletter not necessary
- **Group 5--** *Bookstore*: confusion over lack of information. What are the options? Need to know more about Book sales
 - WSO or Intergroup sites were preferred sources of events rather than a newsletter
 - *Suggestion: Create a pool of speakers* who would be willing to qualify at meetings listed on the intergroup website as a source
- **Group 6--** Intergroup should make the call on effective costs and whether to keep the store, no newsletter, go to website, people make announcements about what's coming up soonest in the future
 - Website vs Literature in NYC: (?) How much is the physical bookstore used?

Meret- Intergroup will generate information about the cost of selling books.

Charlie- The World Service Office does efficient inventory control and runs an online bookstore. Having Intergroup do the same is a duplication of effort.

7:55 Announcements:

- [Share A Day Workshop](#): **July 29**, Many Voices, Backgrounds, & Cultures Together in Al-Anon (12-4pm)
- [Intergroup Board Meeting](#): Tuesday, **August 8**, 6:30 pm
- [AA Sharing Event IN PERSON with Al-Anon outreach](#), Saturday, **August 12**
- [New York South AREA Assembly](#): Sunday, **October 22**

- [Intergroup Rep Meeting](#): Tuesday, **October 24**, 6:30-8pm

8:00 Closing Serenity Prayer