

PRELIMINARY DRAFT OF MINUTES
SOURCE DOCUMENTS: Agenda & Zoom Chat

NYC AI-Anon Intergroup AFG Representative Meeting
January 24, 2023 6:30 pm
Zoom ID: 815 2596 6036 Passcode: 358407

Chair: Nancy Oppenheim Lipmann aka Meret O
Vice Chair: none
Secretary: none
Treasurer: Gracemarie Harlin aka Gracemarie H (absent)
Board member: Cynthia Rose aka Cynthia R
Board member: William Stern aka Bill S
Board member: Pinar Goodstone aka Pinar G (absent)
Board member: Camille Acey aka Camille A (absent)

IR Sign-in and Quorum

1. Harriet: How AI Anon Works Monday 7pm NYC virtual
2. Sally: Westside LGBTQ+ meeting, 6PM ET Sundays, formerly in Manhattan, now on Zoom.
3. Amy C: Step into the Heights, Thursdays at 7pm in Manhattan (but meeting on Zoom)
4. Rita J: Stepped Up in the City, Wednesday, 7:00-8:00 pm, Manhattan
5. Wanda G: Work the Program not the Problem; Saturday, 2:00 pm, Manhattan
6. Elspeth: Inwood Recovery Beginners Steps, Saturday at 9am, Manhattan.
7. Fred G : Let it begin with me, Fri., 7:30 pm, Brooklyn
8. Marc Z: Brooklyn SatSerenity, Saturday 10:30am
9. Sarah L: Miracle on 5th, Thurs 12:15pm Manhattan
10. Sarah H: The Three Legacies, Monday 12:15
11. Justine: Solutions and Serenity, Tuesday/7:30/Brooklyn
12. Julia S: Bed-Stuy Serenity, Tuesday/7pm
13. Amanda D: Waterside, Manhattan & virtual (10 meetings, 6 digital, 4 in-person)
14. Ilene W: Today's Reminder, 7 days a week, 9:05am, Zoom currently, originally Manhattan
15. Scott G: Serenity in the Garden Sun 4PM
16. Nadia Milleron: East Side Serenity
17. Agnes C.: Happy Joy and Free, Monday, 7pm, Brooklyn
18. Jolanta Sabak: Courage to change"(polish speaking group), Fridays/7 pm/Manhattan,

Open meeting with Serenity Prayer
CAL Reading: 12 Steps & 12 Traditions, page 135
Acceptance of [IR minutes from October 25, 2022](#)

Introductions:

Intergroup Representatives
Board of Trustees Members
Election of new board members:
Gracemarie H as Treasurer,
Camille A as member.

Reports on Ongoing Activities:
[Office Administration Report](#) Cynthia)

[Current Cash position](#) (Bill) NOTE: because of illness and technical problems, we were unable to present the P&L comparison and the Annual Budget. They will be sent to all IR next week via email. Pending questions and responses, we will either conduct a vote via email, or convene a special meeting to discuss the budget.

[NY South Area AWSC](#) (Julie)

Old Business (updates)

Website (Meret): a professional has been hired to work on the Commerce (book selling) part of the site. Pending the completion of work on the Commerce area, we anticipate it going live soon.

[Summary of public outreach efforts](#) (M)

Report from D21 Outreach (Tim)

[Report from SENY liaison Outreach](#) (Charlie)

New Business (not discussed due to lack of time)

[KBDM: using Knowledge Based Decision Making to inform a group conscience](#) on what to do with the monies donated via bequest, for Intergroup Outreach

7th Tradition Break

Breakout Room Topic: What projects or ideas might Intergroup pursue in order to spend the Outreach bequest effectively—and how would our funds support the effort?

The topic was discussed in the open meeting and in the CHAT by the entire group, due to lack of time. Below are ideas from the discussion and the chat.

- IDEA: Make refrigerator magnets—or something more durable than business cards.
- IDEA: Flier with white background suitable for printing out at low cost for distributing at in person meetings
- IDEA: gender neutral literature, not referring to God as “he” [RESPONSE: World Service holds the copyright for all our literature. We cannot change it, but we will forward this request to WSO, as many have been discussing such a change.]
- IDEA: donate copies of CAL to the New York Public Library [RESPONSE: NYPL has “How Al-Anon Works” but we can investigate getting more CAL into all branches.
- IDEA: order CAL from Poland to donate to the Polish speaking groups. And possibly order in other languages from other countries to donate as a starter kit for non-English speaking groups in NYC
- IDEA: purchase Alateen literature and give a “gift box” of 4 books to any teen who is interested.
- IDEA: give each meeting an allocation for CAL. Anyone in the meeting who has access to various nonprofits, etc may apply to the lit chair for funds to purchase pamphlets, readers, etc to deliver to various outreach targets

- IDEA: The outreach at the police strategy sounds great. Can we do that for universities and hospitals?
- IDEA: Donating AI-Anon literature to High School libraries
- IDEA: Can we offer reimbursement to districts sending folks to Stepping Stones etc? [RESPONSE: Stepping Stones is not part of AI-Anon so it would not qualify. The New York South Area reimburses travel to Assemblies.]
- IDEA: “Yes” to business cards w/ QR code linking to new website.
- IDEA: New local Alateen brochure (local and graphically in sync w/ new website)
- IDEA: Podcast networks are a possibility [RESPONSE: we may run up against our by-laws, which limit us to the five boroughs of NYC]
- IDEA: Can we focus on getting CAL to parts of NYC that are “dark”
- IDEA: Can we pay AI-Anon members to do some of this legwork

Announcements:

- Intergroup Rep Meeting: Tuesday, January 24, 2023
- Intergroup Board Meeting: Tuesday, February 14
- HYBRID New York South Area Assembly: Sunday, February 4.
- Share A Day Workshop: NO workshop in January: February 25 (Intimacy)
- SENY Convention with AI-Anon participation March 24, 25, 26, In-Person, Tarrytown Marriott, accessible by public transportation, LOW hotel prices (\$137)

8:00 Closing Serenity Prayer