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**NYC AI-Anon Intergroup AFG Representative Meeting Minutes**  
**June 28, 2022 6:30 pm via Zoom**

**Board Members**

: Meret O (Chair), Cynthia R, Bill S (Treasurer); [PInar absent]

**Meret** opened with Serenity Prayer.

**Dolly** read CAL (Hope for Today, June 27)

**Meret** asked for a temporary Secretary to take notes; **Patty S** volunteered

**IR minutes** from April 26, 2022 accepted with quorum of 12

**Meret** announced that two positions were open on Board: Secretary and Vice-Chair. Make a plug at local meetings on behalf of service.

**Introductions:**

- Harriet: How AI-Anon Works, Mondays 7:00pm, NYC
- Fred G: Let It Begin with Me, Fridays, 7:30 Brooklyn ( Fred has a new email)
- Carolyn C: Eastside Serenity, Sundays 6:00 pm, NYC, but still virtual only
- Rita: Stepped Up in the city, 7am, 8am, 7pm,8pm (Virtual)
- Dolly H: The Healing Power of AI-Anon, Mondays 7:00pm 350 E. 56th St, NYC
- Ilene: Today's Reminder Mtg, Daily, 9:05 am, Virtual, NYC
- Gerard: Friday am meeting ( did not hear location)
- Scott G: Serenity in the Garden, 4:00 Sundays, live and virtual
- Sue K: Step into the Heights, Thursdays 7:00 NYC, virtual
- Julia S: Tuesdays 7:00 in person meeting in Bedford Stuyvesant
- Rob: Park Slope Friday Night 7:00 meeting in Brooklyn (new location)
- Allie: In person Saturdays 11:15 NYC
- Agnieszka: Polish, Courage to Change, NYC, E. Village, 7:30 on E. 8th St by Avenue A ( need update)
- Patty: Harlem Hope and Harmony, Mondays 7:00 NYC , Virtual

**Board Member Introductions**

Meret is Chair, Cynthia updates meeting list, Bill is Treasurer

**Reports on Ongoing Activities:**

*Office Administration Report (Cynthia)*

- June share over \$700.00
- Literature is available and updated
- Inquiries go to Meet
- Office opens in the Fall

- Bills are up to date

#### *Treasury Report (Bill)*

We started with \$47,581.00 in 2022

Checking: \$14,680 in checking

Savings: \$111,750

(note: to accrue interest, \$35,000 was transferred to savings)

Current allocations in the Savings Account include:

\$50,000 the full 6 months of Prudent Reserve

\$26,750 is targeted for Public Outreach -

(Both the reserve and the Outreach came from bequests in 2017 and 2019)

At month end, then at mid-year, a comparison will be distributed.

Quickbooks is being used.

#### *NY South Assembly (Meret)*

- All NYSouth positions are for three years. They rotate this Fall, 2022.
- Since many groups became virtual and may not return to physical meetings, WSO Conference created the Global Electronic Area (GEA) as an "Area" for electronic and virtual meetings. If your group wants to register as an electronic meeting, they will automatically be posted to WSO's worldwide meeting list.
- There is no deadline; it isn't urgent. But groups may want to discuss it at their business meetings in order to know if they want to continue being part of New York South Area or move over to the GEA..
- Intergroup will keep all New York-based meetings on their list, even if they're full-time virtual, but for representation at the WSO Conference (and to reach out to newcomers worldwide), the GEA registration might be useful.

#### **Old Business**

##### *Website (Robert)*

- The new website is coming along. Robert shared a visual presentation of the updated website. Rob (working with Robert) spoke about the back-end of sorting data (types, locations, times, language, etc.) for the meeting list.

##### *Outreach (Jeanne)*

- No new news. Members have raised questions regarding return on investment for subway cars interiors. *NOTE: If 1000 posters cost \$40,000-\$50,000 plus \$5,000 in printing costs for one month,, it seems maybe not worth it. Same with 260 posters, 46" X 30" costing \$30,000 for 4 weeks on platforms. Additional print cost, \$6,000.*

- We need volunteers with an advertising or print background. Please email [board@nycalanon.org](mailto:board@nycalanon.org)

#### Hotline (Jackie)

- A meeting took place to discuss the need for volunteers to field incoming calls on the AI-Anon phone line.
- This project, upon rollout, will need volunteers to donate a 2 hour shift once a month to receive calls forwarded to their phones from the AI-Anon line once a month
- Please mention this in meetings.
- Moving forward there will be a sign up for shifts on the new website but it is not live yet.
- Fred suggested that a list of services be created which the volunteers can use to learn basics about how to direct the caller to specific options.
- Fred also suggested experienced members act as back-up or coaches to support the volunteers.

#### WSO donation (Cynthia)

*Cynthia* spoke of the WSO deficit. An appeal letter was sent recently. Last year, Intergroup donated \$3,000 to WSO. Cynthia suggested picking a number and sending a donation to WSO.

*Dolly* has contacted WSO's Finance Dept., called four times, no one got back to her.

*Fred* explained that book sales are down; as of April 30th there was a \$325,000 deficit. Paper shortages and print backlogs are hurting sales. Two options to help WSO would be to buy books or make a donation.

*Meret*- for details of the WSO deficit, go to the WSO website to see the appeal letter and financials.

*Rita* sent a letter regarding \$251,000 going towards the \$350,000 deficit?

*Ilene* suggested in the mindset of giving a small amount, until we receive more information.

*Scott*- Asked: are we locally OK? What can we give that we are safe with?

*Fred*- made a motion for a \$5,000 donation to WSO,

*Sue* seconded the motion

**VOTE COUNT:**     11 for  
                              2 opposed  
                              1 abstention

**Carolyn**- speaking for the minority, wanted to donate a smaller amount, so more can go to advertising.

#### 7<sup>th</sup> Tradition Break

#### Announcements:

- Share a Day, Saturday, July 30, 2022 “Many Voices, Backgrounds, & Cultures in Al-Anon.”
- Updating groups’ meeting information
- Alateen AMIAS training: email [nys.alateen60@gmail.com](mailto:nys.alateen60@gmail.com) to be on list
- Share with Groups “Al-Anon Related Announcements” that are posted on NEWS tab and a clickable link on our Home page.
- Next Intergroup Board Meeting, Tuesday, July 12, 2022
- Next Intergroup Representatives Meeting, Tuesday, October 25, 2022
- All (IR) Intergroup Rep meetings remain via Zoom

### **Closing Serenity Prayer**