

July 26, 2016 Intergroup Representative (IR) Meeting Minutes

- Having reached a Quorum the meeting started at 6:33pm and opened with a moment of silence, followed by the Serenity Prayer.
- The CAL Reading was from the pamphlet “Alcoholism, the Family Disease”.
- **Action:** The April 2016 IR Mtg. minutes were accepted by a unanimous vote.
- The IRs and the Board went around the room and introduced themselves.

Reports:

Dolly presented the administrative report:

- We’ve gotten some feedback from our bookkeeper regarding our new office manager. While she's competent in many areas, her computer skills are not at the level we need. We are going back to the drawing board with this new information and will start the interview process tomorrow. No services or opening hours will be effected as the old team has generously stepped in to fill the gap while we search for our next office manager.
- We have decided not pursue the call forwarding idea. We feel confident that we don’t receive enough calls in the office to warrant further exploration of this idea.
- We want to know if anyone was able to raise any money to match the generous offer of \$250 (half the need funds) for the conference calling system.

- Jude presented the Treasurer’s report:

Please see attached report.

- Ellen presented the Literature Report:

We will slowly increase our open to buy.

- Dolly presented the April Fund Raiser report:

We raised approx. \$1,500 and feel the it was a great success. Thank you so much for your support.

Dolly presented the outreach report:

- We participated at the Manhattan AA Share a day May 1, 2016 with a literature table and 4 well attended Al-anon meetings
- Edwin Gould Services for Children and Family, June 8, 2016. Spoke to Foster parents, had an Al-anon meeting and donated pamphlets.
- We sent literature to the Discovery Convention. \$762.20 was sold over the three days.

New Business:

- Elizabeth talked about the need for a meeting contact form in order to better enable us to keep accurate meeting info. We will post a form online in the fall.

Old Business:

- Elizabeth presented the need for participation to make the column it's very best and encouraged everyone to please contribute.

Board Recommendation to the IRs to keep literature prices as is for the time being.

Action: The IRs voted 24 in favor, and 4 abstentions to keep the literature prices at their current rates.

The envelope as passed for the 7th Tradition Collection.**Topic: Outreach/Carrying the Message**

A lively and supportive discussion followed we went around the room and let each IR speak for a few minutes, with the majority of IRs very much in favor of this initiative.

- Great idea, cooperation with AA and is there a young person initiative already in place?
- EP some kids need tools
- Great idea, get some good young speakers
- Great idea, District 18 to do a one off service, this could be one of the one off services, announce at meetings where there are young people
- Forwarded info to the SI GR to help with outreach at Wagner college. Someone spoke at health classes at Kingsborough high school. Lit should be Alanon lit or "Living Today in Alateen".
- Great idea, look for a contact in the health services Dept or pre Med classes
- More of an AA issue, not alanon
- New student orientation would be not the best time, maybe an open house would be better a time to reach out. Students may need to spend some time in college maybe a couple of years, then they would need alanon.
- EP: Maybe if there was more extensive orientation period, it would be ore appropriate to do do some outreach at that time.
- "Understanding ourselves", leaflets: "alcoholic parents", "alanon fact files" (does this still exist?)
- Could have used it when I was on campus, and would have been helpful to know about alanon earlier. How do we measure success? Maintain a presence, it will be hard to see the impact.
- There are an abundance of older people at meetings, so it would be hard to identify with the older folks, I'm a young person and I'm available to help.
- Research colleges who already have sober dorms. Another avenue would be thru sports dept. as many athletes get hurt and then addicted.

- Parent group would be fruitful place to mine for speakers and volunteers, they already have access. Colleges would be a good start, they can suggest schools, presentations and content. What lit would they suggest?
- A table at orientation. Focus on school where a meeting is already handy.
- Non-traditional students, would be a good place to start, I am happy to help.
- I know a young lady too old for alanon and is uncomfortable in reg. Group. How to get high school students that re not yet in college , this is a forgotten group.
- Fordham U had an alanon meeting. Contact high school guidance counselor with literature.
- Get to High school seniors before they go to college
- Great idea. I would have appreciated Alanon in my early 20s.
- Would love be a part of the conversation. I know that there is huge youth movement in AA and you would get good ideas on outreach. Mayors wife is doing a mental health initiative and this is a good place to start and coordinate efforts.
- I thought AA was exciting and alanon boring, get some double winners into the room as speakers.
- EP: RA discussion
- I work at a university and I can be of great assistance. "Freshman success issues", is a one course credit, and introduces ideas on how to succeed in college, would be great to get alanon in the syllabus.
- Would have been nice to have my daughter have access to something like this while she was in college.
- Far more known at this point, because of the national agenda and it's constantly discussed. As an alanon member I have learned about respect and boundaries, we can only go to those that already are predisposed to wanting to know, ask them what do they need from us? Get them thru research, can we be of service to you?
- Get alanon, AA and alateen speakers at orientation. We need to fix ourselves, not other people.
- I support the idea to raise awareness and provide info. How do we measure our success? Will there be selfsustaining alanon meetings? Yet, there is still a lot to be gained, and teaming up with AA would be great. EACYPAA is the young people part of AA.

The meeting closed at 8:00pm with the Serenity Prayer.

**Respectfully submitted by,
Dolly**