

**Alison Board Meeting – November 1, 2016**

Any missing reports below were due to either the absence of the person in service, or a report not being delivered by that person.

The meeting began five minutes at 7:33 with the reading of the Serenity Prayer. Barbara read Concept 10. Jane read Tradition 2.

Since Ellin has agreed to serve as Vice-Chairperson starting January 10, 2017, she asked how much she should continue to do as Outreach coordinator so that she stays within the guidelines of Concept 10. It was suggested that she continue doing what she feels necessary as Outreach coordinator until January 10, and offer assistance in the transition if someone steps up to take over that vacancy.

**RECORDING SECRETARY** – Mike handed out and read the notes for the board's review. The minutes were approved. It was decided that the meeting minutes would be sent to Peleg for posting on the website, and any corrections or adjustments after the fact would be updated as such on the website.

**CHAIRPERSON** – Gerry L. said that he spoke to the church and the custodian and was assured that there would be proper heat in the building for the winter months.

He also reiterated that it is important that these meetings start on time, and asked any late arrivals to be respectful and quiet when they enter the meeting room if the meeting has already started.

The importance of having the mail in time for the meetings was discussed, and Lise assured all she would be glad to comply.

He also reviewed the vacant positions, which are the Outreach/CPC/PI/I Coordinator and the Liaison to the Assembly.

**TREASURER** – Barbara read the balance, which is \$3136.26. \$490 in donations was sent in, along with donations of \$120 from the quarterly meeting. \$26 from an overpayment for the meeting list was also added to the balance.

Checks were ordered, and Barbara clarified why the sequence number of the new checks started at 2501 instead of 2301. She confirmed that this was not due to missing checks, rather it was because deposit slips had been ordered in the past.

**ALATEEN COORDINATORS** – Roberta and Shirin reported that one teen attended the new Roslyn Alateen meeting. They are working hard to promote the meeting, and a request was submitted and approved to get a \$125 donation from the board so that Outreach could promote Alateen for all the meetings.

**OUTREACH COORDINATOR** - Ellin reported that she has secured a speaker for Mercy First, and Jane is coordinating a workshop at Syosset High School in December (details to be announced). Barbara and Mike represented Alanon at the NARCAN meeting at Seaford High School.

Ellin met with District 7 and 11 AGRs on October 23, and she is attempting to arrange a meeting with District 8 soon, which will focus on Alateen and the schools.

She will continue to work on the first quarter Open Meeting postcards for the balance of her term. The literature order for Outreach was \$72.50.

November 13 is the Service Workshop in Ossining, New York at the Maryknoll Missionary. At 12 noon.

Ellin will work on a “script” for talking points and/or handouts to introduce and better explain who we are and what we do to introduce Al-Anon to communities and activities.

**TELEPHONE COORDINATOR** – Jeff is coordinating the dates for telephone service. The website will post updated instructions on how to use the system, but those with questions will still be forwarded to Jeff so as to secure the board’s integrity and anonymity.

He also reported that doing an open house at the Hicksville Methodist Church is approved. He will further explore three dates agreed on by the board, those dates being 1/17, 1/24 and 1/31. The tentative time is from 7 to 9 PM. The board was asked by Gerry L. to come to the next board meeting with one idea of what should be done and what should be the talking points for this open house.

Jeff will continue to explore the separate line for Outreach, which he will pursue more vigorously.

**MEETING LIST COORDINATOR**– Jane gave Peleg the meeting list, updated, to post on the website. Ellin also has the open meeting list to send to Peleg for posting. Jane will also send any updates to the WSO.

The new format for the meeting list, which will follow the Suffolk County format, is not ready yet but should be up and running in 2017.

**P.O. BOX COORDINATOR** – Lise picked up four pieces of mail.

**LIAISON TO SUFFOLK** – Gerry W. had nothing to report. He told the people at that board know about the new Alateen meeting in Roslyn, and reminded all of the Hugs, Hope and Healing workshop on 11/12 at St. Matthew Church, 35 N. Service Rd. Dix Hills.

**WEBPAGE COORDINATOR** – Peleg is posting updates on meeting dates, open meetings events and anniversaries on the website. He will also list all members of the Alison board. Please send him any announcements you wish posted.

He is also adding group emails. He has 26 group emails to date.

Mike mentioned that he will forward the meeting minutes to Peleg for website posting.

Peleg’s email address is [Webmaster@Alison.org](mailto:Webmaster@Alison.org).

Before adjournment, a past board member who attended brought up a subject touched on during the meeting, namely that the board is going paperless beginning January 1, except for meeting lists. She expressed concern that she didn’t feel she or some other AGRs (none of whom were in attendance) were heard on this issue. Several things were pointed out to her: Going paperless is important so that resources could be spent otherwise. It is also a quicker way to get information to various groups and in line with current communication modes. Most importantly, it was pointed out that this board realizes it is an information board and does not govern, but must simply carry out what members agree to. In line with that, the issue was discussed and brought up for months (since the spring) at the monthly and quarterly meetings, and any AGR or member attending those meetings had the opportunity to give their opinion and even ask for a vote to decide which way to go on this. There was no majority opposition at any point. It was further pointed out that “follow through” is important to recovery in Alanon, and that changing course at this point after the majority of board members and AGRs at the quarterly meetings agreed to go paperless would not be following that critical Alanon point. To continue to discuss this over and over after being brought up since March in the quarterly meetings and numerous times at the monthly meeting would be counterproductive.

**The meeting was adjourned at 9:35 with the reading of the Alanon Declaration.**