

## **ALISON BOARD MEETING MARCH 7, 2017**

The meeting began at 7:30pm with the Serenity Prayer. Jane read concept 3 and Barbara read Tradition 2. The sign in sheet was circulated.

**RECORDING SECRETARY** - Mike- Mike read the minutes from the last meeting. Susan (Outreach) made a correction to dollar amounts needed. Minutes were approved.

**CHAIRPERSON** - Gerry L. - Gerry mentioned that the Treasury position is vacant.

Gerry L. stated that Roberta will indeed continue to serve as Alateen co-coordinator and that this position is not vacant.

Gerry L. discussed some upcoming workshops in Manhattan and Suffolk county.

**VICE CHAIRPERSON** - Ellin - Ellin held a workshop planning meeting on Feb. 26. The workshop date has been switched from Saturday, October 14 to Sunday, October 15, 2017 so that more people can attend, particularly Alateen members. Garden City Community Church has been the venue in the past, but this might be an issue due to the change to a Sunday. A deposit to the church has not yet been made. She is exploring holding the workshop at Cure of Ars Church in Merrick. There is a surplus (amount uncertain but somewhere between \$100 and \$400) which may be able to be used for the 2017 workshop.

Discussion ensued about who will sign checks since Barbara has stepped down as Treasurer. Ellin and Gerry L. will go to the bank to remove Barbara as a signer and add their own names as approved signers.

Ellin brought vouchers to be sent with payment to the three arms. She asked that vouchers be brought back to the groups so that donations to the Board can be earmarked for the workshop. This way she can acknowledge the group for their donation. Ellin also discussed district responsibilities for the workshop and has e-mailed all groups about these responsibilities. She also mentioned that there will be a workshop planning meeting on March 26, 2017 at Garden City Community Church.

**TREASURER** - Barbara - Barbara reported a balance of \$2282.58 in the account. She paid the annual liability insurance premium, and the policy is in effect through February 28, 2018. Rent has been paid through March. She will pay 2nd quarter rent (April, May and June), per Gerry L.'s request. Rent is \$100 per quarter.

**RECORDING SECRETARY** - Mike had nothing to report. Board members thanked him for his service, as he is stepping down from this position.

**CORRESPONDING SECRETARY** - Valerie - Valerie asked if the Board thought she should mail a quarterly meeting notice to groups that have not provided us with an e-mail address. The Board did not think this was necessary.

**ALATEEN CO-COORDINATOR** - Shirin & Roberta- Shirin stated that 200 AFAs have been ordered and will arrive in April. Shirin and another volunteer will be reaching out to all Nassau County high schools with a letter and meeting list.

Roberta mentioned that the Roslyn parent meeting has people that wish to receive AMIAS training. NY Southern assembly is not currently training.

**OUTREACH COORDINATOR** - Susan- Susan arranged for a table at the March 21 East Meadow PTA Council Kiwanis workshop. She is considering ordering business cards and pencils for outreach

purposes. Discussion ensued about literature to be given out at fairs. Barbara suggested we purchase copies of "How Alanon works" (\$6 each) for distribution at fairs.

**LIAISON TO AA** - Cynthia- Cynthia passed around "Share A Day" info for AA, scheduled for April 29, and asked if we could promote this on our website. Discussion ensued. The Board decided that it will be promoted on the Alison website under the "Notes from AA Liaison" section. Alanon speakers will present three topics at AA's Share a Day - "Expectations", "Let it begin with me" and "Courage to change". She needs two more speakers to volunteer. She will order AFAs and "How Alanon Works" for our Share a Day literature table.

100 people have signed up to speak at AA group anniversaries.

**TELEPHONE COORDINATOR** - Jeff- Jeff reported minor issues with the system, mostly involving personnel. He got a phone call from someone he believes to be an AA member who wants to participate in our October workshop. He will pass contact info to Ellin.

**MEETING LIST COORDINATOR** - Jane- Jane reported that the new meeting list format will be available next year. She has gotten money from the Treasurer to pay for the meeting lists.

**LIAISON TO SUFFOLK** - Gerry W. - Gerry W. had nothing to report.

**WEBPAGE COORDINATOR** - Peleg- Peleg put up a new version of the webpage, since the old one did not display well on phones and other small hand held devices. He also changed the navigation. He followed up with World Services for the new meeting list format. He reported that over 60% of the groups have now provided us with their e-mail address.

The meeting was adjourned at 9pm with the Alanon Declaration.