

AIISON BOARD MEETING
May 2, 2017

The meeting began at 7:34 with the Serenity Prayer. Jane read Concept 5 and Ellin read Tradition 2. The Board discussed Concept 5, noting that we tried to incorporate all views into our new paperless method of communication.

The minutes were read silently and corrections were made.

CHAIRPERSON - (Gerry L.) Gerry L. reported that he was asked to consider becoming the new NYS area Alateen coordinator. After much thought and consideration, he has agreed to volunteer for this position. Ellin has agreed to become the Alison Board Chairperson. The timing of these changes is to be determined so there will be no conflict or overlap with Gerry's Alison chair duties. Gerry will need to be voted in to the Alateen coordinator position at the June 11, 2017 Southern Assembly meeting. A discussion then occurred about Amias training and people in need of it.

VICE CHAIRPERSON - (Ellin) Ellin discussed her progress on the fall workshop. The date is now October 15, 2017. There are two possible venues: Cure of Ars Church in Merrick, and Community Church of Garden City. The cost for Cure of Ars would be \$875, which would include custodial set up and access to bigger rooms. The Community Church of Garden City would cost \$300 less, but we would be in the basement in smaller rooms. A Sunday would be the preferred day for the workshop as this would be best for Alateens and would allow Orthodox members of Alanon to attend. The Board discussed the cost of the workshop and a budget surplus from prior years. A motion was made to approve funds to secure Cure of Ars Church for the workshop. The \$550 brought in from the last workshop should go towards this year's workshop budget as a starting point. The motion passed. This money will come from the Alison treasury. Peleg suggested that all group donations for the workshop be listed on the Alison website. Ellin is considering selling discounted tickets at individual meetings, and she is thinking about raising the ticket price to \$10.00, with a pre-paid discounted price of \$8.00

SECRETARY- (Valerie) Valerie had nothing to report.

ALATEEN CO-COORDINATOR- (Roberta) The date for the Discovery trip is July 14 - July 16, 2017. Roberta and the Board discussed taking Alateens to Discovery and how to fund it. Workshops are free for teens but not adults. Rental of a bus is under consideration. Roberta will research and discuss this possibility with Shirin. A school bus might work. Two adults would need to travel on the bus, but only one would need to be AMIAS trained.

OUTREACH - (Susan) Susan now has a complete list of all schools and rehabs for outreach purposes. She is putting together a phone script to describe Alanon. She is hoping to do away with paper communications.

TREASURER - The Treasurers position is currently vacant. Ellin questioned how reimbursements would be handled without a treasurer. Susan asked if someone can act as treasurer before they are voted in. Gerry W. will write a letter to the bank to remove himself and Barbara as authorized signers. Ellin and Gerry L. will be added so that they can sign checks.

LIAISON TO AA - (Cynthia) Cynthia reported on AA Share a Day. \$62 from Share a Day was designated for Al Anon. Cynthia suggested that this money be allocated for our fall workshop. She did not have enough help at Share a Day and hopes to have more help next year. Cynthia thanked Peleg for adding the "AA liaison news" section to the Alison website. She still needs to be reimbursed for the books she bought for Share a Day. She mentioned that there is an AA event on June 4 at the Marriot and that there will be an Al Anon table there. She needs help at this event. Gerry volunteered to help.

MEETING LIST COORDINATOR - (Jane) Jane mentioned that she will not be at the July quarterly meeting, but she will provide meeting lists. She needs \$176 for meeting list printing.

LIAISON TO SUFFOLK - (Gerry W.) Gerry mentioned that perhaps we could ask the AA speakers at our anniversaries whether they would like an Al Anon speaker at their anniversaries. He discussed ways that Suffolk handles ticket pricing and finances for their workshops. Discussion ensued.

SPEAKERS EXCHANGE - (Betty) Betty mentioned that she did not do a paper mailing about the May 9, 2017 Speakers Exchange meeting since we have gone paperless. Valerie will send out an e-mail reminder about the meeting.

WEBPAGE COORDINATOR - (Peleg) Peleg asked all board members to please clear their e - mail inboxes. Call him if you need help; he would be happy to assist. The GoDaddy domain name is up for renewal. There is a new page on our website with joint Al Anon and AA events. He would like to include encouragement to attend open AA meetings on our website with a link to the AA website. Peleg updated our website with some new features for mobile phones. He asked the board to explore the mobile phone changes and give him feedback on usability.

The meeting closed at 9:39 pm with the AlAnon declaration.

