

ALISON QUARTERLY MEETING JULY 11, 2017

The meeting began at 8:03 pm with a moment of silence, followed by the Serenity Prayer. Mary Ann read Concepts 5,6 and 7. Janice read Tradition 2.

SECRETARY Valerie distributed copies of the last quarterly meeting (April 18, 2017). She read them out loud. There were no corrections. The minutes were accepted.

CHAIRPERSON Gerry thanked everyone for coming. He announced that tonight would be his last Board meeting as Chairperson, as he is stepping down to become the New York South Area Alateen Coordinator. The by-laws do not allow him to serve in both positions. He will be the AGR for the New Hyde Park men's meeting, so he will still attend Quarterly Board meetings. He asked for a volunteer to take over as Chairperson of the Alison Board. He explained that anyone can take this position, no need to "work your way up the ladder". He spoke about his four years on the Board and how rewarding it has been. He encouraged all AGRs to attend meetings in Ossining as Group Reps.

VICE CHAIRPERSON Ellin thanked Gerry for his service to the Alison Board. She noted that the fall workshop will take place on October 15, 2017 at Cure of Ars Church in Merrick. Start time is 11:30. She mentioned that Save the Date flyers have been created and asked all present to take flyers back to their group to spread the word about the workshop. She encourages AA participation as well. All are welcome to attend a workshop planning meeting on Wednesday, July 26 at Kath's house. Kath previously organized the workshop. Kath's house phone number is 516 486-7603. Please call her for address. Ellin brought workshop tickets to tonight's meeting and will give them out at the end of the meeting so that AGRs can bring them back to their meetings to sell. Ticket prices are \$5.00 in advance, or \$8.00 at the door. Alateens attend the workshop for free. Jen, part of the workshop planning committee, explained how the ticket sale proceeds would be collected by the committee. She needs one person from each district to go to each meeting in the district to collect the ticket sale money by September 1st. Volunteers are needed for this task. An AGR asked whether they could just write one check from their group for the tickets sold. Ellin and Jen said they could, and asked AGRs to write down the ticket numbers sold. Checks should be made payable to "Alison" and earmarked for the workshop. Discussion ensued about ticket sales at meetings and the best way to have sales proceeds delivered to the workshop committee.

CHAIRPERSON Gerry mentioned that elections need to be held tonight on the vacant Board positions. Eileen was voted in as Treasurer, and Lily was elected Liaison to Assembly. 33 people voted.

TREASURER Ellin gave the Treasurers report tonight. She reported a balance of \$2332.45 in the Treasury.

ALATEEN COORDINATORS Shirin reported that we will not be getting a bus to drive Alateens to Discovery. There are not enough Alateens attending to justify the cost of the bus. She discussed the funds donated by groups for the bus rental, and stated that they will now be used for the Discovery banquet. Shirin invited anyone with questions about this to contact her. Shirin also mentioned that an AMIAS created an Alateen meeting list. She asked the AGRs to bring this list to their meetings. Hopefully this will boost Alateen meeting attendance, which has been falling.

OUTREACH Susan now has a list of all rehabs and crisis centers in Nassau and Suffolk counties. This will enable her to e-mail Alanon meeting lists and literature to all of them. She has reached out to Suffolk Board to see if they would like to be included in her mailings. She is seeking volunteers for Narcan and other training.

LIAISON TO ASSEMBLY Lily is newly elected to the Board, and will attend the next Assembly meeting on October 21st.

TELEPHONE COORDINATOR Jeff asked if any groups were having any issues with their phone service. He took questions from the floor on this topic. He is now looking for someone to take over his Board position, as he has now served the maximum 6 years on the Board. He encouraged all to consider taking a Board position.

MEETING LIST COORDINATOR Jane distributed the updated meeting list and asked everyone to review for corrections. She asked that everyone e-mail her with any changes, and to give her at least 10 days lead time. Questions and discussion ensued regarding various meetings and the list.

PO BOX COORDINATOR Lise picked up 13 pieces of mail and handed them off to Eileen, the newly elected Treasurer.

LIAISON TO SUFFOLK BOARD Gerry W. had nothing much to report. He will be going to the Suffolk Quarterly Board meeting next Wednesday. He will bring workshop tickets to sell at the meeting. Gerry also mentioned that he will be stepping down at the end of the year, since he has now served the maximum allowable six years on the Board. He asked everyone to consider joining the Board.

SPEAKERS EXCHANGE COORDINATOR Betty announced that the next Speakers Exchange meeting will take place on November 28, 2017. Since the last meeting was poorly attended, she will send an announcement via the US postal service. She mentioned that a request was made for a virtual, online Speakers Exchange meeting. In an effort by the Board to be responsive, and because it's a good idea, Betty will work on making this happen. It will enhance, not replace the regular Speakers Exchange meeting. Betty mentioned that her term is also expiring at the end of the year, since she has served six years on the Board. She urged all present to consider joining the Board.

WEBSITE COORDINATOR Peleg talked about how gratifying Board service is, and encouraged everyone to step up to a Board position. He explained that various issues have prevented some of his work from getting done, but going forward he expects things to run more smoothly. He clarified how meeting changes should be communicated to the Board. Permanent changes should be sent to Jane, the Meeting List Coordinator, and temporary changes should be sent to Peleg. Announcements can be sent to Peleg, which will be forwarded to the Secretary for distribution. When in doubt about where to send, just send to Peleg. He will get it to the right place. He asked for a few weeks lead time for all submitted announcements to be posted to the website. Peleg also discussed a test link on the website. He has made some changes to the meeting list to work better on mobile devices, and he would appreciate feedback. There will now be only one meeting list.

SUFFOLK LIAISON TO NASSAU BOARD Joe was not able to bring Suffolk meeting lists tonight. He hopes to have them for next meeting. The Suffolk Board is now out of austerity and financially better off. There is a new website coordinator. Joe would like for the Nassau and Suffolk boards to come together for some activity. Gerry L. mentioned that this had been done before, many years ago. Joe stated that the 60th anniversary of Alateen will be on September 23, 2017. He is hoping to make a contribution of some sort for this anniversary. Joe also mentioned that the Suffolk Hugs, Hope and Healing workshop will take place on November 11, 2017.

AA LIAISON TO ALANON The Board welcomed Kevin from AA. He brought copies of the AA newsletter and reported on a wide variety of AA events and activities. Among them: there will be an open house/BBQ at Nassau Intergroup on September 23, to expose members to the many service opportunities available. The rain date is September 24. There is a New York State informational workshop in Rochester, NY on August 4-6. Kevin will be attending. There will be information available on many topics, including treatment, institutional issues, youth, etc. Kevin also discussed some training happening for AA members who visit residents of correctional institutions and treatment facilities. He reported on some tax issues and the sale of AA literature, which is being straightened out. He also reported on a meeting guide app which gives nationwide information on meetings.

The meeting closed at 9:30 with The Lords Prayer.