

ALISON BOARD MEETING AUGUST 1, 2017

The meeting began at 7:37 with the Serenity Prayer. Cynthia read Tradition 2 and Roberta read Concept 8.

SECRETARY - Valerie distributed the minutes from the July 11th Board meeting and read them out loud. One correction was made. The minutes were accepted.

CHAIRPERSON - Gerry served as Chair for tonight in the absence of a permanent Chairperson. He explained that this was his first time chairing a meeting. He considers it to be a wonderful opportunity and asked other Board members to consider serving as Chair. He had nothing else to report.

NASSAU LIAISON TO SUFFOLK - Gerry mentioned that at the Suffolk quarterly meetings they ask if there are any new AGRs present and if so they welcome them. He reported that the Suffolk Board likes the idea of a joint Nassau/Suffolk picnic. They think the Liaisons could coordinate it. It would be just a picnic with no speakers. They are thinking that somewhere along the Route 110 Corridor might work, with possible locations being Belmont State Park or Bethpage Village Restoration Park. It will most likely occur in the spring or summer of 2018. Gerry volunteered to help coordinate it. Gerry did not sell any Nassau workshop tickets at the Suffolk quarterly board meeting. Members of the Suffolk Board mentioned to Gerry that our workshop falls on the same day as the Suffolk County AA Share A Day. He returned ten tickets to Ellin and will keep ten of them for possible future sale.

VICE CHAIRPERSON - Ellin has the program for the workshop. 7 or 8 people came to the planning meeting to work on the program. Kevin (Liaison from AA) was there. He will find an AA member to chair the AA portion of the workshop. There will be two closed Alateen meetings and an AMIAS workshop. There will be an Alison Board workshop, where two or three Board members will share about doing service on the Board. Ellin would like Gerry W. to chair this meeting. The budget for the workshop is \$975. \$100 has been paid to the workshop venue, Cur of Ars Church, as a deposit. A balance due the Church of \$875 remains. \$190 has been spent on ticket printing. \$250 from the budget will be spent on signage, balloons, programs and evaluation forms. Ultimately group donations will be needed to fund the workshop. Ellin gave Board members donation forms to take back to their groups. Discussion ensued about creating a flyer to distribute to groups requesting donations. There was also discussion regarding the best way to deliver to the Board any money made from ticket sales by AGRs at the group level. A check can be sent or AGRs can deliver proceeds at the September 5th quarterly meeting. The Board also discussed selling workshop tickets on line and how this would work best. The Board approved the sale of online tickets at the discounted preregistration price.

TREASURER - Eileen reported a treasury balance of \$2525.31. She is now approved to sign checks. She also reported a credit balance from Verizon of \$2.54.

SECRETARY - Valerie distributed an updated confidential board member list and asked everyone to review it for accuracy.

ALATEEN COORDINATORS - Shirin organized an AMIAS get together. Five people gathered for discussion. She has told all AMIASs that she will mail workshop tickets to them for Alateens. She also requested volunteers for the workshop. The Rockville Centre Thursday 8pm meeting will need a second AMIAS beginning September 14th. Cynthia gave Shirin a newspaper article about a Sea Cliff youth group. She is hoping that Susan from outreach and the Alateen coordinators could help promote Alanon and Alateen to this group.

OUTREACH - Susan has compiled a list of rehabs and crisis clinics for distribution to Nassau and Suffolk. She will send out an e-mail this week which will include FSA and meeting lists. It will also include workshop information and an explanation of Alateen. The second mailing might be a newcomers packet. There will be a September mailing to local schools. She will try to send something new out with each mailing. There are no more Narcan programs in the works due to issues with the current Nassau County administration. There will be a Nassau County drug and alcohol awareness day in August. There will be an Alanon table there.

LIAISON TO AA - Cynthia attended an AA intergroup meeting. She gave the Alanon workshop flyer to all group reps. She was disappointed that it did not appear in the AA newsletter, so she will call the editor. Cynthia mentioned that she now has a list of 100 Alanon speakers willing to speak at AA anniversary meetings. Cynthia will also attend the upcoming AA BBQ.

MEETING LIST COORDINATOR - Jane mentioned a new meeting in Long Beach. It's a 4th step Alanon Family Group at 7pm at the People's Church 111 Delaware Ave. Long Beach in the parsonage (house in back).

PO BOX COORDINATOR - Lise had 7 pieces of mail. There were lots of Alison donations and a \$100 donation for the workshop.

SPEAKERS EXCHANGE COORDINATOR - Betty reported that she will notify all groups about the November 28, 2017 Speakers Exchange meeting via a US Postal Service mailing, since the last meeting was not well attended.

WEBPAGE COORDINATOR - Peleg could not attend so Valerie read his report. All of the meeting minutes are now on the meeting page. The latest meeting lists are on the Home page. Meeting information is requested about once a week on the website, indicating that Alison is a useful and valuable resource. He is attempting to identify and recruit a potential Alison Board Chair so that our work can continue. He would consider stepping up for the job himself but is really enjoying his webmaster duties. Finally, the new meeting page is done. He just has to update the meeting data before he puts it up on the website.