

**June 17, 2020 Board Minutes ASIS Meeting at Association for Mental Health and Wellness
Ronkonkoma, NY. , ZOOM Meeting CORRECTED COPY SUBMITTED JULY 17, 2020**

Board Meeting ASIS

Present: Ed O. (Chairperson), Bob M. (Vice Chairperson), Amanda W. (Corresponding Secretary), Diana S. (Family Relationship Workshop Coordinator), Dolores C. (Recording Secretary), Maureen P. (Meeting List Coordinator), Karen G. (Public Outreach Coordinator), Mary A. (Speaker Exchange Coordinator), Philip D. (Treasurer) Karen H. (Liaison to A.L.I.S.O.N.), Christine M. (Alateen Coordinator (Amias) , Steve W. (Liaison to AA).

Absent: Rose T.

Laurie B.

John P.

CeCe J.

Ed opened the meeting at 7: 05 with the Serenity Prayer and then asked Dolores C. (Recording Secretary) to read the minutes of the May 20, 2020 Board Meeting and then asked Board Members to review them and make any corrections necessary. Corrections were made. Ed then asked that the May minutes with corrections be submitted to CeCe (Website Coordinator) for posting on the website.

Old Business:

Philip D. (Treasurer) went over treasurer’s report which he had submitted online. Phil asked that we shoot him an email to update anything we needed to add to our individual budgets. At this time, we have \$7,370.00 for total expenses. Phil requested us to submit a total of expenses each of us has for our budgets. Karen G. asked for a raise in the budget she had submitted. The new total would be \$825.00 because she would be adding PSAs to her budget. Ed and Phil agreed that the budget would be available at the quarterly meeting. A budget is a reasonable estimate of what we believe we will be spending throughout the year. Bob M. (vice chairperson) asked about accountability of money being spent- who is accountable for monies being spent? Phil responded that the accountability for the spending of the money rests with the board member who is handling the service position being questioned (where is the money being spent going ?) Ed suggested that we bring in a copy of our proposed budget to the next board meeting. Phil showed us an example of a spread sheet of expenses of bills using John P.’s (literature coordinator) for a \$202.00bill that he had put in showing how the bill was paid. This is a difficult time due to the pandemic.

Maureen P. (Meeting List Coordinator) asked about the cost of printing for the meeting lists. She was not sure if this would be even happening. At the quarterly meeting Phil proposed to give a total of what came in and said this is what was spent . He suggested that we keep it “High Level”. Continuing Phil said “We don’t have to justify or explain where every penny goes”. It should be interactive – open to discussion.

Open Positions:

Al-anews coordinator

Choices

Phone Service Position which is at present the most difficult position to fill and also the most important position to have filled. Ed again mentioned that Sara who is no longer a member of our board but who had been the previous Phone Service Coordinator should not still be doing this position. He suggested that we talk up this position as Phone Service Coordinator at our zoom meetings. Any questions about this phone service position should be brought up to the board and not to Sara. Karen H. asked why the phone service position is not being filled and suggested that perhaps reformatting it might help. Steve W. (Liaison to AA) suggested that we keep talking it up and eventually someone would take it .

New Business and Reports:

Ed (Chairperson) suggested having a virtual meeting once a week sponsored by the Board. He said this would help those people out of state.

Bob M. (Vice Chairperson) – not much to report.

Diana S. (Family Relationship Workshop Coordinator) reported that there are currently a good number of beginner's meetings going on. She said that she has become "customer service person" for the board. She needs to forward info to CeCe (Website Coordinator). There was also a Hugs, Hope, and Healing meeting last week. Consensus was that there will not be a Hugs, Hope and Healing workshop online. Possibility of postponing it to the Spring or next year. They are in the process of picking a topic. There will be another meeting second week in July, (July 8) of Hugs , Hope and Healing committee.

Amanda W. (Corresponding Secretary) reported that next month, July 15, there will be a Quarterly Meeting . She will be emailing flyers to the groups. Steve W. also asked for confidentiality in emailing board list info. Karen H. said that she needs to be put on the email list. Amanda requested that Karen H give the info to her and Karen H said that she would put it on Chat.

Steve W. (Liaison to AA) reported that he did not have much to say. He is maintaining contact with his sources, doing zoom meetings three times a week and he did say that people are texting him.

Mary A. (Speaker Exchange Coordinator) reported that she is waiting to see if they can have a speaker exchange meeting in November. She believes that they should know by September.

Maureen P. (Meeting List Coordinator) – Questioned if she should order meeting lists for July.

Karen H. (Liaison to A.L.I.S.O.N. (Nassau) reported that she will be going to Quarterly Meeting next week via Zoom.

Christine M. (Alateen Coordinator) reported the following : New certification for Amias training will happen July 12, at 3:00 PM. Lynne the AAP will be emailing the paperwork. Alateen Recertification is scheduled via Zoom June 28, and July 12 at 11:00AM. The Alateen budget was reviewed and looks good. Christine is working with Karen G. (Public Outreach Coordinator) to work on more outreach to the communities. A new zoom Alateen meeting is in the works. Information will be posted on the website making it easier to access the meetings. Alateen zoom meetings have meeting codes and passwords on the website making it easier to access the meetings.

Karen G. (Public Outreach Coordinator) – needs volunteers to spread the word. She reached out to Sylvia , public service coordinator NY. Karen got acquainted with Scott P. (World Service Digital Office Manager). Scott P. is also the person who started the PSAs. He also said that Alateen is starting a Mobile app and that there is a possibility of contacting movie theatres to publicize meetings for al-anon and alateen. Also reaching out to professionals to get them better trained in handling problem drinkers. Karen also remarked that the PSA movies are very good and that she has put a link on the

email. Ed said that Steve and Bob would be willing to help with these signs. It was suggested that we go to Al-anon website to see these signs. Karen is looking to purchase these signs and then post them. Bob said that we could find guidelines in the Suffolk Info Manual. Ed. did say that Steve W. and Laurie B. were in good positions to help Karen G with this.

Phil D. asked about thread other day recording speakers. It was reported that one needs permission to record a speaker. Diana S. mentioned that she has a security setting on her computer. For Al-anon purposes she said that it should always be **turned off**. The decision was that "We should not be recording speakers". Phil remarked that "nothing is private or anonymous anymore".

Finally, Diana reported that for the next Board Meeting and Quarterly Meeting, July 15, that the ID would be the same for both meetings.

Phil D. moved that we close the Meeting at 8:40PM. All agreed.

Next Meeting will be on Wed. July 15, at 7:00PM followed by the Quarterly Meeting ID 236883389.