

ASIS Quarterly meeting for Information Service Reps (ISRs)

Wednesday, January 15, 2025

In the Room: Barbara B, Treasurer & Acting Chair, Steve W literature, Del S taking meeting list, Judy O public outreach, Kelly H taking Liaison to ALISON and Elizabeth N ISR

Online: Theresa corresponding secretary, Laura website, Kathy PO Box, Kim Speaker Exchange, Leon Digital Services, Judy F Public & Inst Outreach, Mary Ellen Alateen, Richard guest, George Nassau ALISON rep-guest, Gordon ISR, Barbara R. guest, Yvie HHH & AISR

Alice T ISR, Dix Hills, Nancy N Wednesday Night Parents, JoAnn, Sue Thursday Ronkonkoma, Meena Easy Does it Sundays, Patricia Listen and Learn Thursdays, Moting, Randy, Dolores Setauket New Hope Tuesday

Barbara opened the meeting at 7:44 P.M. with Serenity Prayer.

ISRs were asked to rename their screen with the group that they are ISR for in order to make voting easier.

In the Room: (1)

Elizabeth N Just for Today AFG

On Zoom: (14)

Dolores Setauket New Hope

Meena Easy Does It Sunday

Patricia Listen and Learn Thursday

Randy Friday morning AFG Huntington

Kim B Westhampton Beach Wednesday

Sue Thursday Ronkonkoma

Kathy S East Moriches

Max Monday Recovery

JoAnn Shoreham Serenity AFG

Sal Babylon Thursday AM

Nancy East Northport Wednesday

Gordon Tuesday Blue Point

Yvie Smithtown Carry the Message

Maureen Friday Blue Point

On the Phone: (1)
Alice Dix Hills ISR

Old Business:

Vote on minutes from the October 16, 2024 quarterly meeting, sent out last week.

Motion from ISR Patricia and AISR Yvie second. Vote Yes 14 No 0 Abstain 0

Open Board positions:

Chair

Vice Chair

Recording Secretary

Liaison NY South

Alanews

HHH

Choices

New Business:

Introduced those who volunteered for Board positions:

Mary Ellen active in Alateen will take the Alateen Coordinator position. Mary Ellen spoke briefly about her experience as an AMAIS working with Alateen and other Board and administrative positions she has held.

Del has volunteered to take the Meeting List Coordinator position. She said Leon will help her to keep everything as accurate as possible, looking forward to volunteering. Barbara added that Del is a long time member and very active in her group service.

Kelly has volunteered to take the Liaison to ALISON position. She shared she's been doing much work on the group level, started a new meeting recently, and is excited to take it up to the next level.

Barbara asked ISRs to vote to confirm each of these volunteers:

Vote: Yes 15 No 0 Abstain 0

Barbara presented the 2025 Budget Proposal which had been emailed to all ISRs on the current ISR list and also all group emails currently on file with WSO, prior to the Quarterly meeting.

The Budget was worked on with a committee of three: Barbara, Treasurer; Steve Literature Coordinator and Laura, Website Coordinator. All put much work into the process and hope that the ISRs will be happy with the final document.

Contributions have gone down, but we are hoping to encourage groups to donate money.

She reviewed the budget in detail and explained changes in revenues and expenditures; the budget is balanced with Inflows and Outflows for the year projected at \$10,453.

Prior to taking a vote, Barbara asked if there were any questions. Judy O, Public Outreach Coordinator, asked if this included general questions. Barbara clarified that she was referring to questions about the Budget. Judy had a question about the rent for the Alateen meeting in person on Monday evenings in Deer Park because the Al-Anon Group that meets at the same time has been covering the rent for Alateen. Barbara advised that this was not included in the Budget and no mention of it had been made when the Budget was prepared. Judy will discuss with Mary Ellen separately.

Barbara requested that an ISR make a motion to accept the 2025 ASIS Budget. Maureen, ISR for Blue Point Friday, made a motion to accept and it was seconded by Dolores, ISR for Setauket New Hope. A vote was taken and the Budget was approved.

Vote: Yes 15, No 0, Abstain 0. Barbara thanked everyone for their attention.

Note: Leon noted that Barbara had not asked if there were any No votes or abstentions. This was corrected before the meeting proceeded.

Barbara then asked if there were any announcements for group anniversaries or other matters.

Yvie, the outgoing Hugs, Hope and Healing Coordinator, gave a report about the November 2024 Hugs event. She noted that the financial information had been covered during the Budget presentation (Note - details are shown in the Treasurer's Report for December presented later in the meeting). Yvie reported that she has been the Coordinator for the past 3 years resuming the event in person in 2022; attendance has been increasing every year with 2024 results of approximately 200 people attending in

person with 160 staying for the Keynote Addresses. She shared how much growth in her recovery she felt as a result of doing this service and highly recommended it for anyone contemplating taking over the position. She concluded with a welcome to new Board members and thank you to all continuing Board members.

The next item on the Agenda was Board Reports; Barbara noted that the lengthy Budget presentation meant that there would not be much time for Board Member oral reports and noted the mandatory finish time of 9 PM because Thrive closes. She stated that she would reserve 5 minutes for the Treasurer Report.

Judy F, Public and Institutional Speaking Coordinator, shared information about the Meetings on Wheels service as found on the WSO website, Guideline G-22, and then recapped 2024 activities: 25 Al-Anon member volunteers who co-led at least one meeting; distribution of approximately 2,000 Newcomer Packets and other Al-Anon brochures and material. She asked ISRs to refer to the ISR Highlights file that would be sent by Theresa W, Corresponding Secretary, in an email. There is an informational Zoom meeting to be held on Tuesday night, January 21, which all are welcome to attend and which will include some of the volunteers who will talk about their experience in the past year doing this service.

Kim B, Speaker Exchange Coordinator, welcomed new Board members. She noted that for the current Winter season, January to March, only 8 groups had enrolled to participate in the program and asked that ISRs talk about this at their group meetings if they are not already signed up. Leon asked her to explain how a group can sign up. She offered her email address kimbmeetings@gmail.com or SpeakersExchange@al-anon-suffolk-ny.org. She also noted that all the information can be found on the Meetings/Speaker Exchange menu of the website.

Mary Ellen, Alateen Coordinator, thanked ISRs for presenting the monthly Alateen Awareness flyers to their groups noting that this was very important to promoting the program. She noted that there would be an AMIAS recruitment effort to ensure that there were sufficient numbers of these volunteers to start more in-person Alateen meetings as there is growing interest for them.

Leon added to Judy F's sharing on Public & Institutional Speaking by noting that the director of LI Center for Recovery, Dylan Galasso, would be speaking at the Wednesday, January 29 meeting of the Westhampton Beach AFG. He will share what the Meetings on Wheels outreach at LICR has meant to clients and also his own recovery experience, strength and hope. Leon ended with his hope that many people

would try to attend as he thinks it is a great opportunity to hear how this service serves so many people who need it and that attendees would be inspired by what they hear.

Barbara, Treasurer, then shared the monthly Treasurer Report including the Summary of Inflows and Outflows, 2024 Budget Progress Report with monthly and Year to Date results, the detailed transactions (monies received and bills and reimbursements paid) and the TD Bank Statement as of December 31.

The meeting was ended at 9:04 PM.

Respectfully submitted by,

Theresa W, Corresponding Secretary and Barbara B, Treasurer