

## ALISON QUARTERLY MEETING MINUTES -- DRAFT

July 9, 2020

**Chairperson.** Chairperson Tamara opened the meeting at 8:00 pm with a moment of silence followed by the Serenity Prayer. Tradition 2 and Concept 7, 8, and 9 read. Board members introduced. Attendance included 19 participants, 12 of whom are AGRs.

**Recording Secretary.** Allison provided prior Quarterly Meeting Minutes for review via website. Accepted as presented.

**Vice Chairperson.** Paula absent. No report. Tamara noted that a virtual Workshop is tentatively planned and that we will reach out to the AGRs for more collaboration in about a month on the Workshop overall.

**Alateen Co-Coordinator.** Sue reported that she created a flyer of Zoom meetings for Alateens that can be posted. Zoom meetings should be well received by Alateen newcomers. Sue welcomes feedback.

**Treasurer.** Eileen reported a balance of \$2,120.18. Mail is getting pickup up, two donations totalled \$50. The Verizon bill has been paid. The Church will not accept donations until it can let us resume use of the space for meetings.

**Telephone Coordinator.** Janice continues checking the voice mail box when groups aren't able to fulfill their service commitments.

**CPC/CPI/I Outreach.** Dvora has added a Newcomers section on our website <http://www.alanon-nassau-ny.org/newcomers-start-here.html>. Our site overall was enhanced to include links to other sites and literature that should be useful to site visitors.

**Corresponding Secretary.** Shirin took attendance and noted that a shortage of AGR emails needed to communicate with the meetings. AGRs are encouraged to contact shirinwoods@gmail.com to subscribe to ALISON Board blast communiques via email.

**Webpage Coordinator.** Position vacant. This role is presently filled by the entire board, collaboratively.

**Meeting List Coordinator.** Terrylynn has not been printing meeting lists but will post the meeting list with a disclaimer regarding COVID-19 restrictions. It was discussed during the meeting that Zoom meeting IDs and passwords should be integrated on the meeting list and that it would be helpful to have hyperlinks to the Zoom meetings as well.

**Speakers' Exchange Coordinator.** Karin was absent. No report.

**Liaison to Suffolk.** Vacant position.

**Suffolk Liaison to Nassau.** Joe absent. No report.

**Nassau County AA Liaison.** Marty absent. No report.

**Alison Liaison to Assembly.** Vacant position

**AA Liaison to ALISON:** Kevin McH, Nassau's Intergroup Chairperson, reported that [www.nassaunya-aa.org](http://www.nassaunya-aa.org) offers 15-20 pages of virtual AA meetings, a newsletter, and other resources. Nassau AA has held

virtual board and representative meetings, a general services conference. A virtual international convention is planned. Nassau AA is selling literature and books via email with payments via Zelle with curbside pickup at their office. Only staff are physically entering the office.

### **New Business.**

Meeting lists require updating and correction as some closed meetings are still listed. Links to Zoom information would be helpful, as is done by AI Anon in California. Physical meetings will start to resume with highly controlled attendance levels and protocols.

Beginners/newcomers are reaching out through the ALISON website as well as via the telephone messaging service.

It was proposed that the Board could become a resource to the groups on best practices for running virtual meetings and Julie R volunteered to take emailed requests for appointments on how to set up "breakout rooms" within Zoom meetings.

Out of region virtual meeting attendance has been increasing. Group conscience should determine how the groups want to handle visitors in either virtual or physical meetings. AMIASES are necessary for all Alateen meetings, including out of region meetings and there is sensitivity to visitors in Alateen meetings.

Donations from the groups to ALISON have been held pending resumption of physical ALISON Board Meetings. ALISON is suitably funded for now but may need funding if as the Spring workshop is planned. Donations for the 3 Arms can be mailed to the ALISON address, as mail is picked up regularly.

The Spring Workshop needs input from the groups and lots of volunteers (finding speakers, etc.). The website could use an AGR/GR Resource Section with tips on running virtual meetings. During this pandemic groups welcome more frequent interaction with ALISON Board.

### **Other Business.**

Nominations did not get addressed due to time limitations. While many Board members are willing to serve an additional year term within guidelines, interested candidates are still welcome to run for all positions. We will definitely need nominees for Treasurer, Nassau AA Liaison. Please refer to to AI-Anon Information Service of Nassau County Guidelines as Revised October 9, 2012 for information on Board positions and protocols.

Tamara closed the meeting at 8:56 pm with AI-anon declaration.