

## ALISON MONTHLY MEETING MINUTES

November 12, 2020, 2020 – Draft

**Chairperson.** Tamara opened meeting at 6:35 pm with Serenity Prayer. Concept 2 and Tradition 11 read. (Present: Tamara, Allison, Eileen, Shirin, Sue, Karen H. and Non-Board Attendees)

**Recording Secretary.** Allison distributed prior minutes via email to Board and uploaded to Board Google Drive. Accepted as presented. Allison is moving to Florida in January but will serve remotely until term end of December 2021.

**Telephone Coordinator.** Janice notes low quantity of voicemails from newcomers and members.

**Meeting List Coordinator.** Terry not present.

**CPC/CPI/I Outreach.** Dvora not present.

**Treasurer.** This month we had 5 donations including 4 AGR meeting donations of \$5 each, totaling \$175.00 versus \$100.00 last month. Bills paid include Verizon and Zoom. Emailing Recording Secretary last 3 month's financials. Balance \$2,153.76, excluding \$961 workshop reserve. \$156 bill for website related costs and \$19.95 for the domain renewal is due. Eileen's term ends in December and needs a replacement to train urgently. Role requires monthly mail pickup at church, writing checks, keeping tally, and visiting bank initially to replace signatory and attending monthly Board Meeting. Candidate should have 2 years AI-Anon experience.

**Vice Chair.** Paula joined. Hofstra is still closed. A plan is ready to go when a venue becomes available.

**Suffolk Liaison to/from Nassau.** Karen H. attended.

**AA Liaison to ALISON:** Kevin McH not replaced yet.

**Corresponding Secretary.** Shirin joined and took attendance.

**Alateen Coordinators.** Susan spoke to a group of interns becoming addiction counselors via Zoom. She explained how 12 step programs actually work and many noted surprise to learn the details. SUNY Old Westbury Guidance Counselor is a strong advocate hoping to start in-school college "rooms", but until COVID subsides this is on hold.

**Speakers' Exchange.** Karin not present.

**Webpage Coordinator.** No report. Position vacant.

**Nassau County AA Liaison.** Marty not present.

**Old Business.** None.

**New Business.** Darcy noted Bellmore Wednesday Serenity in-person meetings now as well as Zoom concurrently but separate. Marianne G reported Rockville Centre Thursday is hybrid (Zoom and in-person is identical meeting) but in a different location in-person is not open to all. Hybrid meetings have a chair at the location who has an ipad and the chair has a phone. The chair acts as cameraperson. The in-person aspect is limited to less than 10. Attendees are thoughtful of background images and noises of course. Hybrids collecting funds for meeting costs and remission to the 3 Arms. Deciding who can

attend in-person is a detail each group must work out. NYC Intergroup picking up a lot of the need (line on our website to NYC). Suffolk's Hugs Hope and Healing this weekend. Karen provided a link to free meeting (donations can be made via Venmo). Groups anniversaries via Zoom now. Beginner meetings and Open/Closed Meetings need to be identified, clarified on consolidated meeting list.

**Telephone Service** encouraged to give a quick summary of how Al-Anon program works (high level) to Newcomers and to direct to local groups with Beginner Meetings.

Reminder to **commence meetings by asking** if Beginners and Outsiders to identify their presence to facilitate Beginner breakouts and to redirect or welcome Outsiders depending on Open/Closed meeting type.

**Consolidated Meeting List** will be created by Shirin of all meetings, regardless of format. Shirin will survey all Groups to ask if Open/Closed, Zoom vs In-Person or Hybrid, Beginner Meeting, who is Beginner Chair and contact info. Paula may assist.

**AGRs welcome** to all ALISON Board Meetings via Zoom to foster frequent bi-directional communication.

The next Board Meeting is in January.

The meeting closed at 7:44 pm with Al-anon declaration.