

# **MINUTES: BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING AL-ANON INFORMATION SERVICE OF GRAND RAPIDS AREA**

November 25, 2024 6:00 – 8:00 p.m. Zoom Meeting ID: **818 5619 1624** Password: **463178**

**Board of Trustees in attendance:** Alison L. Chairperson, Vic C. Communications Chairperson; Brenda District 20 Liaison, Kate A District 32 Liaison; **Absent:** Bobbi R., Treasurer; Karen K. District 18 Liaison

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**Open:** Serenity Prayer, Concept Two

## **Reports:**

- Minutes – July Board meeting minutes reviewed and approved and September Membership meeting minutes reviewed, no corrections needed
- Committee Reports – the business side of AISGR
  1. Treasurer – Financial and bank statement, written report
  2. Communications – verbal report, review Wix analytics
  3. Districts – Districts 18 expressed appreciation for the new website. District 32 discussed the process of reforming the district. Spending time going over basics about how service arms operate. They are meeting monthly.

## **Old Business:**

- Open positions – secretary, phone committee coordinator, schedule editor. The phone coordinator position explained in depth for new board members.
- Motion Log update is on the website. Located on the website under the Resources tab.

## **New Business:**

- New meeting process and updates – Changes traditionally came from the district to AISGR now they are more often than not coming from membership. Because membership is using [aisgr.org/meetings](https://aisgr.org/meetings) and they are reporting problems. Once reported, the [al-anon.org](https://al-anon.org) meeting list is checked. If, and only if, the change appears on [al-anon.org](https://al-anon.org) then AISGR makes the change on [aisgr.org](https://aisgr.org).
- Alateen meeting on website – Discussion whether or not to include Alateen on [aisgr.org](https://aisgr.org) and what to use as a contact since District 20 does not have an Alateen Coordinator. Board decided to include the same information for the Saturday noon meeting as shown on [al-anon.org](https://al-anon.org) and use MIAFG Alateen Coordinator ([miafgalateen@gmail.com](mailto:miafgalateen@gmail.com)) as the contact at the bottom of the meeting list on the website unless told different from District 20.
- [grafg.org](https://grafg.org), [grafg.com](https://grafg.com) – After discussing the Board decided to continue holding these two additional domain names for one more year until January 2026. At that point [aisgr.org](https://aisgr.org) will have been in use for 3 years and the transition from [grafg.org](https://grafg.org) to [aisgr.org](https://aisgr.org) hopefully will be complete. Right now [grafg.com](https://grafg.com) and [grafg.org](https://grafg.org) redirect to [aisgr.org](https://aisgr.org). In addition, a

- discussion started about the GR of AISGR. Should the name be more inclusive in the future, possibly AISWM (West Michigan).
- Schedule printing – At the September Membership meeting groups were asked to discuss with their groups, do they want a printed schedule? The group responses will be under old business at the January 2025 Membership meeting. The Board discussed but what to do moving forward needs to come from the groups. Thoughts:
    - If yes, groups want a traditional printed schedule, then the discussion can lead to the open position, Schedule Editor.
    - Or a business card with the web address and a QR code on one side both leading to aisgr.org leaving room on the other for a personal note.
  - PPM discussion – read update process. Discussed the need for updating, revising and simplifying. Reactivate the existing Policy Committee composed of the Board to meet and start the process. The Chairperson will develop a structure and timing on how to approach this starting January 2025.
  - 2025 Planning
    - Budget – reviewed. Add back in the AWSC Liaison reimbursement of \$300. Discussed \$500 yearly website maintenance and development addition.
      - Districts 18, 20 and 32 can have their own on pages under the Resource page
      - Possible Zoom account for AISGR in the future.
    - Goals
      - PPM update, finalize whether or not to print a schedule, Communications committee discussion
      - 501c3 status for 2026. Making AISGR more responsive to the realities of members' willingness to be of service.

**Next meetings:**

AISGR Membership Meeting January 21, 2025

Board of Trustees March 18, 2025

**Close:** Serenity Prayer and Let It Begin with Me