

MINUTES: AL-ANON INFORMATION SERVICE OF GRAND RAPIDS

January 17, 2023 6:00-8:00 p.m. via Zoom

AISGR Board of Trustees:

Chairperson – Donna F., Secretary – Mary E., Treasurer – Kelley C., Communications Committee Chairperson – Aaron C., Member-At-Large – Rebecca M., Member-At-Large – Janet O., District 20 Liaison – Michelle D., District 18 Liaison – Karen K.

Opening: Serenity Prayer, Reading How Al-Anon Works pg. 42, Introduction of Trustees and members in attendance

Voting Members Present: 9

Sue M.-Tuesday Night Sparta AFG
Aaron C.-AISGR Communications
Mary E.-AISGR Secretary
Janet O.-AISGR Member-At-Large
Michelle D. - District 20 Liaison

Judy W.-Blueprint for Progress AFG
Kelley C.-AISGR Treasurer
Leanne - Transforming Our Losses
Karen K.-District 18 Liaison

Non-Voting Members Present: Donna F., Julie L. (district 18 rep), Vince

To be noted: This meeting was recorded by Kelley's (AISGR Treasurer) computer – will be deleted after minutes are completed.

Reports:

Secretary: Minutes submitted via email

- Reviewed minutes from September 20, 2022 AISGR membership meeting. **Motion 1: To accept the May minutes; proposed by Judy W., seconded by Janet O., 9 YES - Passed.**

Treasurer: Report submitted via email

- Review of 2023 AISGR Balance Statement. **Motion 2: To accept 2023 Budget; proposed by Janet O., seconded by Sue M., YES - 9 Passed.**
- Review of AISGR Contributions Statement.
- Review of AISGR Balance Statement

Communications Committee: - Report submitted via email

- **Phone:**
Sue M. reported a new rotation of three volunteers began on January 1st and will end

on February 28th. There are currently 13 phone volunteers available for the phone service. There is a "Getting Started" Reference Guide document that is sent out for new service volunteers. A section has been added to this form that explains in simple terms how the phone routing service works for anyone who may need a refresher on this information. This document is included with the other documents for all phone volunteers. Each of the volunteers are sent an undated Master Schedule form along with the Guidelines to Answering the Phone and AISGR/District Contacts forms. A flyer is posted on website asking for additional phone volunteers.

2022 Grasshopper reports: Totals for year: 262 Calls, 160 Successful Calls, 114 Hang-Ups, and 14 Voicemails. This represents almost 60% of calls that were successful.

- **Web:** AISGR website continues to be updated as needed. The new website is fully developed and functional. Groups and individuals are encouraged to use the "contributions" option to make donations to AISGR. In addition, it was noted that the p.o. box for mailed donations has been changed and is listed on website.
- **Schedule:** AISGR website continues to provide face to face and digital meeting information from District, 18, 20 and 32 as accurately and timely as possible. Printing of schedules remains on hold. A printable schedule is available on the website.
- **District 20:** Michelle reviewed her district 20 report.
- **District 18:** Karen reviewed her district 18 report.

Old Business:

- Policy and Procedures Manual Changes: **Motion 3: To table discussion until next meeting; proposed by Michelle D., seconded by Judy W. 9 - YES**
- Open Position: Public Outreach Coordinator. New Schedule Editor is Nancy S.

New Business:

- Update on FFSM: Everything went well with many zoom as well as in-person attendees.
- Need for more membership meetings. It was suggested to add more meetings because length of time between meetings caused people to lose track of what was discussed, etc. **Motion 4: To begin alternating membership meetings and board meetings every other month with the months of July and December not scheduled for meetings; proposed by Judy W., seconded by Aaron C. 9 YES - Passed. Mary will make up new 2023 meeting calendar and send out to all groups as well as post on website.**

Announcements:

- Next AISGR Board of Trustees Meeting: February 21, 2023 6-8 pm via Zoom

- Next Membership Meeting: March 21, 2023, 6-8 pm via Zoom

Close: Serenity Prayer and Al-Anon Declaration

Submitted by : Mary E. AISGR Secretary