

MINUTES: MEMBERSHIP MEETING

AL-ANON INFORMATION SERVICE OF GRAND RAPIDS AREA

January 16, 2024 6:00 – 8:00 p.m. Zoom Meeting ID: **818 5619 1624** Password: **463178**

Board of Trustees: Alison L. Chairperson; _____ Secretary; _____, Treasurer., Aaron C. Communications Committee Interim Chairperson; Brenda District 20 Liaison, Karen K. District 18 Liaison

Opening: Serenity Prayer; Reading: Concept 11; Introduction of Members in Attendance

6 Voting Members Present: Sue M, Dale, Jeremy C, Michelle D, Shayne T, Judi D.

6 Non-Voting Members Present: Alison L., Denise Y., Alayne, Marilyn C, Brenda, Bobbi R.

Housekeeping:

- Agenda items – add
- Voting – who gets to vote and at what meetings, PPM page 5

Reports:

- Minutes – December 2023 Meeting reviewed and amended. Motion made to accept as amended, approved.
- Committee Reports – the business side of AISGR
 1. Treasurer – last financial and bank statement from 2023 reviewed
 2. Communications – report was submitted and reviewed. Previous Communications Chairperson, Aaron C. agreed to stay on as interim until the position is filled. Position responsibilities read from PPM. Web Editor, Schedule Editor and Phone Coordinator all open positions. Sue M agreed to stay on as interim Phone Coordinator
 3. Finance Committee, no report
 4. Policy Committee, no report
 5. Districts 20 and 18

Old Business:

- Practice poll was launched to make everyone understood the electronic polling process and ensure anonymity when voting
- Election of Secretary and Treasurer
 - Read election process, PPM pages 13 – 14
- Election process was followed. Bobbi R stood for Treasurer, qualified and was elected 6/0
- Secretary remains open

New Business:

- The appointed positions of schedule editor (low priority) and web editor (high priority) were explained by Alison. Phone service coordinator position (high priority) info was presented by Sue M. - everything is written down.

- The Chairperson would like to create a Financial Task Force with the chair, treasurer, and one or two more volunteers. Literature has been sold off and we're sitting on money that was intended for a future LDC. Michelle D expressed interest in serving on a future Financial Task Force.
- The Chairperson brought up our 501C3 non-profit corporation status stating some thoughts concerning lots of paperwork, IRS and state filings and would like to address the question of whether we should continue on with it. The 501c3 was started in 2007 and we have been in and out of compliance through the years. She is asking for a committee to list pros and cons for making an informed decision. Shayne volunteered to be on this future committee. Michelle D suggested that the Board should also be on.
- District and AIS differences presented by Michelle. Michelle suggested possibly texting groups with meeting reminders rather than emailing.
- Time was reserved for member questions

- Next meeting:
 - AISGR May 21, 2024

Comments and Questions:

Close: Serenity Prayer and Let It Begin with Me