

MINUTES: MEMBERSHIP MEETING

AL-ANON INFORMATION SERVICE OF GRAND RAPIDS AREA

January 21, 2025 6:00 – 8:00 p.m. Zoom Meeting ID: **818 5619 1624** Password: **463178**

Board of Trustees: Alison L. Chairperson; open position Secretary; Bobbi R., Treasurer; Vic C. Communications Committee Chairperson; Karen K. District 18 Liaison; Brenda District 20 Liaison; Kate A. District 32 Liaison

Open: Serenity Prayer, Concept 4, Introduction of Trustees and members in Attendance

Attending:

Voting	Non-Voting
Bobbi R., AISGR Treasurer	Alison L., Chairperson
Claire, Choosing Peace and Serenity	Karen K., District 18 Liaison
Dale, Reaching for Personal Freedom	Brenda, District 20 Liaison
Anne B., Courage to Change	Kate A., District 32 Liaison
Jeni B., Stepping Stones	Marilyn C.

Reports:

- Minutes –September 2024 Membership Meeting Motion approved
- Committee Reports – the business side of AISGR
 - Treasurer – financial and contribution statements reviewed and questions answered.
NOTE: MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO AISGR. PLEASE INCLUDE GROUP NUMBER AND NAME.
 - Communications – phone answering service and website
 - Phone Committee volunteers – positions described and questions asked. DISLs encouraged to volunteer,
 - Website usage analytics reviewed. All meeting changes must appear on al-anon.org first before making them on aisgr.org. Member asked about adding a meeting note to her meeting – women only. It was mentioned that Al-Anon says it can be “women focused”, not “women only,” a good reminder that all are welcome
 - Finance Committee, will be meeting in 2025 to review prudent and LDC reserves
 - Policy Committee, will be meeting in 2025 to review PPM
 - *Progress reports from the Finance and Policy Committees will be given at both the Board and Membership meetings. No changes to existing reserves or policy will be made without membership approval.*
 - District Reports:
 - D18 provides Zoom feed for 3 hybrid meetings, new meeting in Douglas
 - D20 is taking a district level inventory, trying to bring issues forward like how to connect more meetings to the service arms. Needs a district Treasurer

and Convention treasurer. Extended invitation to other Districts to attend and see how District 20 runs

- D32 – 7 existing groups with four group reps regularly the newly reconstituted District 32. They are working on budget, bylaws, etc. Lots of energy. New meeting in Twin Lake

Old Business:

- Elected position open – Secretary no one willing to stand for the position at this time.
- Printed schedules group input – review of old practice of supplying schedules. Do groups still want a printed schedule? Comments:

PRO Used a lot for newcomers Soft copy (not printed) emailed for groups to print Printed but lesser quantity to mail out Like idea to have something groups can print out	CON With schedule on website maybe not needed Schedule Editor service position remains open Outdated schedules in circulation Questions about distribution now with D18 and D32 now fully functioning
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New Business:

- AISGR business card – proposal reviewed, changes suggested (change copy to Al-Anon Information for West Michigan), add phone number 616-222-0632, double suggested budget from \$125 to \$250 to allow for second printing. Lots of discussion about distribution – agreed to send to District Liaisons they are responsible for distribution to groups and clubs and at FFSM. Motion to approve business card with copy – Al-Anon Information for West Michigan) and 616-222-0632. \$250 budget. Approved 5/5
- 2025 Budget – reviewed. Add business card printing \$250. Approved with change 5/5
- AISGR 2025 planning input no discussion at this time.

Next meetings:

Board of Trustees March 18, 2024
AISGR May 20, 2025

Close: Serenity Prayer and Let It Begin with Me