

Minutes for January 15, 2025 – 7:00–7:58 PM - Held Via Zoom

Opening:

The meeting opened at 7:00 PM with a moment of silence, followed by the Serenity Prayer and the Concepts of Service. The members introduced themselves and their affiliations. Those present were Lynne F., Jack A., Judy B., Ernest Q., Jan B., Bill S., Jaime S., Mike C., and Margene K.

October 16, 2024 Meeting Minutes:

The Secretary asked if there were any changes to the minutes from the October 16, 2024 meeting. There were no changes. A motion to approve the minutes was requested, which was then moved and seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Treasurer’s 4th Quarter Report:

Jim I. provided the Treasurer’s Report for the fourth quarter of 2024:

Beginning Balance	\$3163.96
Donations	867.52
Expenses	(280.53)
Ending Balance	<u>\$3750.95</u>

2024 Donations –

1st Quarter \$90.75 - 2nd Quarter \$762.79 – 3rd Quarter \$523.86 – 4th Quarter \$867.52

Please send donations for Al-Anon & Alateen – Mid-Chesapeake Region Al-Anon Information Services donations to:

Mid-Chesapeake Region AIS
 PO Box 763
 Severna Park MD 21146

Old Business

Lynne raised the matter of a Prudent Reserve for the AIS. Lynne stated that a budget of approximately \$2400 is required to meet AIS annual expenses. The 2024 actual expenses totaled \$1914.09. Lynne opened the matter for discussion, asking the members for input on how much the Prudent Reserve should be. Margene asked how much the AIS receives in donations each quarter. Lynne stated that April and December donations from groups are typically higher. Januarys tend to be a bit light. Last year, the 1Q donation was \$90.75, 2Q: \$762.79 – 3Q: \$523.86 – 4Q: \$867.52. There was a discussion among the members regarding an appropriate amount for the Prudent Reserve, with a concurrence on a Prudent Reserve to cover a six months of average AIS monthly expenses. Judy asked for a motion to approve a Prudent Reserve to cover six months of average AIS monthly expenses, which was seconded by Mike C. The motion carried. Lynne and Judy will develop a budget and define the Prudent Reserve.

Coordinator’s Reports

Alateen: Margene provided the following report via email and during the meeting:

Since our last AIS meeting Alateen has not been doing well. We have had no teens attend our meetings, although we continue to be at Club 164 every Thursday at 7PM. We, as a group, will meet January 23 to decide what we should do next, like change the place, time, focus on local High Schools, etc.

We did have a very successful “5th Quarter” at Broadneck High School in October. We definitely had at least 100 students come to our table. This year we asked them questions about drugs and alcohol to test their knowledge. They were quite knowledgeable and definitely aware how Fentanyl is deadly. Unfortunately, it has not brought anyone to our meeting.

Just before Christmas, Area 24 Chair, reached out looking for AMIAS who would be interested in helping to get an Alateen meeting started at Archbishop Spaulding H.S.

Apparently, someone has asked us to start a meeting there. It is therefore a work in progress, hopefully for Spring. Also, I have reached out to the PTA president and another person, at Broadneck H.S., as to the possibility of starting Alateen at the Library or church very near the High School. I am trying to see if I can get some support from the school, which I believe will come.

Lastly Barb. G. would like to step down as District 15 Alateen Chair. She has done her three years (plus) and is looking for a replacement.

Please continue to announce the Alateen meeting at Club 164, 7PM Thursday nights.

Lynne stated that normally the Districts manage Alateen activities. Historically, the AIS has taken responsibility for starting and funding Alateen groups that are just getting started. Lynne asked the members to consider whether the AIS could be supporting Alateen as needed, whether it's a new group, whether literature is needed, whether rent is needed, etc. Individual groups can sometimes support new and existing Alateen groups. Lynne suggested that the AIS could support Alateen, using the AIS to channel funds from the groups to Alateen groups that need support. Lynne asked the members to consider this between now and the next meeting. Margene mentioned that the new meeting at Archbishop Spaulding may only be open to attendees of Archbishop Spaulding since it is a private school. Broadneck High School has the Broadneck Library nearby which may be a resource for an Alateen meeting location. Mike asked if there is any downside of the AIS supporting Alateen. Lynne stated that, traditionally, supporting Alateen meetings was not in the purview of the AIS, that this is traditionally a role of the Districts. Lynne stated that it is her hope that struggling Alateen meetings may benefit from the support of the AIS. Lynne feels that supporting Alateen falls under the AIS role of Outreach.

Jan B stated that she is the new District 20 District Representative, and that District 20 really has no treasury and no collection of funds that can be used to support Alateen. Jan stated that the other Districts may also not collect donations nor have a budget. For this reason, Jan is in favor of the AIS supporting Alateen's efforts. Lynne suggested that Districts with low participation may be in favor of the AIS taking a more active role in supporting Alateen. Jan concurred that we should all be supporting Alateen wherever they are, and District 20 would be supporting.

Mike C mentioned that groups in his District include donations to the District in disbursement of funds available after their prudent reserve is met and asked if that is not the same for all groups. Lynne stated that the Groups get to decide how to distribute funds that remain after Prudent Reserve is met.

Margene stated that she is the District 15 Treasurer. District 15 only receives donations from four groups. Donations received are used to fund workshops and literature.

Lynne closed the discussion by asking the members to consider the matter, discuss with their groups and feel free to reach out with questions.

Answering Service: Jan stated that there is not much activity, 1-2 calls a month, but it is obvious that the callers are benefitting from having the service available.

Directories: Mary Kay was not present for the meeting. Lynne stated that nothing has changed with regard to the directories.

Public Outreach: Bill advised that there is an upcoming Outreach meeting on February 5 at 7:00 PM via Zoom.

There are eight senior centers in Anne Arundel County that can receive informational posters, and information is being gathered on the senior centers at this time.

At the last Outreach meeting the participants decided our next priority for outreach will be the senior centers. The Outreach team plans to distribute flyers and a few pamphlets to each.

Margene will provide an update on Alateen meetings at the next Outreach meeting, which will be held on Wednesday, February 5 at 7pm via Zoom. The AMAIS are meeting on January 23, 2025 to discuss the future of Alateen in the area, with a focus on determining new/additional meeting locations. Based on the update the Outreach team will determine Alateen outreach next steps- likely school guidance counselors.

Webmaster: Megan and Pamela were not present at the meeting. Lynne stated that a new Alateen flyer with updated meetings was available to download from the website.

New Business

Lynne mentioned that the AIS may want to consider a dedicated Zoom account for AIS activities There as a brief discussion of the matter with no decisions made.

Area 24 and World Service Related Announcements:

- Spring AWSC: March 22
- Spring Assembly: May 17
- Spring Convention: June 6-8 Chesterton MD

Closing - Al-Anon Declaration

The meeting adjourned at 7:58 PM with a reading of the Al-Anon Declaration and the Serenity Prayer.