

## MINUTES

### AL-ANON INFORMATION SERVICES-CALGARY

Church of Our Savior, 8831 Fairmont Drive, SE Calgary, AB

April 4, 2022, ZOOM platform

**Attendees:** Sally K., Ally C., Cathy S., Shellie O., Carolyn M., Stacey M., Gina G., Anne C., Sherry L., Maryon, Don H., Svetlana, David P., Rosemary,

Meeting opened at 7:00 pm with Serenity Prayer

Attendance: 4 non-voting members/10 voting members

Concept 4 read by Carolyn M. from “Reaching for Personal Freedom”:

Additions to Agenda: under general discussion add Institution meeting startups.

Adoption February 7, 2022, minutes: Moved by Maryon and seconded by Alley C. to accept the minutes as presented.

### Reports:

1. **AIS Chair report:** (Carolyn M.) Carolyn recently attended the Area World Service Committee Meeting. It was a lengthy meeting. (Meeting details document provided)

Chair Report, April 4, 2022

1. Monitoring [aiscalgaryinformation@gmail.com](mailto:aiscalgaryinformation@gmail.com) information line: usually 6-10 messages

per week from public looking for meeting information and/or information about Al-Anon in general.

2. Attended AWSCM via ZOOM March 12, 2022. Highlights:

- Guidelines for electronic meeting formatting and logistics
- Webmaster offered guidelines for use of the Al-Anon.ab.ca webmail application

Report from Area Secretary:

- an Area ZOOM is set up for area business meetings. It is also accessible to groups throughout the area who need access to an electronic platform for meetings. However, there are scheduling issues and groups as well as officers need to verify that time slots are not double booked. Discussion occurred

around the original intent of the ZOOM platform and how to move forward, ensuring that the scheduling concerns are addressed.

Treasurer's report: donations are down over 2021 by almost \$1500.00. Prudent reserve

is met at the moment. Groups will be encouraged to contribute payment for the liability

insurance costs (approximately \$10.00 per year per group). \$500.00 deposit to Black

Knight Inn is written off due to bankruptcy of this business and inability to obtain refund.

Area groups can send donations to Alberta/N.W.T. Area electronically:

a. [treasurer@al-anon.ab.ca](mailto:treasurer@al-anon.ab.ca)

- Security question: What you want

- Answer: Serenity

b. Donna Hogan

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(please maintain anonymity on the envelope)

Alternate Delegate/Chair/Budget Committee

The 2022 budget will be presented at September assembly: operating budget \$35,075.00

Districts and groups are encouraged to send registration fees whether or not attending

assembly as this constitutes a portion of the area operating expenses.

Assembly for 2022:

May 28/29

September 17/18

Recommendation for registration fee: \$30.00

ACSOA

Bookstore is operating at a loss at present as there was not COVID relief funds. 70% of

orders are online: please include the group name in the "customer" section of the order

form. As the literature distribution center is charged a service fee for credit card transactions, e-transfers are encouraged. The information is at the end of the online order form:

[order@al-anonbookstore.ca](mailto:order@al-anonbookstore.ca)

Add the group name in the message portion of the transaction.

Response to the task force:

Changes to pricing: there will be some price increases but it is overall more

economical than ordering from WSO (WSO is not really well set up for smaller, individual orders). Reminder to groups: donations to ACSOA are needed to maintain

operation. [@al-anon.ab.ca](mailto:@al-anon.ab.ca)

Report from the Electronic Meeting Group Task Force:

History of electronic meetings was presented. At the April, 2022 WSO General Assembly, electronic meeting registration with WSO will be discussed. At present: if a

group wishes to proceed solely electronically, they can be registered with WSO, however, hybrid meetings cannot be registered. Electronic meetings at present need to

apply to Alberta/N.W.T to be designated as part of Area 80. Discussion needs to occur

around the logistics of supporting electronic meetings at the Area level.

Delegate report:

Groups can donate to WSO electronically to the Canadian WSO address.

The international convention for 2023 will be held in July in Albuquerque, New Mexico

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Public Outreach Task Force:

Need input from members at group level re: local needs to move public outreach forward

post pandemic restrictions.

Literature:

New daily reader coming out in 2023 (release planned for international convention).

WSO looking for member contributions for FORUM and other CAL. Writing workshop

available through WSO blog. New service manual will be available online in April and

hard copy in June.

Discussion:

Proposed format for May Assembly. Motion to host AWSCM through ZOOM format going

forward and indefinitely. Reminder that Alberta/N.W.T. Convention 2023 still requires a

host District.

**2. Treasurer Report:** (David P.) David, Carolyn and Sally finalized changes to signatories and online banking. The banking debit emails go to Carolyn at the AIS information email to review and authorize after David submits. Carolyn also receives the email when an e-transfer is made. Both Carolyn and David have access to the bank account online for review. This is a safer and more secure system than was in place. David confirmed that the Telus bill was paid 2x in December that did result in the credit. David shared the treasurer report on screen. Gina G. motioned to accept the report and Rosemary Seconded. WSO has sent in a quarterly appeal letter and David was asking our policy on our donations to them. The prudent reserve dollar amount was discussed, and Carolyn remembers it being set at \$1500 but will verify in previous meeting minutes. This is the email address for donations via e-transfer [aiscalgaryinformation@gmail.com](mailto:aiscalgaryinformation@gmail.com) or a physical address can be used for cheque donations. These will be put into the Newsletter.

**A.I.S. Calgary - TD Bank account activity February 1 - March 31 2022**

Date	Description	Debit	Credit	Balance
<b>Feb 1, 22</b>	Balance reported at last AIS Meeting February 2002			1764.96
	From McLeod Trail AFG \$200			
	From McKenzie Circle AFG \$60			
<b>02/04/2022</b>	DEPOSIT		260	2024.96
<b>02/23/2022</b>	E-TRANSFER ***42h		50	2074.96
<b>02/28/2022</b>	MONTHLY PLAN FEE	4.95		2070.01
	From Wednesday Morning Serenity \$60			
	From Early Risers AFG \$360			
	From Starting With Serenity AFG \$150			
<b>03/21/2022</b>	GC 8075-DEPOSIT		570	2640.01
<b>3-31-2022</b>	MONTHLY PLAN FEE	4.95		2635.06
	1 payment to Big Sky Call services still outstanding	331.8		<b>2303.26</b>
	Telus account still in credit \$69.60			

**3. Secretary Report:** (Gina G.) The minutes, agenda were sent out to the email chain. The minutes will start going out as soon as possible after a meeting to review when our memory may be still fresh. 3 People mentioned in Chat that they did not receive the emails and one verbally. Gina offered to check her email chain and update where necessary. Carolyn suggested members checking Junk/spam folders.

- 4. Public Outreach:** (Cindy absent) Carolyn talked about the Institution meetings starting up and will require group volunteers. Rosemary (district 6) is doing Fresh Start on Saturday and both Sunrise and PLC continued during COVID.
- 5. Newsletter:** (Ally C.) Ally has had a few requests from people wanting to be on the email chain. An email was received from the Calgary Men's group regarding their annual Spaghetti dinner which occurs on Saturday April 9 @ 6pm. Al-Anon and AA Speakers • Open Event No registration required this year. Online at <https://zoom.us/j/95405479827> Password: 121212 The newsletter will not be out before the event. A decision was made to send out a special Bulletin and Cathy S will assist Ally. A reminder will be sent to District 3 and 4 to get their Workshop poster to Ally before Friday's deadline. The workshop is in May. Send any inclusions for newsletter to [aiscalgarynewsletter@gmail.com](mailto:aiscalgarynewsletter@gmail.com) Deadline for the next newsletter is Friday, April 8<sup>th</sup>.
- 6. Alateen:** (Rachelle S. absent) Calgary Alateen does still not have authorization, but the people continue to work with WSO for approval. The difficulties regarding authorization were discussed at Area meeting. Looking for solutions.
- 7. Monitoring:** (Shellie O) Lower volumes than peak times during COVID.

February : 75 calls

March: 84 calls 33 went out to volunteers.

Please let volunteers know that they may not receive any calls when they volunteer, but not to get discouraged.

- 8. Webpage Liaison** (Cathy S.) Cathy would like people to log in to the Alanon.ab.ca webpage/ AIS area and review the content. Any new ideas are welcome. Cathy can add any documents or make changes to the web page for our AIS page. Discussion on whether AIS minutes should be online. 40 Groups and only 14 people at AIS meeting. Is the AIS information getting to all the groups via their AIS reps? Would it be valuable? Ask at group level. Any questions or ideas Cathy's email is [Calgary\\_website@al-anon.ab.ca](mailto:Calgary_website@al-anon.ab.ca) (note underscore between Calgary and website)

**General discussion:** Does anyone want to be the Liaison for AA Gratitude Roundup? We do have the Al-Anon Literature table being set up. We do need someone to go the meeting on April 13 to find out what they are needing from Al-anon. In the past some requests have included picking up from the airport, billeting and driving speakers to the Roundup. Anne offered to be of service helping at the Round up. Carolyn is going to the meeting and Anne will attend

the in-person meeting being held at Calgary AA Central Service Office on April 13.

The institution meetings will require support. Possibly a task force will be set up to manage this.

Electronic meetings are set up with WSO. They are only electronic meetings. In-person meetings are set up with Area 80. Hybrid meetings do not qualify as electronic meetings. Sally suggested waiting on any registrations until more information comes from Area.

Next meeting June 6, 2022 - Zoom ID 471 384 6072 Passcode 987654

Anne C. volunteered to read Concept 5 at the next meeting.

Meeting dates 2022: September 12 November 7

Meeting closed with Al-Anon Declaration at 7:55 pm.

Submitted by:

Gina G.

Calgary AIS Secretary