

# **Minutes for the Greater NY Al-Anon Family Intergroup Representative Meeting April 29, 2025 - 6:30 pm**

Board members present: Farrah T. (Chair), Camille A. (Vice Chair), Cynthia R. (Treasurer), Betsy B. (Secretary), Roderick F.

Intergroup Reps Present:

1. Amanda D., Waterside Virtual, T&Th at 8:15, Sat&Sun at 9:00 am
2. Courtney B, Serenity in the Garden, Sundays, 4 pm
3. Carol M., Work the Program, Not the Problem, Saturday, 1:00 pm
4. Vickie, Step Into the Heights, Hybrid, Thursday 7-8:30
5. David Satz, Trust and Spirituality AAC, Sunday 10:00 (meditation) (speaker meeting) on Zoom
8. Geri S. Three Legacies, Monday, 12:15 pm
9. Delaney S., Saturday Serenity, Park Slope, Saturday, 10:30 am
10. Graciela, Ready Step Go, Tuesday 11:30-12:30
11. Chris L., Start your Weekend Right, Friday 6 pm
12. Tom, Work the Program, Not the Problem, Saturdays, 2 pm
13. Justine, Solutions and Serenity, Tuesday, 7:30
14. Debbie B. Stepped Up in the City, Wednesday 7 pm hybrid
15. Patty, Harlem Hope and Harmony, Monday, 7 pm
16. Sandy A., Gay & Lesbian Meeting Monday, 6:30 and Steps Through the Open Door, Tuesday, 7:30 pm

Also Present: Elizabeth (Technical Support)  
Stacy (Technical Support)

Michelle B  
Mesa S  
Jeffrey  
Fred  
Dena

Notetaker: Betsy B

- I. Opening: **Begin** meeting with the **Serenity Prayer**  
Board Reading of: "We Are But Trusted Servants"  
Review Meeting Format  
Reading of Conference-Approved Literature (CAL)  
[Al-Anon Alateen Service Manual](#) (Outreach Publications - AIS/Area);  
Printed page(s) p 56, Insurance

## II. Introductions

Board of Trustee Members  
Intergroup Representatives

## Quorum Confirmed

Opening Comments

- III. **Minutes** [January 28, 2025 Meeting Minutes](#) accepted

## IV. Reports on Ongoing Activities

- A. Treasurer's Report - Cynthia

[Profit & Loss](#)

[Balance Sheet](#)

Cynthia, as Treasurer, expanded on several items listed on the first quarter financial reports. It included a \$2,000 donation to WSO; payment for extra hours worked by Devon at the beginning of the year; and the cost of a banner in the office on which our new mission statement is inscribed.

Receipts included a refund from Philadelphia Insurance.

Cynthia fielded questions from IRs which included how the Ample reserve is established and maintained. In general, Cynthia stated that generally a reserve fund amounted to two years of Intergroup operations but would possibly increase if costs of operations increased in the next year. Also, a question was posed regarding advertising.

- B. [Office Operations](#) - Camille commented that a new mission statement banner has been hung in the office and space has

been arranged so groups can now have meetings and IRs are encouraged to spread the word.

C. **Unfinished Business** - In-Person and New Meetings

Several members commented that meeting places for in-person meetings were more difficult to locate since Covid and wondered if there might be resources from Intergroup to assist in starting a new meeting. Cynthia stated that the Intergroup office does have resources and to contact Devon for what she might be able to provide;

Camille suggested that it might be helpful if the Intergroup Reps were to form a google group to connect and share with one another.

Courtney mentioned that their group was at full capacity at their space and looking to form another group for the overflow and have been exploring what options are available at their present church.

Fred mentioned that occasionally there is a call about this subject.

Tom mentioned that there is a church in Harlem that would like to have a meeting started at their location. He also mentioned that at one time, hospitals opened their doors for meetings but it was not the case lately.

D. **New Business** - Insurance coverage for groups

The insurance company which had previously covered 12 of the Al-Anon groups in addition to the Al-Anon Intergroup office could no longer do so and cancelled the entire policy. Researching other insurance companies found no insurer willing to insure groups meeting in locations other than the Intergroup Office location. In fact, it was difficult to find an insurance company that would write a policy under any circumstances when they learned there were many different

locations where groups met. Insurance companies believed there was too much exposure. Cynthia suggested that groups needing insurance might check with the church's administrators to check on the possibility of inclusion on the church's/meeting-place's policies.

One member suggested that the 12 groups might be in touch so as to come up with ideas/plan (perhaps through a "google group" mentioned above)

Also, some members thought that AA members might be a resource for this subject and said they would inquire. Devon has shared the AA Intergroup info she obtained with the groups who were inquiring about insurance.

#### **New Business - Al-Anon Outreach and Sponsorship Initiatives**

The meeting discusses several topics related to outreach. Camille suggests organizing a "Sponsorship Speed Date" event to help newcomers find to sponsors and learn about the sponsorship relationship.

Farrah proposes an initiative to increase the availability of Al-Anon literature in public libraries, particularly in underserved areas. Several members offer suggestions and support for this project, including using online library catalogs to assess current availability and potentially donating books.

Members spoke of various library branches and what CAL literature was available in them. All thought that donating literature was a good outreach method. However, Chris, a former professional librarian suggested that it might be wise to check with the library as frequently there are guidelines for donations of books.

#### **V. Closing - Serenity Prayer and the Al-Anon Declaration**