Minutes: SAAIS Meeting

Tony A. opened the regular quarterly business meeting of the San Antonio Al-Anon Information Service at 8:45 AM on January 20, 2024, at the St. Paul Lutheran Church of Bulverde, 29792 US Hwy 281, Bulverde, Texas 78163

Roll Call: Voting Members: 6 Majority: 4

Approval of Minutes: Upon motion of Irma M., seconded by Rosie M., the minutes of the last meeting, October 21, 2023, were approved as presented.

Reports:

Treasurer's Report-Kermit R.

Kermit R. presented the financial report, showing a total checking and savings account balance of \$10,791.20 as of December 31, 2023. SAAIS Group Contributions reached \$2,776.04 by the end of the year.

The SAAIS has a healthy surplus, making contributions to other Al-Anon organizations a viable option in 2024.

<u>Budget</u>

Kermit R. presented a proposed budget for 2024. The budget forecasts regular monthly expenses for 2024 and anticipates similar revenue and expenses for the Serenity Celebration, should it take place. After discussion, Tony A. moved to accept the proposed budget. After a second from Rosie M., the motion passed.

Zoom Account-Janice A

Only one Zoom meeting happened last quarter due to fewer events. The Zoom subscription is up for renewal next quarter.

AWSC Liaison

No Report due to position vacancy. Candy N. agreed to accept the position of AWSC Liaison.

Monthly Speaker Meeting-Rosie M.

Rosie M. reported that Speaker Meetings at Club 12 will run all year, except for August (Club 12 event) and September (Serenity Celebration).

Answering Service-Lucy R.

Lucy R. was not at the meeting and had no report. Low call volume during Candy N.'s rotation, but Pat E. is still fielding bookstore calls asking for meeting locations. She suggested that more effort should be made to promote the SAAIS answering service number more widely.

Website Coordinator, Lynn S.

Lynn S. (not in attendance at this meeting) has stepped down from the duties of website coordinator. Lynn ST. has accepted the duties from Lynn S.

Lynn ST. issued a reminder: changes to meeting records still go through the District Representative, as they control access to group records.

And Lynn ST. gave a heads up that two Spanish-speaking groups in District 12 have closed, though the website has not been updated yet.

Service Opportunities

Both Kermit R., SAAIS Treasurer, and Mike B., SAAIS Secretary, have expressed their desire to step down from their respective positions. Anyone wishing to volunteer to fill one of these positions should contact Tony A.

Serenity Celebration

The key pieces for a 2024 Serenity Celebration are now in place: venue reserved for September 9th, speakers booked, and caterers lined up. To pull off a successful Serenity Celebration, we still need a crack team for tickets, decorations, and getting the word out. Candy N. volunteered to recruit a committee and lead the charge!

Item for Discussion

Creating an SAAIS and District 12 website

Building on Ideas from October:

The October meeting generated lots of ideas for the website. Today, Tony and Janice unveiled a draft template incorporating many of those suggestions, making it easier than ever to connect and stay informed.

Features:

- Calendar of Events: Reduces reliance on email blasts. See upcoming meetings and activities at a glance.
- "About Us" page: learn the heart and soul of Al-Anon and understand its role in supporting those affected by alcoholism.
- District 12 Meetings: find a meeting near you with a simple click.
- Alanews (Password-Protected): access unredacted versions of the newsletter right on the website.
- Dedicated District 12 Tab: all your district info in one convenient place.

Sharing the Costs:

SAAIS and District 12 will split the website's running costs, with the domain name coming in at under \$200 per vear.

Appreciation for Expertise:

Tony and Janice received invaluable help from a skilled website creator. To express our gratitude, Irma M. proposed, and Candy N. seconded, a unanimous vote to treat this individual to a \$200 restaurant gift card.

Financial Audit

Three years since the last financial checkup, Kermit R. requested another audit. Tony A. assembled an audit committee, enlisting Lynn ST., and Irma M., to give the SAAIS books a thorough inspection.

Closing

Next Meeting:	The date of	the next meeting	is April 20	, 2024. The	time and lo	ocation will be	e announced later.
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Mike B., Secretary
Submitted by:
The meeting adjourned at 9:45 AM