

Alano Society of Greater St. Louis

March 19th, 2024, 7:30pm

Intergroup Representatives' Meeting

Zoom ID: 822 1669 6438 pw: 245445

AGENDA

Opening: 7:30 (President)

Preamble

Welcome to the New IRs!

Birthdays:

Approval of Past Minutes: (Secretary)

Treasurer's Report: (Treasurer)

Executive Secretary's Report:

1. Part-time positions.
2. Night & Weekend phones.
3. Upcoming changes: Resume mailings, printed Where & When, movie night

Summary of tonight's Alano Board Meeting: (President) (items not on IR Agenda)

Board President – other items: (President)

Old Business:

1. Board election results.
2. Upcoming events.
 - a. Men's Steak Lunch fund-raiser, Sunday May 5th
 - b. Alano Picnic, Sunday June 9th

New Business:

1. New Business Items from IR's

Q&A: General Questions for Your Alano Board

Group Networking: (Groups are encouraged to exchange ideas and share issues of concern for their group with other groups, rather than just announce events that will be listed in the newsletter)

Close: I am responsible... When anyone, anywhere, reaches out for help, I want the hand of A.A. always to be there. And for that: I am responsible.

Alano Society of Greater St.Louis
InterGroup Representatives Meeting Minutes
February 20th 2024

Opening: 7:30pm (Betty)

Preamble: (Tim)

Welcome to the New IRs! Lisa Gr.12 / Darren Gr.9 / Tricia Gr.95 Into Action / Joe Gr.95 Into Action / Mike Gr. 324 Southside Church of God / Tim Gr. 324 Southside Church of God

Birthdays: Mike M. (Incoming Board President) 39yrs. / Barbara W. Gr.1113 - 28yrs

Approval of Past Minutes: (Richard G.) Minutes Approved

Treasurer's Report: (Max)

Our net income for this month was \$1,000 and change. The balanced sheet is balanced. We will be having discussion on revising and increasing our Prudent Reserve. Currently, we're about 2/3 of the way of what is recommended from the General Service Conference.

Executive Secretary's Report: (Tom N.)

We're doing a Study of Feasibility on getting more evening, overnight, and weekend volunteers to answer 12-step phone calls. This increase of volunteers would also open up and increase more opportunities for AA service. We will need new volunteers to cover shifts, which on average will consist of 1 to 3 calls per night. To do that, we will need 60 to 90 volunteers for 5 to 10 individuals on weeknights and 2 or 3 overnight shifts. You can take more than one shift if you like.

More volunteers would actually reduce the phone costs (answering service cost reduced usage). Another benefit would be that a person calling in would actually speak to someone in person, and wouldn't have to go through the answering service machine. The volunteer answering the call would be a live A.A. voice on the phone when the calls are answered.

Summary of Tonight's Alano Board Meeting: (Betty)

We have an election coming up. The election is this Sunday, February 25th from 2pm to 3:30 pm at Central Service. Votes have to be in person. We'll count the ballots immediately afterwards, one vote per group. The voting will be held in confidentiality by voting on a secret ballot which will be placed in an envelope by the voter who will drop their sealed envelope into the ballot box. The ballot box will be monitored by the Executive Secretary, the Alano Board President, an Alano Board Member, and other trusted servants.

Part-time applications have been coming in for staff openings. We are going to hire people for 30 hours in total, and we're hoping to make a decision by the end of this week.

Board President - other items: (Betty) no other items at this time

Old Business:

Upcoming Board Election (*see Summary of Tonight's Alano Board Meeting above*)

Upcoming Events

Nothing scheduled soon. The Alano Potluck was canceled. We will be sure to find a date for next year's Annual Potluck, and book a suitable venue for the event. We will get started on choosing a date, time, and a venue immediately. Ice Cream Social date and time is TBD, an upcoming event before the Annual Picnic.

The Annual Picnic will be held on Sunday June 9th at Deer Creek Park (aka "Rocket Park"). We'll have the baskets from the groups who've donated them for auction, and the 50-50 raffle there for the picnic. Details to follow.

New Business from the IRs: no new business

Q&A: General Questions for Your Alano Board

Q: (Claudia Gr.347) When does the yearly budget start?

A: (Betty/Mike M.) *January 1st to December 31st*

Questions re: rent

Q: (Claudia Gr.347). How much rent do we pay at Central Service?

A: (Tom N.) *About \$4,100. What's important there is that Central Services covers all entities, not just Central Services. Al-Anon pays CSO about \$400 per month for office space and utilities. Every quarter the Eastern Missouri Area 38 pays us their quarterly amount.*

Q: (Bob K.) We also collect Meeting Room Rental for meetings held at Central Services. That also reduces the cost of rent. Is that correct?

A: (Tom N.) *That is correct.*

Questions re: 12-step Calls Volunteers

Q: (Inaudible) Are there going to be requirements for phone volunteers?

A: (Tom N.) *Generally, at least one year sober*

Q: (Dave L.) Do we have any idea of how many people we will need?

A: (Tom N.) *Around 60-90 people. Keep in mind that we have over a thousand meetings in our directory. This model is in effect in many cities and towns our size and smaller, all throughout the country.*

Q: (Michael) What would the shifts look like?

A: (Tom N.) *5pm to 10pm on weeknights, then 10pm to 8:30am overnight, and 2 or 3 shifts on the weekend.*

Q: (Lisa) Are you talking about taking calls here at Central Service, or where?

A: (Tom) *It will be forwarded to your own phone. The shifts would be once a month, but you can take more than 1 shift if you wish.*

Q: (Kerry O Gr.994) Is there going to be crisis training, or training in general to serve on the hot line?

A: (Tom N.) *Best practices in the cities that have been doing this is like this: If you have been sober and you have completed the 12 Steps of AA, it is considered as the preparation for this. However, we'll have a manual that tells you things like how to answer common questions that don't pertain to AA, people wanting to know about treatment, anything that would violate our traditions. It might be helpful to have a voluntary training seminar. Tom N. will check into that with people from other towns and cities.*

Questions re: Alano Board Elections

Q:(Unknown) Is there a goal for when the election results are announced?

A: (Betty) *Yes, our goal is to immediately count and verify the ballots after the voting time ends, and our meeting plan is to publish the election results in the Newsletter or an email, and announce the results at the March IR Meeting.*

Q: (Darrin) Would I be able to get the credentials from both Max and Bob K.?

A: (Betty) *Yes, they're here to present their credentials, their sobriety date, their life outside of AA, and their history of AA service experience.*

Close: Responsibility Statement

AA Central Service Office

Profit & Loss Budget vs. Actual

February 2024

	Feb 24	Budget
Ordinary Income/Expense		
Income		
CONTRIBUTIONS		
Group Contribution	7,609.77	0.00
Individual Contribution	2,297.25	0.00
Various Event Contributions	0.00	0.00
CONTRIBUTIONS - Other	0.50	11,666.67
Total CONTRIBUTIONS	9,907.52	11,666.67
SALES		
Merchandise Sales	1,603.75	1,500.00
Literature Sales		
A.A. Grapevine Literature	108.00	0.00
AA World Services Literature	4,148.30	0.00
Non-AA literature	572.50	0.00
Literature Sales - Other	0.00	4,708.33
Total Literature Sales	4,828.80	4,708.33
Total SALES	6,432.55	6,208.33
Credit Card Deposit	0.00	0.00
Interest Income - Investment AC	0.00	27.92
Investment Dividend Reinvested	0.00	282.08
Meeting Room Rent	1,641.00	1,583.34
Miscellaneous Income	10.00	8.34
Pay-Pal Sales	0.00	0.00
Reimbursed Expenses	0.00	0.00
Rent Income	0.00	394.33
Seminar Registration	0.00	0.00
Shipping & Handling	98.50	29.17
Special Events Income	0.00	2,166.66
Total Income	18,089.57	22,366.84
Cost of Goods Sold	4,066.61	3,000.00
Gross Profit	14,022.96	19,366.84
Expense		
Bank Fee Accounts	420.44	200.01
Dues and Subscriptions	76.95	4.16
Equipment Repairs & Maintenance	100.11	50.00
Insurance	0.00	0.00
IT Expenses	609.55	150.00
Licenses and Permits	0.00	0.00
Literature Purchase	0.00	0.00
Merchandise - noninventory	53.31	0.00
Miscellaneous Expenses	0.00	8.34
Office	633.52	200.00
Payroll	6,575.63	8,333.33
Postage and Delivery	425.60	83.33
Printing and Reproduction	80.00	166.67
Professional Fees	380.00	500.00
Reconciliation Discrepancies	0.00	0.00
Rent - Building	4,114.33	4,114.33
Seminar Expenses	0.00	0.00
Special Event - Alano Banquet	0.00	0.00

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Cash Basis

AA Central Service Office
Profit & Loss Budget vs. Actual
February 2024

	<u>Feb 24</u>	<u>Budget</u>
Special Events Expenses		
Alano Holdiay Party		
Food & Beverage	211.09	
Alano Holdiay Party - Other	<u>0.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>
Total Alano Holdiay Party	211.09	0.00
Alano Picnic	35.00	0.00
Ice Cream Social Event	0.00	0.00
Men's Steak Lunch	0.00	0.00
Special Events Expenses - Other	<u>0.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>
Total Special Events Expenses	246.09	0.00
Tax - Employers Liability	499.41	916.67
Telephone & Internet	584.85	375.00
Travel, Business Expense	80.00	125.00
Utilities, Bus	<u>947.06</u>	<u>666.67</u>
Total Expense	<u>15,826.85</u>	<u>15,893.51</u>
Net Ordinary Income	<u>-1,803.89</u>	<u>3,473.33</u>
Net Income	<u><u>-1,803.89</u></u>	<u><u>3,473.33</u></u>

	<u>Feb 29, 24</u>
Account Balances	
Alano Main Checking 9251	53,879.29
Banquet Alano Account 9252	112.22
Prudent Reserve Fund	107,162.58
PayPal Alano Checking 9253	6,844.19
Total Checking/Savings	<u>167,998.28</u>

2023 Avg monthly expense, \$20,582.17.

At 2023 avg monthly expense, we have 5.2 month's operating expense in prudent reserve fund.