

Motion 2: Publishing the History of S-Anon Book

S-Anon World Service Conference, July 12, 2019

MOTION:

Motion to approve in concept the joint effort of the previous Archives Committee and the Literature Committee to publish a book about the history of S-Anon

BACKGROUND and INTENT:

A motion to approve in concept a *booklet* on the history of S-Anon was passed in 2014. Through the previous Archives Committee's extensive research, a large amount of information and documentation was unearthed and organized, which soon outgrew the criteria for a booklet. Having this information available in book format would fill a void by telling the story of our founding, growth, service structure, and literature. The book will also show examples of how members have upheld our Traditions while interacting with the media and helping professionals to carry our message.

SUPPORTING SPIRITUAL PRINCIPLES:

Tradition One: Our common welfare should come first; personal progress for the greatest number depends upon unity.

This is the story of S-Anon. It is unifying for us to have an understanding and appreciation of our roots as a fellowship and of the history that we share.

Tradition Three: The relatives of sexaholics, when gathered together for mutual aid, may call themselves an S-Anon Family Group, provided that, as a group, they have no other affiliation. The only requirement for membership is that there be a problem of sexaholism in a relative or friend.

Currently, no information about our history is available in print. It is important for all members and potential members to be able to know who we are, where we came from, and how far we have traveled on our recovery journey.

Concept Four: Participation is the key to harmony.

S-Anon exists today because of the service and participation of so many who have gone before us. Knowing our history can inspire gratitude and the desire to continue to serve our fellowship through participation.

FINANCIAL IMPACT ON THE FELLOWSHIP:

The finance committee believes the financial impact of printing an S-Anon History Book could be:

- As much as \$4,862 for 4,000 copies of a bound book up to 160 pages. This includes formatting, delivery, and up to one extra hour of work required by the printer beyond the 1.5 hours they built into the quote.
- The publication of this title as an eBook as well could cost an additional \$1,250.
- The sale of books will recoup the initial cost of publication. However, the number we need to sell is dependent upon the as yet undetermined recommended price of this new publication. The price will be set after consulting with various committees and the WSO, with BOT oversight.

ARGUMENT PRO: The telling of the story of the S-Anon International Family Groups could bring a sense of community to S-Anon members all over the world and inspire us to greater participation as our story continues. It would provide more insight into our history, which is currently unavailable to our members. It would not only honor our "pioneers," but also remind us of how far we have come on our S-Anon journey toward recovery and independence.

A display of Archives storyboards and two breakout sessions on the history of S-Anon and S-Ateen at the Nashville IC in January 2019 were very well-attended. They raised our awareness and sparked much discussion,

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interest, and enthusiasm for S-Anon and S-Ateen's history and service to our fellowship. This book, with thoughtful questions at the end of each chapter, could be a meaningful tool for our groups to use as a meeting topic. Excerpts could be included on the S-Anon Blog and used as a resource for Intergroups and as a reference for future S-Anon Conference Approved Literature (CAL). An S-Anon history book would be a perfect gift to all of us as we celebrate our milestone 35th anniversary.

ARGUMENT CON: There will be increased costs to publish a book instead of a booklet that have not been included in the 2019 budget.

DOCUMENTATION: This decision will be recorded in the Minutes of the WSC and the Decision Database.

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