

# **District 2 Meeting Minutes**

**Thursday, June 13, 2019 - 7:00pm**

Our Lady of Victory, 55 North Lake Avenue, Troy, NY 12180

<http://district2.aahmbny.org>

**23 attendees present** - Keith V (DCM), Dawn P (Newsletter Editor), Leslie M (CDCO Rep.), Gary B (Alt. DCM/Functions), Victor A (Grapevine Rep.), Sheila V (Coffee Maker), Colleen W (Alt. Treasurer), Connie (volunteering for MICA), Helen F (Treasurer), Isabelle A (Alt. CPC, Alt. PI), Bill A (Secretary, Webmaster), Valerie S (LCM) and 9 GSR's:

- Dan K (Way Out Group - Latham Tues.)
- Tim H (George Street Green Island Group - Green Island, Wed.)
- Terry B (Bottom Line Group - Eagle Mills, Wed.)
- Carmine C (Peace & Sobriety Group - Troy, Mon. & Tues.)
- Harold W (Cohoes Wednesday Evening Group - Cohoes, Wed.)
- Al K (Open Hearts Fellowship Group - Troy, Tues.)
- Jim R (Out of the Pits Group - Valley Falls, Mon.)
- Tom R (Living Sober II Group - Watervliet, Thurs.)
- Marianna F (Original Green Island Big Book Group - Green Island, Mon.)

Laurelee D and "Tad" also attended the meeting - Laurelee was interested in learning how the AA District functions, Tad is the Area 48 Delegate.

## **Committee Chair Reports:**

- Gene S (Cluster Rep.), Bill M (Alt. LCM) and all Treatment chairs (Mark P, Kevin B and Dave) were not present. Sara H (BTG) was also absent and is no longer able to hold the position. The BTG position is now open.
- Paul D (Men's Corrections), Amanda G (CPC, PI) and Liz P (Records) were not present, but relayed reports to be presented at the meeting.
- Victor A (Grapevine), Valerie S (LCM) and Colleen W (Alt. Treasurer) had nothing to report.

**CDCO** (Leslie M): Presented HMB Area 48 Convention (Nov 1-3) flyers. Many CDCO items were tabled until the next (July) meeting due to CDCO chair absences.

**Coffee Maker** (Sheila V): Tim H made regular coffee for the meeting.

**Corrections** (men, Paul D): Not present, but emailed a report to Keith V (DCM) on Jun 13 for the District meeting - "Male volunteers are in short supply. Please encourage interested individuals to consider filling out the application, get approved and get on our volunteer list to attend/chair the Friday meeting at Rensselaer County Jail. The male group of inmates attending AA got a makeover by inmate services in the last month. Disruptive inmates were removed from the approval list and the meetings have been better than ever for the last month. This action was taken by the administration of Rensselaer County Jail to respond to complaints from other inmates complaining about unrelated conversations going on in the meeting. None of the volunteers wanted to make an official complaint. Most of us have been to that meeting in Schenectady, it's not that different. Attendance has averaged 10 for the males since that time. The total Rensselaer County Jail female population is low - 17 - but 3 have been showing up for the women's meeting. The speakers for the female AA meeting have been super. However, last week our female had something come up and could not make it. It happens." RCJ sign-up sheets were furnished to the group by the DCM.

**CPC** (Isabelle A (Alt)): CPC (Amanda G) not present but relayed report to Alt. CPC (Isabelle A), who reports that Amanda is in the process of dropping off the AA Big Books to the libraries (Big Book donations were approved at the May District 2 meeting). Amanda wants to know if groups can adopt a library in their area to make sure that AA literature at the library is up-to-date and in good condition.

**DCM** (Keith V): Has been attending the HMB Area 48 Convention planning meetings. Keith proposed making a donation to the Convention. Keith attended the May 11 HMB "Spring Assembly"; he reported that the event was well attended and there were many people from District 2 at the event. Keith will not be able to attend the next Area 48 "Joy of Service Day" event on June 23. Gretchen E is hoping to attend the event and report any relevant information to District 2.

**Alt. DCM/Functions** (Gary B): District 2's Memorial Day picnic was a success; everyone involved did "a hell of a job".

**MICA** (OPEN): Connie (?) began taking meetings into the MICA unit 2 weeks prior to the June District 2 meeting. She formally volunteered for the (currently open) MICA position during the June District 2 meeting. The group voted and accepted Connie into the position unanimously.

Welcome Connie and thank you for your service!!

Connie also brought flyers for the MICA meeting. Connie would like to have printed material printed for the MICA meeting. Connie proposed donating 3 Living Sober books to the MICA meeting - the results of the vote were unclear - the proposal has been placed on the Agenda for July. MICA currently has 3 AA Big Books.

**Newsletter Editor** (Dawn P): Shared June District 2 Newsletter.

**PI** (Isabelle A (Alt)): PI chair (Amanda G) was not present but relayed report to Alt. PI (Isabelle A), who reports that Amanda is working on which pamphlets to purchase for institutions doctor's offices, schools, etc. Amanda intends to discuss purchasing of the pamphlets with District 2 soon.

**Records** (Liz P): Liz was not present but texted the following information to the DCM (Keith V) for the meeting: - We were contacted by Adam, the Area 48 records chair, he has questions about 4 groups in District 2 for which he does not have trusted servants listed. Liz will be looking into this (groups are The Green Island George St. Group, Cohoes AA Nooner's Group and the 2 original Out to lunch bunch groups).

**Secretary** (Bill A): Provided copies of the May meeting minutes which were read by attendees & accepted unanimously.

**Treasurer** (Helen F): May treasury report was reviewed and accepted unanimously. \$1,435 total donations/income, total expenses \$524.69, \$5,167.22 in checking account (includes \$2250 prudent reserve and \$38.18 Book Reserve). Suggested replenishing Book reserve to \$110 - group voted and unanimously approved a book reserve of \$150 be held and replenished as needed.

**Webmaster** (Bill A): Posted May 2019 newsletter and June Meeting Agenda to website.

**Service Manual committee** (Bill A, Gene S and Gretchen E): Met Wed, June 5 and began making necessary changes and discussing additions to the 2012 edition of the District 2 Service Manual. Next session scheduled for Tues, July 9.

**Treatment** (Mark P, Kevin B, Dave ?): Keith V (DCM) asked Dave to Attend the June District meeting, which Dave could not do. However, Dave said he would attend the July District 2 meeting.

Accessibility, Archives, BTG, Alt. Treatment and YPAA positions are open.

**Area Delegate** (Tad): Shared upcoming Area 48 events: “Joy of Service Day” (Utica, June 23), NYS Informational Workshop (Garrison, Aug 2-4). The HMB Newsletter may be going to electronic-only format. Area 48 is looking for ways to attract more people to area events. Area 48 has an excess of funds and is looking for ways to spend down the excess.

### **Other Topics Discussed:**

- Bill A (Secretary) mentioned that GSO accepts and stores archives for groups; asked if the group was interested in sending any archives. Tad (Area 48 Delegate) added that Area 48 also has an archives collection and may be willing to take some of the District’s archives. DCM suggested that District 2 archives be reviewed by a committee to decide what to keep; the rest can be given to either Area 48 or the GSO. Archives are currently in Valerie S’ basement. Valerie says she will create a list of what is in the archive and present it at the July meeting.

### **Upcoming events:**

- HMB Area 48 “Joy of Service Day” - Sun, Jun 23, 2019, 9:00AM - 3:00PM @ Catholic Charities - 1408 Genesee St, Utica, NY
- HMB Area 48 “Spring Assembly” - Sat, May 11, 2019, 9:00AM - 3:00PM @ The First United Methodist Church of East Greenbush - 1 Gilligan Rd, East Greenbush, NY
- Fri, May 31 - Sun, Jun 2: Northeast Regional Forum (NERF) - Tarrytown, NY
- Visit <https://aahmbny.org/a-a-area-48-hmb-hudson-mohawk-berkshire/> for all HMB Area events.

Meeting closed at 8:00pm with the Serenity Prayer.

**\*\*Thank you to all who attended!\*\***