

# **District 2 Meeting Minutes**

**Thursday, Jul 11, 2019 - 7:00pm**

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

<http://district2.aahmbny.org>

**20 attendees present** - Keith V (DCM), Leslie M (CDCO Rep.), Gary B (Alt. DCM/Functions), Gene S (Cluster Rep.), Sheila V (Coffee Maker), Amanda G (CPC, PI), Liz P (Records), 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. & Joy of Living Group - Watervliet, Thurs.)
- 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.)
- Gretchen E (59 Minute Meeting Group - Latham, Sat.)
- Tom R (Living Sober II Group - Watervliet, Thurs.)
- Vanessa L (Group unknown)
- Marianna F (Original Green Island Big Book Group - Green Island, Mon.)
- Marilyn D (Alt for Original Green Island Big Book Group - Green Island, Mon.)

## **Committee Chair Reports:**

- Victor A (Grapevine Rep.), Bill M (Alt. LCM), Connie (MICA), Dawn P (Newsletter Editor) Colleen W (Alt. Treasurer) and all Treatment chairs (Mark P, Kevin B and "Dave") were not present.
- Paul D (Men's Corrections) was not present, but relayed a report to be presented at the meeting.
- Isabelle A (Alt. CPC) and Valerie S (LCM) had nothing to report.

**CDCO** (Leslie M): CDCO will give 10 scholarships to each district to cover the \$20 registration fee for the HMB Convention (Nov 1-3, 2019); Leslie brought forms to sign up for the scholarship. Leslie also brought flyers for the

**Cluster Rep (Gene S)**: Attended District 18 & District 1 business meetings; District 18 is having a picnic this Sunday, July 14. District 18 is currently handling the Rensselaer County Jail meeting commitment; they are looking for volunteers for that meeting. District 1 has created a meeting schedule which integrates the CDTA bus schedule; Gretchen E offered to ask members of District 1 about procuring more of the schedules for District 2. DCM (Keith V) wants to explore options for District 2 to create similar schedules on our own. District 1 has strong communication w/HMB - District committee chairs are encouraged to attend monthly HMB chair conference calls.

**Coffee Maker** (Sheila V): We have decaf tonight!!

**Corrections** (men, Paul D): Not present, but emailed the following report to Keith V (DCM) for the District meeting - "The male volunteers are still 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 revised male group of inmates attending AA have been wonderfully engaged. Attendance has averaged 10 for the males since that time. New forms or corrected forms have been forwarded to Bill A for the website. Bill can let us know if they are available now." Bill A (D2 Webmaster) reports that the forms are available on the District 2 website @: <https://district2.aahmbny.org/forms/>

**CPC/PI** (Amanda G): Amanda will be contacting GSR's to encourage groups to "adopt" their local library to keep the libraries AA literature stocked and up-to-date. Amanda is working on assembling a

CPC committee. 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): Keith is attending (most) planning meetings for the Annual HMB convention (Nov. 1-3, 2019). He is volunteering at the convention as a greeter and to work registration.

**Alt. DCM/Functions** (Gary B): Otoberfest event: Gary contacted many (all?) parks in the area; all contacted are closed in September; Gary proposed the American Legion post on Grooms Rd in Halfmoon as a venue. Cost is \$1875 (catered for 75 people). Proposed either charging \$10 p/p at the event or selling tickets. After group discussed whether or not to hold the event, Gary suggested shelving the event until next year and focusing on other events ("Corn Maze", Hayride, dinner dance, roller skating party, etc.). Gretchen E suggested focusing on the November (1-3) Area Convention (hosted by District 2) instead of other District events. Gary plans to start an events committee for District 2 and will request "seed money" to coordinate and pursue District 2 events.

**Newsletter Editor** (Dawn P): Newsletter editor was not present but relayed a message to Valerie S that the newsletter is finished and will be sent out this weekend.

**Records** (Liz P): The Green Island George St. Group has been fixed. Adam, the Area 48 records chair, he has questions about 3 other groups in District 2 for which he does not have trusted servants listed. Liz will be looking into these groups (Cohoes AA Nooner's Group and the 2 original Out to lunch bunch groups).

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

**Treasurer** (Helen F): June treasury report was reviewed and accepted unanimously. \$111.00 total donations/income, total expenses \$282.93, \$5,024.29 in checking account (includes \$2250 prudent reserve and \$150.00 Book Reserve).

**Webmaster** (Bill A): July Meeting Agenda, June Meeting Minutes and June Treasury Report will be posted to the District 2 website soon.

**Service Manual committee** (Bill A, Gene S and Gretchen E): Met Wed, June 5 to continue making 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. Dave said he would attend the July District 2 meeting; Dave was not present at the July meeting.

Accessibility, Archives, BTG and YPAA positions are open.

### **Other Topics Discussed:**

- District 2 Archives: Valerie S has physical possession of District 2 archives and will work to inventory the archive. Inventory will then be shared with District 2 chairs, or an ad-hoc committee will be formed to decide what to keep, and what (if anything) will be sent to the HMB Area and/or the GSO.
- Northeast Regional Forum (NERF) May 31 - June 2 @ Westchester Marriott Hotel, Tarrytown, NY (Gretchen E): Gretchen produced GSO financial report. GSO is updating website. She will send material from NERF to the District 2 Newsletter Editor (Dawn P). GSO published a book: "Our Great Responsibility" - Bill W's GSO talks from 1951-1970. CDCO has the book for sale.

- Area 48 “Joy of Service Day” Sun, Jun 23, 2019, 9:00AM - 3:00PM @ Catholic Charities - 1408 Genesee St, Utica, NY (Gretchen E): Gretchen produced the Area 48 financial report. Area 48 voted against a 5th Edition Big Book at this time.

**Upcoming events:**

- **Sun, Jul 14, 2019, 12 - 5:00PM:** District 18 Summer Bash Picnic - North Greenbush Town Park, 208 Geiser Road, Wynantskill (on Snyder’s Lake Beach)
- **Tues, Aug 13, 2019, 6:30PM:** Next CDCO meeting - Computer Drive West, Albany, NY
- **Thurs, Aug 8, 2019, 7:00PM:** Next D2 Business meeting - Our Lady of Victory, Troy, 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!\*\***