

District 2 Meeting Minutes

Thursday, April 11, 2019 - 7:00pm

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

<http://district2.aahmbny.org>

23 attendees present - Leslie M (CDCO Rep.), Gene S (Cluster Rep.), Paul D (Corrections - Men), Amanda G (CPC, PI), Keith V (DCM), Gary B (Alt. DCM/Functions), Victor A (Grapevine Rep.), Dawn P (Newsletter Editor), Liz P (Records), Bill A (Secretary, Webmaster), Colleen W (Alt. Treasurer), and 12 GSR's:

- Al K (Open Hearts Fellowship Group - Troy, Tues.),
- Anne S (An Unshakable Foundation Group - Latham, Sun.),
- Carmine C (Peace & Sobriety Group - Troy, Mon. & Tues.),
- Gretchen E (59 Minute Meeting Group - Latham, Sat.),
- Harold W (Cohoes Wednesday Evening Group - Cohoes, Wed.),
- Jim R (Out of the Pits Group - Valley Falls, Mon.),
- Kerri B (Original Troy Group - Troy, Mon.),
- Marianna F (Original Green Island Big Book Group - Green Island, Mon.),
- Terry B (Bottom Line Group - Eagle Mills, Wed.),
- Tim H (George Street Green Island Group - Green Island, Wed.),
- Tom R (Living Sober II Group - Watervliet, Thurs.),
- Zach F (Green Island - Cohoes Serenity Group - Cohoes, Sun.)

Committee Chair Reports:

- BTG Rep. (Sara H) was not present, but emailed info to the DCM (see below).
- Attempts are still being made to contact Bill G to inquire about his commitment to the MICA position.
- Liz P (Records) contacted Mark P and was able to ascertain the following information about the Treatment and Alt. Treatment chairs: Dave (?) fills the commitment 3 Tuesdays/mo., Kevin B fills the commitment the remaining Tuesday(s). Mark P fills the Friday commitment.

Coffee Maker (Sheila V), Alt. CPC/Alt. PI (Isabelle A), Grapevine (Victor A), LCM (Valerie S), Alt. LCM (Bill M), MICA (Bill G), Treasurer (Helen F), Treatment (Mark P) and Alt. Treatment (Dave ?) were not present.

Grapevine (Victor A) had nothing to report.

BTG (Sara H): Sara was not present, but emailed the following to the DCM for the meeting: "No new business regarding BTG. Still working on getting temporary contact volunteers which unfortunately I am not getting a lot of. I have about 8 total (men and women). :(I will keep working on it."

CDCO (Leslie M): Not much happening at the Central Office. Operating stably.

Cluster Rep (Gene S): Announced that the HMB Area 48 Spring Assembly will be held on May 11 and HMB Area Convention will be held November 1-3. (see "Upcoming Events" at bottom of Minutes for more information).

Corrections (men, Paul D): Desperate for volunteers – currently only have 4 "core" volunteers. The Rensselaer County Jail (RCJ) women's meeting has no current volunteers and will be suspended until someone signs up. Paul brought an updated PREA form for distribution.

CPC (Amanda G): Plans to start visiting local (Troy area) Doctor's offices to find locations to distribute AA material/literature.

DCM (Keith V): Will attempt to contact the Women's Corrections chair (District 1).

Alt. DCM/Functions (Gary B): Prospect Park venue has been booked for "Memorial Day Picnic" to be held on Sun., May 26, 2019. Band "John Barleycorn and the Convincers" has agreed to play at the picnic. Group discussed whether or not to have an "Octsoberfest" event in 2019; Bill A proposed taking a vote during the June District 2 meeting (13 June, 2019) on whether or not to have the event this year - meeting attendees agreed.

Newsletter Editor (Dawn P): Shared April District 2 Newsletter. Would like to begin emailing the newsletter.

Records (Liz P): Submitted (Airtable) update for "Green Island/Cohoes Serenity Group". Continuing to learn "Airtable" from HMB webmaster (Adam G). Airtable is used by Area 48 to track meeting information (location, time, location, etc.).

Secretary (Bill A): Brought copies of Mar meeting minutes which were read by attendees & accepted unanimously. Re-typed District 2 Service Manual from printed copy back into digital format. Proposed vote to create service committee to update Service Manual – meeting voted & passed unanimously. Bill A, Gene S and Gretchen E volunteered to be on the committee. Proposed vote to allow audio recording of District 2 meetings to help with writing Meeting Minutes. Vote passed unanimously.

Alt. Treasurer (Colleen W): March treasury report was reviewed and accepted unanimously. \$493 total donations/income, \$2479.84 total expenses, which includes 2 \$1000 donations to GSO and Area 48, \$279.84 reimbursement to Gary B for "conference expenses" and \$200 venue reservation fee to Prospect Park (Troy, NY) for the District 2 Memorial Day picnic.

Webmaster (Bill A): Created Newsletters page - posted Feb & Mar 2019 newsletters. Posted Feb & Mar Meeting Minutes, Feb Treasury Report and Apr Meeting Agenda to "Reports" page, waiting for Mar Treasury report to post. Added BTG, Corrections, Newsletter and Secretary email addresses to Contact page. (Corrections email was created by Paul D). Created "Events" page & added Memorial Day Picnic event (and flyer made by Terry B). Changed name of "Forms" page to "Resources".

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

Other:

Renaming of the District 2 Newsletter tabled until May meeting (the Capital District Central Office and District 2 newsletters both have the name "The Broken Bottle").

Upcoming events:

- HMB Area 48 "Delegates Day of Sharing" - Saturday, April 27, 2019, 9:00am - 3:00pm @ The First United Methodist Church - 2 Walling Ave, Oneonta, NY
- HMB Area 48 "Spring Assembly" - Saturday, May 11, 2019, 9:00am - 3:00pm @ The First United Methodist Church of East Greenbush - 1 Gilligan Rd, East Greenbush, 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!****