

District 2 Meeting Minutes

Thursday, May 9, 2019 - 7:00pm

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

<http://district2.aahmbny.org>

18 attendees present - Leslie M (CDCO Rep.), Gene S (Cluster Rep.), Paul D (Corrections - Men), Isabelle A (Alt. CPC, Alt. PI), Gary B (Alt. DCM/Functions), Dawn P (Newsletter Editor), Bill A (Secretary, Webmaster), Helen F (Treasurer), Colleen W (Alt. Treasurer), and 9 GSR's:

- Al K (Open Hearts Fellowship Group - Troy, Tues.)
- Carmine C (Peace & Sobriety Group - Troy, Mon. & Tues.)
- Gretchen E (59 Minute Meeting Group - Latham, Sat.)
- Kerri B (Original Troy Group - Troy, 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.)
- Vanessa (Out to Lunch Bunch - Amsterdam, Thurs.)
- Zach E (Green Island - Cohoes Serenity Group - Cohoes, Sun.)

Committee Chair Reports:

- BTG (Sara H), Coffee Maker (Sheila V), Grapevine (Victor A), LCM (Valerie S), Alt. LCM (Bill M), MICA (Bill G), Liz P (Records), Treatment (Mark P), Treatment (Kevin B) and Alt. Treatment (Dave ?) were not present.
- Amanda G (CPC, PI) and Keith V (DCM) were not present, but relayed reports to be presented at the meeting.

CDCO (Leslie M): Central Office is looking for volunteers for the Saturday shift (12:00PM - 4:00PM). Anyone interested can contact her or the Central Office @ (518) 463-0906.

Cluster Rep (Gene S): Announced that the HMB Area 48 Spring Assembly will be held on May 11 (more information found under "Upcoming Events" at bottom of Minutes) and the District 18 "Summer Bash" will be held on July 14. Also reported that attendance was low for the Ebby Thatcher event on April 6.

Corrections (men, Paul D): Looking for more volunteers - currently only have 4 "core" volunteers. The women's meeting is once again being brought into Rensselaer County Jail (RCJ) and is working out very well.

CPC (Amanda G): No report, but see PI report below.

DCM (Keith V): Keith was not present but the following was emailed to most District 2 Chairs and was read by the Alt. DCM (Gary B) during the meeting:
"Hello All, On Saturday April 7th I attended the Delegates Day of Sharing in Oneonta and sat in on the Communication Round Table. A Communications Report that was requested and done for GSO was looked at and discussed. Please feel free to go to the Area website (<https://aahmbny.org>) and read the condensed report. It can be found in the "For the A.A. Member" under the "HMB Area Trusted Servants - Delegate" section as "Final Communications Report". It was an eye opener to me and it showed the large divide between Groups and GSO. Of note, "A.A.'s primary purpose is getting

lost in the Conference structure" and "Major blocks in communication within the Conference Structure". The chart of breakdowns on page 15 is worth a look for all in A.A."

Alt. DCM/Functions (Gary B): Reported the following about the upcoming Memorial Day picnic, to be held at Prospect Park in Troy, Sunday, May 26, 12-5PM: Most supplies have already been procured; the band (John Barleycorn and the Convincers) will start at 2:00PM; volunteers are to meet at St. Anthony's in Troy at 9:00AM to begin transporting supplies and setting up the venue. Alt. DCM also read the DCM (Keith V)'s emailed report.

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

PI (Amanda G): Amanda was not at the meeting but relayed that she had contacted 12 libraries in District 2 and asked if they had AA Big Books. 7 libraries said they could/would accept Big Books. Amanda also relayed that she would like a motion be made for District 2 to donate 7 Big Books to these libraries (1 Big Book to each library). The motion was raised, seconded, and passed unanimously. Funding for the Big Books will come from District 2's "Literature Reserve".

Secretary (Bill A): Provided copies of the April meeting minutes which were read by attendees & accepted unanimously. Service Manual committee will meet "soon" to begin updating District 2's Service Manual; SM committee members are: Bill A, Gretchen E and Gene S.

Treasurer (Helen F): April treasury report was reviewed and accepted unanimously. \$871.88 total donations/income, total expenses \$0, \$4231.91 in checking account (includes \$2250 prudent reserve and \$110 Book Reserve).

Webmaster (Bill A): Posted Apr 2019 newsletter and May Meeting Agenda to website. Added "district2cpc", "district2dcm" and "district2web" email addresses to Contact web page. Removed "district2dcm" email address from Contact web page.

Accessibility, Archives, Alt. Treatment and YPAA positions are open. MICA position (formerly Bill G) is now open pursuant to District 2 Service Manual paragraph 4.1 - "The position of any officer or service person with three consecutive absences from the District Committee meeting may be declared vacant by a 2/3 majority vote."

Other Topics Discussed:

- Meeting members voted to keep the name of the District 2 Newsletter "The Broken Bottle" (the Capital District Central Office and District 2 newsletters both have the name).

Upcoming events:

- 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!****