

# **District 2 Meeting Minutes**

**Thursday, Sep 12, 2019 - 7:00pm**

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

<http://district2.aahmbny.org>

**29 attendees present** - Leslie M (CDCO Rep.), Gary B (Alt. DCM/Functions), Amanda G (CPC, PI), Liz P (Records), Gene S (Cluster Rep.), Sheila V (Coffee Maker), Isabelle A (Alt. CPC, Alt. PI), Keith V (DCM), Victor A (Grapevine Rep.), Valerie S (LCM), Dawn P (Newsletter Editor), Bill A (Secretary, Webmaster), Helen F (Treasurer), Colleen W (Alt. Treasurer) and 15 GSR's:

- Anne S (An Unshakable Foundation Group - Latham, Sun.)
- Dan K (Way Out Group - Latham Tues. & Joy of Living Group - Watervliet, Thurs.)
- Gretchen E (59 Minute Meeting Group - Latham, Sat.)
- Harold W (Cohoes Wednesday Evening Group - Cohoes, Wed.)
- Jim (Pittstown/Grafton (Group unknown))
- Jonathan C (Welcome Hand Group - Troy, Sat.)
- Kerri B (Original Troy Group - Troy, Mon.)
- Lindsey (Troy Young People's Group - Troy, Fri.)
- 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.)
- Tim H (Red Door Group - Troy, Wed., Thurs. & Fri.)
- Tom R (Living Sober II Group - Watervliet, Thurs.)
- Vanessa L (Out to Lunch Bunch - Waterford Tues. & Thurs.)
- Liz R has taken over for Gretchen E as GSR for the 59 Minute Meeting Group - Latham, Sat.).  
Welcome Liz!!

## **Committee Chair Reports:**

- Paul D (Corrections), Bill M (Alt. LCM), Connie (MICA) and all Treatment chairs (Mark P, Kevin B and "Dave") were not present.
- Isabelle A (Alt. CPC, Alt. PI), Victor A (Grapevine Rep.), Colleen W (Alt. Treasurer) and Bill A (Webmaster) had nothing to report.

**CDCO** (Leslie M): All reports for the Capital District Central Office are available on the CDCO website: <https://aalbanyny.org/reports/>

**Cluster Rep (Gene S):** District 18 did not have a business meeting in August. Gene did not attend District 1's August business meeting.

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

**Corrections** (Paul D): Paul was not present but District 2 DCM (Keith V) announced that corrections is still in need of male volunteers.

**CPC/PI** (Amanda G): Amanda attended the first HMB CPC/PI committee meeting, held Saturday, September 7. This committee will be contacting doctor's associations in District 2 (and the entire HMB area) to discuss ways to spread awareness and literature to individual doctors. Amanda is assembling pamphlet kits for doctors offices, she would like to include the following in the pamphlet kits:

1. AA fact sheet
2. GSO/CDCO contact info sheet

3. Anonymity card
4. Meeting lists w/open meetings highlighted
5. Assessment card
6. Open letter to health care professionals
7. Link to HMB meeting website
8. "About AA" newsletter

Amanda is working on a list of materials needed for these kits; she plans to present the list to the District for discussion/voting at the October business meeting. Next HMB CPC/PI meeting will be October 5, 9:00AM @ 19 George St., Green Island, NY. Anyone interested in attending can contact her. Amanda will be requesting that a District 2 PI email address be created by HMB. Amanda has created an information sheet on adopting a library, which includes what a group needs to do to adopt a library in District 2 and a list of libraries to adopt. Amanda will send the info sheet to the District 2 Records chair (Liz P) to send out to District 2 GSR's.

**DCM** (Keith V): Meetings for the annual Area 48 Convention (Nov. 1-3, 2019) will be held every other Wednesday starting September 18. Information about the convention is available on the HMB website: <https://aahmbny.org/convention/>. Keith produced Sign-up sheets for the Hospitality Suite at the HMB Convention.

**Alt. DCM** (Gary B): Wants to set up an events committee for District 2 events (no motion made). Would like to see more events for newcomers.

**LCM** (Valerie S): Mentioned she forgot to call the CDCO about the Wednesday Green Island speaker meeting time change on Oct. 2 (8:00PM to 7:00PM). Gretchen E texted Tori @ the HMB Area who made the change to the meeting time at the Area 48 level.

**MICA** (Connie): Connie did not attend this meeting. Keith V (DCM) gave District 2 2018 meeting schedules to Connie (discussed @ the Aug. 8 District 2 business meeting). Keith verifies that Connie has been taking the meeting into MICA. Connie is looking for speakers for the meeting.

**Newsletter Editor** (Dawn P): Dawn produced a full Broken Bottle newsletter for September and furnished copies of the newsletter at the meeting.

**Records** (Liz P): Liz is updating the meeting list as needed.

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

**Treasurer** (Helen F): August treasury report was reviewed and accepted unanimously. \$419 total donations/income, no expenses for August, \$6,102.07 in checking account (includes \$2250 prudent reserve and \$150.00 Book Reserve). Helen would like a District 2 Treasurer email address. Motion was made for \$500 of District 2 funds to be set up as a scholarship fund to cover registration and dinner (\$66) for AA members at the HMB Convention. The motion passed by majority rule. This money is being donated in addition to the \$200 donated to District 2 by the CDCO for the same purpose.

**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.

Accessibility, Archives, BTG and YPAA positions are open.

## **Other Topics Discussed:**

- **HMB Area Convention updates:** District 2 DCM (Keith V) asked Area 48 about making a donation to the annual convention (Nov. 1-3, 2019). Area 48 said they are not taking monetary donations from Districts for the event. District 2 is not currently not signed up to host any events at the convention.
- **Treatment** (Mark P, Kevin B, Dave ?): Keith V (DCM) will contact “Dave” (Alt. Treatment chair) for information/updates about treatment positions.
- **District 2 Archives to Area 48/GSO:** Discussion began @ the June, 2019 District 2 business meeting. Valerie S (LCM) has physical possession of District 2 archives and is working to inventory archive items. 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. Keith V (DCM) reached out to GSO after the July District 2 business meeting for guidance/recommendations on what District 2 should keep.
- Liz R asked how to have the 59-minute-sponsored meeting @ Salvation Army, Albany - Thurs. 7:00PM added to the HMB meeting schedule. Guidance was given that the meeting would have to be registered with GSO to be added to the schedule. Liz R will coordinate with Liz P (Records) to have the meeting added to the schedule.
- **Procuring more District 1 Meeting schedules w/CDTA bus line info or making District 2 equivalent:** Gretchen E talked to “Katie” (District 1); Katie is willing to help District 2 to make our own version of the schedule. Gretchen E will ask for the digital (original) version of the schedule. Victor A (Grapevine Rep.) will look into cost of printing.

## **Upcoming events:**

- **Tues, Oct 8, 2019, 6:30PM:** Next CDCO meeting - Computer Drive West, Albany, NY
- **Thurs, Oct 10, 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 8:15pm with the Serenity Prayer.

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