

District 2 Meeting Minutes

Thursday, Oct 10, 2019 - 7:00pm

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

<http://district2.aahmbny.org>

26 attendees present - Leslie M (CDCO Rep.), Gene S (Cluster Rep.), Sheila V (Coffee Maker), Amanda G (CPC, PI), Isabelle A (Alt. CPC, Alt. PI), Keith V (DCM), Gary B (Alt. DCM/Functions), Victor A (Grapevine Rep.), Valerie S (LCM), Dawn P (Newsletter Editor), Liz P (Records), Bill A (Secretary, Webmaster), Helen F (Treasurer), Colleen W (Alt. Treasurer) and 12 GSR's:

- Al K (Open Hearts Fellowship Group - Troy, Tues.)
- Anne S (An Unshakable Foundation Group - Latham, Sun.)
- Charmaine (Welcome Hand Group - Troy, Sat.)
- Dan B (Peace & Sobriety Group - Troy, Mon. & Tues.) (filling in for GSR Carmine C)
- Gretchen E (Service Manual ad-hoc committee member, District 2 HMB convention rep.)
- Harold W (Cohoes Wednesday Evening Group - Cohoes, Wed.)
- 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.)
- Vanessa L (Out to Lunch Bunch - Waterford Tues. & Thurs.)
- Liz R (59 Minute Meeting Group - Latham, Sat.)

Committee Chair Reports:

- Bill M (Alt. LCM), Connie (MICA) and all Treatment chairs (Zack E, Kevin B and "Dave") were not present.
- Shiela V (Coffee Maker), Isabelle A (Alt. CPC, Alt. PI), Victor A (Grapevine Rep.) and Colleen W (Alt. Treasurer) had nothing to report.
- Paul D (Corrections) was not present but emailed updates to Keith V (DCM) to be read at the meeting.

CDCO (Leslie M): CDCO says that any money remaining from what the Central Office donated for Area 48 Convention "scholarships" should be donated to the Convention and not be returned to the Central Office. All reports for the Capital District Central Office are available on the CDCO website:

<https://aaalbanyny.org/reports/>

Cluster Rep (Gene S): District 18 will host a Thanksgiving Alkathon Nov. 27-28 (see details in "Upcoming Events" section of these minutes).

Corrections (Paul D): Paul was not present but emailed a report to District 2 DCM (Keith V). Keith read the following report to the meeting group: "AA District 2 Corrections report, Rensselaer County Jail October 10, 2019. 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 be selected to attend the Friday meeting at RCJ. The attendees inmates at the RCJ meeting have been grateful, well-behaved and wonderfully engaged. Attendance has averaged about 14 or 15 for the male inmates and the female attendees average about 4 or 5. Inmate services has asked me to remind volunteers that there is a dress code." Gary B (Alt. DCM) elaborated with his personal experience to add that hooded shirts and jackets with zippers cannot be worn.

CPC/PI (Amanda G): The Hudson Valley cluster wants to place an AA “ad” in their local newspapers and has contacted District 2 (email to Keith V (DCM)) and District 18 asking if we/they are interested in joining the campaign. Motion was made for District 2 to pursue this; the vote passed by majority rule. Keith V (DCM) will reply to “Marcia”, the person who contacted him, and will research options and costs for running the ad in the Troy Record; Marcia has already contacted the Albany Times Union. An ad-hoc committee was formed for this. The committee members are: Keith V (DCM), Amanda G (CPC/PI), Colleen W (Alt. Treasurer), Dawn P (Newsletter Editor). Currently, the newspapers to be considered for the ad are the Albany Times Union, Troy Record and Schenectady Gazette.

DCM (Keith V): Has been attending annual Area 48 Convention meetings (Convention is Nov. 1-3, 2019). Keith reports that everything is going well with convention planning. Information about the convention is available on the HMB website: <https://aahmbny.org/convention/>. Area 48 Tech chair requests that any group that will be changing it’s schedule between Christmas & New Year’s fill out a form (form was produced by Keith at the meeting) and email it to the area webmaster. Area Tech chair plans to add a page to their website indicating meetings that will be postponed on/around Thanksgiving, Christmas & New Years; the page will also have holiday Alka-thon information. Keith announced that District 2 elections will be held at the December 12 District 2 meeting.

Alt. DCM (Gary B): Next event needing attention is the District 2 Super Bowl party. Concerns were raised about the current venue having a staircase that can be difficult for attendees to ascend. Gary will ask Father Patterson at Our Lady of Victory (Troy, NY) if we can use the gym in their facility for the event this year.

LCM (Valerie S): Called the Capital District Central Office about updating information for the Green Island George Street Group.

Newsletter Editor (Dawn P): Dawn produced a full Broken Bottle newsletter for October and furnished copies of the newsletter at the meeting, which is available on the District 2 website: <http://district2.aahmbny.org/newsletter/>.

Records (Liz P): Liz is updating the meeting list as needed. Liz has put together a list of meetings that fall between Christmas and New Years and will send it to the Area 48 tech chair and work with the area tech chair to find out if meetings on the list will be held.

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

Treasurer (Helen F): September treasury report was reviewed and accepted unanimously. \$285 total donations/income, \$128 in expenses for September, \$6,259.07 in checking account (includes \$2250 prudent reserve and \$150.00 Book Reserve). Helen would like a District 2 Treasurer email address. District 2 is holding \$500 of District 2 funds and \$200 of Capital District Central Office funds for the Area 48 Convention “scholarship fund” (covers registration and dinner (\$66) for AA members at the HMB Convention). \$31 was collected at the meeting in 7th Tradition donations.

Treatment (Mark P/Zack E/Kevin B): Though there has been no vote by the District, Zack E has assumed the responsibility of chairing the Friday St. Mary’s meeting in place of Mark P. Zack asked Amanda G (CPC/PI) to ask District 2 for a donation of 1 copy each of Living Sober and 12 Steps and 12 Traditions. No vote was needed as the donation will be coming from the District 2 “book reserve”. Amanda will purchase the literature for Zack. Amanda also reports that Zack cannot attend District 2 meetings because of a conflict with school. A member of District 18 has also purchased and donated

AA literature to the facility. Keith V (DCM) reports that Steve (Area 48 Treatment chair) will reach out to St. Mary's to find out what's going on with meetings at the facility.

Webmaster (Bill A): Bill will contact Area 48 tech chair to request creation of treasurer and PI email accounts. Reports are up-to-date. System updates to the website were needed and have been performed. Bill asked the group's opinion on whether the agenda should be posted before the meeting. The general consensus of the group was that it would be okay. Bill will now post the agenda for the upcoming meeting when it is finished instead of waiting until after the meeting has been held. Bill will create a CPC/PI web page when there is CPC/PI information to post.

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 has volunteers signed up for hospitality on Sunday.
- **59-minute-sponsored meeting** (@ Salvation Army, Albany - Thurs. 7:00PM): 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 was coordinating with Liz P (Records) to have the meeting added to the schedule. Liz P determined that the new meeting would be located in District 1. Discussion on the topic has been dropped as this is not a matter for District 2.
- **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 will continue to inventory 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; GSO has responded to Keith with suggestions.
- **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. Gretchen reports that Katie will have to re-create a spreadsheet of the meetings in the schedule. Discussion will need to be had about printing costs.

Upcoming events:

- **Tues, Nov 12, 2019, 6:30PM:** Next CDCO meeting - Computer Drive West, Albany, NY
- **Thurs, Nov 14, 2019, 7:00PM:** Next D2 Business meeting - Our Lady of Victory, Troy, NY
- **Wed, Nov 27, 6:00PM - Thurs Nov 28, 6:00PM:** Thanksgiving Alkathon - Blooming Grove Reformed church, Rensselaer, NY
- Visit <https://aahmbny.org/a-a-area-48-hmb-hudson-mohawk-berkshire/> for all HMB Area events.

Meeting closed at 8:30pm with the Responsibility Pledge.

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