

District 2 Meeting Minutes

Thursday, Nov 14, 2019 - 7:00pm

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

<http://district2.aahmbny.org>

18 attendees present - 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.), Dawn P (Newsletter Editor), Liz P (Records), Bill A (Secretary, Webmaster), Helen F (Treasurer) and 6 GSR's:

- Carmine C (Peace & Sobriety Group -Troy, Mon. & Tues.)
- Charmaine (Welcome Hand Group - Troy, Sat.)
- Dan K (Way Out Group -Latham Tues. & Joy of Living Group -Watervliet, Thurs.)
- 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.)

Sharon B also attended the meeting as an AA visitor - welcome Sharon

Committee Chair Reports:

- Leslie M (CDCO Rep.), Valerie S (LCM), Bill M (Alt. LCM), Connie (MICA), Colleen W(Alt. Treasurer) and all Treatment chairs (Zack E and "Dave") were not present.
- Paul D (Corrections, RCJ) also did not attend the meeting due to a recent surgery. Hope you're well soon, Paul!
- Shiela V (Coffee Maker), Isabelle A (Alt. CPC, Alt. PI), Victor A (Grapevine Rep.) and Liz P (Records) had nothing to report.

Cluster Rep (Gene S): District 18 will host a Thanksgiving Alkathon Nov. 27-28 (see details in "Upcoming Events" section of these minutes). District 1 will host a New Year's Alkathon - flyers will be distributed shortly.

CPC/PI (Amanda G): Amanda has created a list of materials needed to create literature packets to be distributed to the following public institutions:

- Doctor's offices (50)
- Schools (10)
- Nursing homes (20)
- Shelters, soup kitchens, Salvation Army's & Goodwill's (10)
- Post Offices (5)
- Churches (30)

Amanda also has a list of specific pamphlets needed and has come up with a total cost for the purchase of all materials needed for the packets. The total cost is approximately \$250; District 2 had previously agreed to donate up to \$200 to CPC to cover the cost of the packets. Amanda asked for additional funds to cover the difference (\$50). Terry B made the motion to donate the required additional funds, Dawn P seconded the motion; the motion passed unanimously. Amanda is continuing to assemble a list of literature needed for libraries in District 2 ("Adopt-a-library"). Amanda is looking for advice/guidance contacting police stations & fire departments in District 2 to see if they need or want AA literature. Keith V (DCM) suggested Amanda attend the Area 48 Fellowship Day (Nov. 16), since the area PI committee will be hosting an hour-long panel at the event.

DCM (Keith V): Keith attended the Area 48 annual Convention Friday & Saturday. The convention went well. There were approximately 500 attendees. Keith relayed that the annual Area 48 Fellowship

Day will be held on November 16, 2019. More information is available on the Area 48 website. Keith announced that District 2 elections will be held at the December 12 District 2 meeting.

Alt. DCM (Gary B): Gary contacted Our Lady of Victory to ask about holding the next District 2 Super Bowl party in their gymnasium - the space is not available at the time of the Super Bowl. Gary will contact St. John's (Troy) to make the same inquiry. If St. John's is not available, the Super Bowl party will be held at the same location as previous years - Christ Church, 25 State St, Troy on Super Bowl Sunday, Feb 2.

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

Secretary (Bill A): Provided copies of the October meeting minutes which were read by attendees & accepted unanimously. All Meeting minutes are available on the District 2 website: <http://district2.aahmbny.org/reports/>.

Treasurer (Helen F): October treasury report was reviewed and accepted unanimously. \$256 total donations/income, \$193.04 in expenses for October, \$5,793.07 in checking account (includes \$2250 prudent reserve and \$150.00 Book Reserve). All Treasury reports are available on the District 2 website: <http://district2.aahmbny.org/reports/>. Helen would like to start a committee to create a 2020 budget for District 2. The group discussed the topic briefly and the topic was tabled until the December or January District 2 meeting.

Webmaster (Bill A): PI and Treasurer email addresses have been created. District 2 webmaster has been granted permissions to add/remove/reset passwords for district 2 email addresses. Reports are up-to-date. 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:

- **Procuring more District 1 Meeting schedules w/CDTA bus line info or making District 2 equivalent:** Gretchen E is working on getting the digital file for the schedule; this will be tabled to give her time to do this.
- **Does District 2 need/want a Literature chair?:** Keith V (DCM) asked the District chairs to think about whether or not there should be a "Literature" chair in District 2. The group decided that since individual groups could appoint a literature chair, if needed and the Capital District Central Office sells literature at cost to groups and individuals, a Literature chair at the District level was unnecessary.

Upcoming events:

- **Sat, Nov 16, 2019:** Area 48 Fellowship Day - St Georges Episcopal Church, 30 N Ferry St, Schenectady, NY
- **Wed, Nov 27, 6:00PM - Thurs Nov 28, 6:00PM:** Thanksgiving Alkathon - Blooming Grove Reformed church, Rensselaer, NY

- **Tue, Dec 10, 2019, 6:30PM:** Next CDCO meeting - Computer Drive West, Albany, NY
- **Thu, Dec 12, 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 8:30pm with the Responsibility Pledge.

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