

District 14 Meeting Minutes

April 18th, 2022

Attendance

Theresa M.	District Committee Member - District 14
Jac	Secretary - District 14
Diane W.	Visitor
Pattie T.	Visitor
Paul V.	Visitor
Bob G.	D14 Webmaster
Jim F.	Bridging The Gap General Services Representative - Sobriety On Sunday
John R.	Alternate DCM
Dick F.	GSR - Sunday Night Group
Justice D.	GSR - Sober Sisters
Amber S.	GSR - Clubhouse
Kay M.	Across the Street Meeting
Vo N.	DCM - District 4
David P.	GSR - Scotia Group
Lara B.	D14 - Records GSR - WWW
Lois M.	D14 - Literature/CDCO GSR - Sunday Evening Women's Group
Gary T.	GSR - Niskayuna Fresh Start Group

Opening (7:40pm) Introduced Vo- DCM District 4

- Cluster event (Define cluster: Districts put together in area- group of districts within a region that work together)
- We are part of Mohawk cluster

PURPOSE OF OUR MEETING

- As Trusted Servants of the AA members and groups in District 14, our primary purpose is to help the members of our district to carry the message to the alcoholic who still suffers.
- All our decisions are to be made according to group conscience and AA's Traditions.

WELCOME

- **Do you have a home group with a heart beat? (Get written form)**
- Importance of homegroup

- Introduction visitors or new members
- Kay (Saint Andrews in Scotia)
- Vo (DCM District 4)
- Patty (Duanesburg)
- Dianna (Duanesburg)
- Paul (Duanesburg)

IF YOU BRING A NEW MEMBER- YOU GET A FREE BOOK.

- Individual and Group Anniversaries

- Announcements for the good of AA other than Events?

Amber: Clubhouse is starting to socialize- Announcing function chair- Pizza social. If you want to have social events, contact Amber. Pizza Social is 2nd Friday of the month after 7pm meeting. Next one is May 13th. Card games as well.

Tradition IV. With respect to its own affairs, each A.A. Group should be responsible to no other authority than the welfare of neighboring groups also, those groups ought to be consulted. And no group, regional committee, or individual should ever take any action that might greatly affect A.A. As a whole without conferring with the trustees of the General Service Board. On such issues our common welfare is paramount.

Concept IV. - Throughout our conference, we ought to maintain at all responsible levels a traditional "Right of Participation". Taking care that each classification or group of our world servants shall be allowed a voting representation in reasonable proportion to the responsibility that each must discharge.

COMMITTEE & OFFICER REPORTS (7:45-8:15)

Secretary Report (Jac) Approve minutes- District14Secretary@aahmbny.org -Amber motions to approve minutes, Paula Seconds- Minutes approved.

Treasurer Report (David)- Jac motions. Paula seconds. Group conscience to vote in member not present. Justice opposes. Gary Abstains. Group conscience passed. David P will now read the resume of Mark D.

Mark D on speaker phone gives service resume- Sponsor. Has homegroup "Time and Place". Dec 18th 2016. Does steps with sponsor. Has attended district as GRS. Currently treasurer of group.

Jac motions to vote. David P seconds. Majority votes. No opposes. Justice Abstains. Mark D voted as treasurer.

DCM (Theresa)- New address to send contributions. Agenda. Quartey reports.

Alt DCM (John)- nothing to report

Treatment(Ray)- Still following up on family coordinator- Thurs 6pm- deliver literature- Coordinate rides- Called New Choices- Wanted to go once per week, but instead will go as needed or when called to introduce the program of AA. Saint Peters Detox- have to call this week. Stopped having AA attend because of COVID but are interested in us bringing back meetings to detox. Conifer Park still on lock down. Spoke to Saint Joseph halfway house- want literature. 917 Congress St is the one we are in touch with.

BTG (Jim) – Not much done. Recovery in Schenectady meeting. Nothing new to report. Meeting monthly
BTG- List of volunteers for people being released from jail or institutions to be introduced to meetings.

Grapevine (open)-

Literature & CDCO (Lois) – Lois can get and pay for literature. CDCO is functioning very well. Hotline number is open and fully staffed. Central line office keeps line covered all the time. Lois will take names for the 12 step list. Never is your number given out, but it may be exposed. CDCO always need volunteers to be on call list. Lois shared story about a person who called the hotline.

Records (Lara) – Nothing new. Any changes or COVID restrictions. district14records@aahmbny.org

Website (Bob): Successfully transitioned service position. Can send email with updates to post on website. District14webmaster@aahmbny.org Email address structure is the same but double check email is being received. Make sure you have access. Matt is our webmaster. Can always CC DCM email.

Add district service manual. Lara will email it.

Accessibility (Ali) – Not present

Corrections (open)-

Functions (open)- ANNOUNCE THIS POSITION- COORDINATES EVENTS. Area day/ cluster meetings.

Newsletter (open)-

PI/CPC (open) -

GSRs Reports (8:15-8:20)

David P- Scotia GSR- Scotia Monday Group wants BBQ- Had delegate questionnaire meeting- Filled out questions but was painful. GSR was put into position to make group conscience.

Want a summary of the background information or way to prioritize questions.

QUESTIONNAIRE:

Lois- Questionnaire was very difficult. Lois has strong suggestion of simplify because too long with too many items.

Vo- Didn't get much feedback from virtual meeting. Delegate is playing catchup.

Justice- They had to cut it down from 400 items. Had to go through 1200 pages in two months. This is how our fellowship functions.

Jim- It was too much. Get it down to 3 or 5 items. No time to go through it.

David P- Should prioritize.

Gary- There is no easy answer. No individual should fill it out for the group unless the group conscience decided that. Individuals can fill it out themselves.

OLD BUSINESS (8:20-8:55)

- Paul speaking on preamble. June 1974. Been around for a lot of changes. At grapevine meeting, first time aware of the change. Goes to 15 meetings in 5 counties. 90% of the people didn't have a clue that is was changing. Started looking into this. Doesn't have a solution, but agrees it's a lack of communication and participation. Why doesn't having technology help with this? Virtual meetings had downside. Is there a virtual GSO? Someone printed questions. For the last two years, there hasn't been unity with in-person meetings.

-Kay – 36 years sober- Has no idea of change of preamble from “Men and women” to “people”. The preamble is now conference approved literature.

Lois- Explained how conference voted to adopt preamble and made adjustment. Answered questionnaire of impact.

Jim- Can say it's our group preamble. Preamble is conference approved. Can not say “AA preamble”. You can have a group conscience to use early preamble but can't claim its AA preamble.

Gary- GSR have the responsibility to communicate with their group. Preamble is now “Official AA literature” with the term “people”.

Vo- There is only one GSO.

District 20- Only virtual- Gives money to GSO.

Meetings have choice of what district to be a part of.

Justice- 2nd GSO might be the NYC intergroup subscription but that was terminated through a group conscience.

Lois- CDCO was delighted to hear from newcomers that AA is carrying the message.

Theresa- District has Zoom account- Set up through webmaster- Theresa has personal Zoom account. \$15 a month wasted expense.

Jim- motions. Gary- 2nds. Abstains- Gary / Ken . Motion passes the cancel the district Zoom account.

Open positions: Functions, Grapevine, Corrections, Newsletter, PI/ CPC

Grapevine position description read-

- Anyone have topics for the up coming cluster workshop/ conference in September?

Theresa- Service position descriptions- District and GSR unity- Cluster assembly in September and possible workshop and are wondering what we all want to know more about.

NEW BUSINESS (8:55-9:00)

Gary T- Member of our fellowship asked about how DCM position changed? We really should have a motion and formal vote.

Lois- John advised us that he needed to step down, so Alt DCM automatically stepped up.

John- Wants a formal vote for alt GSR position.

Alt DCM position read- Stand up vote- Majority in favor- John voted in as alt DCM

Theresa- The GSR need to inform there treasures that contributions should by mailed to Post office box2407

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Events:

Joy of Service day is June 12 in Plattsburgh in person. PICNIC. Area event.

May voting assembly- Hybrid- LIMITED in-person seats due to COVID

Young peoples convention.

AAhmbny.org Reoccurring events- GSR forum- Monthly chairperson checkins- GV story hour- Delegate meeting- committee meetings -

GO TO AREA aahmbny.org website for event information

July 29-31 will be a virtual information workshop- things going on- NYS informational workshop- Feb 2023 NERASSA

September we are to host a hybrid service workshop

DCM wants a committee in order to get more members involved for cluster workshop being held in early and mid- September. Have a committee to have cluster workshop. Looking for venues. Hotel or restaurant will cost more than a church.

Next Meeting- May 16, 2022

Amber- motions to close meeting. Justice- 2nds to close. All in favor.

ADJOURN – 9:28

Responsibility Pledge