

District 14 Meeting Minutes

May 16, 2022

Attendance:

Gary T	Niskayuna Fresh Start GSR
Lois M.	Sunday Evening Womens' Group GSR CDCO/Literature
Theresa M.	District 14 DCM
Mark D.	D14 Treasurer
Ali B.	D14 Accessibility
Mike B.	
Bob G.	D14 Webmaster
Lara B.	D14 Records
Lisa J.	NERAASA
David P.	Scotia Group GSR
Jon	D14 Alternate DCM

Went over purpose of meeting- As trusted servants of the AA members and groups in district 14, our primary purpose is to help the members and groups to carry the message to the alcoholic who still suffers. All our decisions are to be made according to the group conscience and AA traditions.

Welcome. 7:44pm

Said Serenity prayer

Do you have a Home Group with a heartbeat? - Is it connected to the veins and arteries of AA though it's GSR? A GSR carries your home group vote to the conference!

District 14 supports groups having an active GSR. Every member of our district has the responsibility of choosing a home group and to be active in service to that home group. Having a service commitment at your home group with an active GSR is key to a healthy, joyful recovery.

Introduction of new Trusted Servants, visitors and attendees-

Mike from Monday Night Group just visiting-

Dick- Alt GSR for Love and Light Group- Opening up camp this week-

Mark- Recently voted as District Treasurer.

Individual and group Anniversaries

Lois- Celebrated 34 years. Anniversary dinner at Wonderful Wednesday Woman Group- May 25th-
Potluck Super- 6pm- CLOSED WOMEN MEETING.

Tradition 5 – Each group has but one primary purpose- to carry the message to the alcoholic who still suffers.

Read presentation of DCM at voter assembly. Singleness of purpose- Must give it away to keep it. It would be a great disservice to us and others to not help the sick and suffering. We endanger our own sobriety by not carrying the AA message. We may not be best suited to help addicts. The unique ability of one alcoholic to another. Read the responsibility pledge. No doctor could cure us.

Concept 5 - Democracy- Throughout our world service structure, a traditional “Right of Appeal” ought to prevail, thus assuring us that minority opinion will be heard and that petitions for the redress of personal grievances will be carefully considered. When a minority opinion is called, many don’t know what it means. Leader should call for reconsideration. Must voting goes by substantial unanimity. Right of appeal is applicable at all levels of service. Must consider all facts.

DCM proposed idea that any member could give a little presentation of the tradition and conception in upcoming meetings.

Committee and officer reports (7:57)

Secretary (Jac)- Gary motions to approve minutes. Bob seconds. Minutes approved.

Treasurer (Mark)- Has the book. Started taking on treasurer responsibilities. Will vote on budget next meeting.

DCM(Theresa)- NYNE convention – Nov 6th- \$500 scholarship to attend- Pick a name out of a hat. Candidates name is drawn and then a 2nd drawing takes place within the cluster. 5 scholarships are awarded.

Lois- suggests we wait for next month so GSRs can announce to group.

Lisa- Convention is in Poughkeepsie (can be used for hotel)

Gary-Annual HMB (NYNE) Convention-

-Announce Flyer is on website

-Voted on correcting the 2022 budget. Tentative budget that will be voted on at convention for 2023.

-Grapevine AREA POSITION AVAILABLE- David S voted to Non trustee director -

-District 20 joined WESTERN cluster.

-AAhmbny.org delegate presentation.

-Area 48 is all the districts 1-20: Called H-M-B but Berkshire went back to Mass. Voted to become NENY. North East New York. 2nd part of was on panels. Intergroups versus Central Offices.

-CLUSTER FELLOWSHIP DAY- WE NEED FUNCTIONS CHAIR- In Amsterdam- Central NY cluster with District 8 and 4. Might have to do breakfast and lunch. We need a committee to set it up. Get the

food/coffee. September 17th. **OUR DISTRICT IS PUTTING ON A FELLOWSHIP DAY IN SEPTEMBER AND WE NEED SOME HELPING HANDS. 9am-3pm. We are putting on a breakfast. Need to get a hold of George as part of the meeting might be hybrid.**

-Register or change position by using the form and submit to Lara.

-Thinking about hosting a District workshop. Trying to get more people involved in service by having past positions present. 2nd part on sponsorship.

-Looking for stories for 5th edition of Big Book and Grapevine.

Alt DCM(John)- Plans to go to November 4th convention

BTG (Jim)- Not present for medical reasons

Grapevine (open)-

Website (Bob)- Link to Service Manual, but it's a draft. Lisa will email district Service Manual.

Wants to post open positions.

Minutes are up on website.

Accessibility- Nothing to report

CDCO/Literature (Lois)- CDCO is doing well. Gave presentation about how CDCO is not an intergroup. **LOOKING FOR NIGHT OWL POSITION- Calls will be forwarded to your phone after 6pm. NOT DIFFICULT. Office positions available. 14 calls in April. New book released "Fun In Sobriety". Newsletter is looking for a story (experience/event). In years past, District 1 has hosted a table at the Altamont Fair but will not this year. Memorial Day picnic in Watervliet D2 (All info is on CDCO website).**

Wonderful Wednesday Woman Group- May 25th- Potluck Super- 6pm- Anniversary celebration for Lois. CLOSED WOMEN MEETING.

Corrections (Open)

Functions (open)

Newsletter (open)- Page 14 of District Service Manual

Treatment (Ray)- not present- still dropping off literature

PI/CPC-

Lara- Records-

GSRs Reports (8:15-8:20)

. **David P- Scotia Group- PROPOSED Speaker dinner night- Monday in July- June 6th Business meeting to discuss event on MONDAY. Website updates.**

- **Brand New Group- Mondays at Coblestone Church- Rotterdam by the mall- In person- 7pm Monday. Now listed. OPEN discussion.**

Old business (8:20-8:50)

- **FREE BOOKS FOR BRINGING A FRIEND!**
- **WE NEED POSITIONS FILLED**

. **Elections for vacant positions**

New Business (8:39 pm)

- **Lisa- This area will be hosting NERAASA this Feb 2023 (Last weekend). At Desmond in Albany. Thurs, Fri to Noon on Sunday. Opportunity for all service people from Maine to Washington DC to come together with delegates, GSR, DCM, trustees. Bring information back to homegroup. Lisa J is program chair. We need greeters, hospitality group, name badges. Flyer is on Area website. NERAASA has its own website, just Google it. REGISTRATION IS OPEN.**

Joy of Service picnic is hybrid. Plattsburgh

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Gary: Thinking of the idea- What if someone wants to be an event chair and gather people from groups to have a unity day function.

Lois- Event chair is a good suggestion.

Unity day has become a recognized day. If we announce a day- We needed a venue and date- Place and time group- Mark will talk to his group. Needs date. Lisakill Church.

Need a date. Groups can sponsor specific events (drinks, raffle). We have money in the budget. CDCO will contribute 4 books.

Lois motions. Bob seconds. All in favor. Motion passed. Gary and Mark can move forward with planning unity day.

Ali- motions to close. David P- Seconds. Meeting closed with responsibility pledge at 8:54 pm.