

## District 14 Meeting Agenda July 18<sup>th</sup> 2022

### Attendance:

Theresa M	District 14 - DCM
Jac	District 14 - Secretary
Chuck McG	Duanesburg
Bob G	District 14 - Webmaster
Paula T	GSR - Step by Step Group
Lois M	District 14 - Literature/CDCO GSR - Sunday Evening Women's Group
Ray D.	District 14 - Treatment
Mark D	District 14 - Treasurer
Jim F	District 14 - Bridging the Gap GSR - Sobriety on Sundays
Gary T	GSR - Niskayuna Fresh Start Group
David P	GSR - Scotia Group

### WELCOME (7:43 pm)

**Theresa introduced herself.**

### 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.
- Serenity Prayer
- **Do you have a home group with a heartbeat? Is it connected to A.A. Through the veins and arteries of its GSR? A GSR Carrie's your home group vote to the conference! District 14 supports All AA groups having an active GSR. Every member of A.A. has the Responsibility to voice its vote in its home group. One member, one home group one vote as stated in A.A.s service manual.**
- Introduction of new Trusted Servants, visitors and attendees  
Chuck- Visiting from Duanesburg
- Individual and Group Anniversaries

## Jac- 3 years

**Tradition VII.** The A.A. Groups themselves ought to be fully supported by the voluntary contributions of their own members. We think that each group should soon achieve this ideal; that any public solicitation of funds using the name of Alcoholics Anonymous is highly dangerous, whether by groups, clubs, hospitals, or other outside agencies; that acceptance of large gifts, or contributions carrying any obligations whatever, is unwise. Then too, we view with much concern rose A.A. Treasuries which continue, beyond prudent reserves, to accumulate funds for no stated A.A. Purpose. Experience has often warned us that nothing can so surely destroy our spiritual heritage as futile disputes over property, money, and authority.

Theresa- Reviewed illustrated version of 12 traditions. We contribute, don't take donations.

**Concept VII.** The conference recognizes that the Charter and the Bylaws of the General Service Board are legal instruments: that the trustees are thereby fully empowered to manage and conduct all of the world service affairs of Alcoholics Anonymous. It is further understood that the Conference Charter itself is not a legal document: that it relies instead upon the force of tradition and the power of A.A. purse for it's final effectiveness.

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

Secretary, (Jac) – Bob 2<sup>nd</sup> vote to adopt minutes. Minutes

Treasurer (Mark) – Budget we may vote. Available balance of approximately \$1,730. Gave out checks for expenses.

David from Scotia AA contributed funds for unity day and NENY.

Should discuss budget with money we have versus expected expenses. Discussed unity day.

Paula- Has check for \$30 contribution from Step by Step group

DCM (Theresa)- Went to DCM meeting- Spoke on Concepts- Conflict with new preamble- Discussed 7<sup>th</sup> tradition that main contribution should be homegroup- Went over AREA calendar of events and proposals- Vote in September for the 3 proposals which are tri-fold pamphlets, scholarship money, and the budget. GSR should vote at conferences.

We can contribute to the scholarship instead of contributing to Area.

Went over flyers and our event- Our cluster is responsible for AREA FELLOWSHIP DAY- September 17<sup>th</sup> in Amsterdam-

Increased gas milage for budget. Budget has a DCM line to use for whatever.

Alt DCM (John)- Not present

Treatment(Ray)- Was traveling and out of town for past 2 months- Introducing new people to BTG- Speaking with Jim who's giving rides- Called program manager of Union Street Residence of Schenectady but getting no response and may not be most effective way to carry the message- 845 Commons Men's Residence about once a month- had a meeting there but it lost its purpose. We can try to restart of finding rides.

BTG (Jim)- Went to meeting at New Choices/ Rise Recovery- Our fellowship is looking to help to bring people to meetings.

Grapevine (open).

Literature (CDCO) (Lois)- Central office is functioning well.

Records (Lara)- called to say she could not make it

Website (Bob/Gary)- Anything that needs to get posted, he will do.

A group must have a contact person registered to GSO to be an AA group- That group doesn't have a vote in district. If they don't have a selected GSR, they cant vote. The are an AA group. Their not active in the district, they can still be an AA group. The district also doesn't speak for AA as a whole. Traditions. Groups should have a GSR. They don't want to be organized. They may want LEAST ORGANIZATION POSSIBLE.

DCM should go to groups to inform then of the importance of GSR

Accessibility (Ali)-

Corrections (open)

Functions (open)

Newsletter (open)

PI/CPC (open).

### **GSRs Reports (8:15-8:20)**

- Group announcements

**Gary- Fresh start in Niskayuna- nothing new to report**

**Jim- SOS in Proctors Basement- Has new members and has speaker seeker- 20 to 30 attendees. Gary mentions Jim's awesome teal, salmon and grey socks.**

**Paula- Step by Step Women's on Saturday**

**Chuck- Here to bring information to the group. Trying to carry the message. Voted last week to distribute funds.**

**Justice- Sober Sisters Seeking Solutions- 630 on Mondays at WYMCA- Hybrid meeting- NEEDS SUPPORT. Considering shutting down.**

**Dick- Alt Love and Light 730 Wednesday night- SSDD- 20 people- Cobblestone church on Putnam road.**

**Lois- Sunday Evening- Telephone Hybrid Group- 12 members- Sent money to district last month. Has not resumed coffee or cookies. Has had newcomers. Wonderful Wednesday Womens Group- 6-10 in person/ 4-6 online.**

**David- Scotia Group GSR- NEEDS SUPPORT for Tuesday 8pm- May close down 8pm Tuesday meeting- Pizza party may be on hold.**

### **OLD BUSINESS (8:20-8:55)**

**Budget discussion-**

- **Elections for open positions (any interest read positions)- Anyone interested- PICPC, Newsletter, Functions, Corrections, Grapevine**

Ray brings up that group GSRs should be here. How many groups do we have? Hard to spread the word. Theresa is trying.

- Unity day update. No chair. Jim F might want to chair Unity day (discussion)- Church is secured and got the insurance. What is the budget? Have not made new flyer yet. Everybody brings a covered dish, but don't rely on it. Looking to feed 150 people. Unity August 27<sup>th</sup>- **Talk to Jim about contributing food, supplies and services.**

Budget- \$1700 available balance. \$1400 line item in old budget. \$4972 total budget. Church has a grill. Paid PO Box- CPC- Corrections- Secretary all have funds they don't need. Wants to set realistic budget. Spend a majority of funds on Unity day. Came to estimate based on ratios. We can raise money. Does Jim need a check to buy food? Past experience shows they have spent more than \$500. Suggest \$1000 for unity day- food, charcoal

Justice- Go to restaurant depot for wholesale prices. District 1 had subcommittee to reconcile old budgets. Money that is needed will get contributed.

Jim will make up a flyer and put the word out.

- Drawing for \$500.00 discussion Alternate chair said instead of sending money to area us that money to have the raffle. I have already registered. For November convention. Take it back to the group to see if we want to offer a scholarship

DO WE WANT TO CONTRIBUTE \$170 FOR A \$500

SCHOLARSHIP FOR THE AREA 48 CONVENTION IN POUGHKEPSEE.

It has been decided that we are not contributing to a scholarship for a cluster scholarship. **IF A MEMBER IS INTEREST IN ATTENDING THE CONVENTION, COME TO A DISTRICT MEETING ABOUT POSSIBLE SPONSORSHIP TO COVER EXPENSES.**

- Lisa J will present a workshop on how our service position benefits members of district Monday August 1<sup>st</sup> Can district afford pizza and soda prior to workshop- Possible workshop in October or November. Theresa will call Lisa.
- A sign-up sheet is going around to form a setup and clean up committee for the Area event our cluster (districts 4, 8, and 14) are putting on Saturday September 17<sup>th</sup> 2022- **CLEANUP for Fellowship-**

Our cluster is putting on FELLOWSHIP DAY- Our responsibility is to do lunch- Help DCM to put out food and clean up.

**Flyers are on our website. [www.District14.aa.hmb.org](http://www.District14.aa.hmb.org)**

NEW BUSINESS (8:55-9:00)

*Next Meeting- July 18th, 2022*

**ADJOURN – 9:00ish**

Responsibility Pledge

**AA Related Announcements**