

# District 14 Meeting Minutes

## September 19th 2022

### MEMBERS PRESENT

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| David P   | GSR - Scotia Group  |
| Theresa M | DCM   |
| Mark D    | Treasurer   |
| Lara B    | Records   |
| Gary T    | GSR - Fresh Start Group                                   |
| Gail L    | GSR - Good Friday Glenville                               |
| Lois M    | Literature/CDCO Rep<br>GSR - Sunday Evening Women's Group |
| Kay M     | GSR - St. Andrew's Scotia                                 |
| Jim F     | Bridging The Gap<br>GSR - Sobriety on Sunday              |
| Ray D     | Treatment   |

Open at 7:42 with Theresa introducing 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.

### WELCOME (7:40pm)

- Serenity Prayer
- Do you have a home group with a heartbeat? Is it connected to AA Through the veins and arteries of its GSR? A GSR carry's your vote to the conference! District 14 supports all AA groups having an active GSR. Every member of AA has the responsibility to voice its vote in its home group. As stated in the AA service manual: "One member,one home group, one vote".
- Introduction of new Trusted Servants, visitors and attendees

Welcoming Gail back. Good Friday Group in Glenville.  
Kay is back as GSR Wednesday St Andrews in Scotia.

- Individual and Group Anniversaries

Wonderful Wednesday Woman's group- 34 years in existence. Celebrating last meeting of a month with STRAWBERRY CAKE.

**Tradition 9-** Each A.A. Group needs the least possible organization. Rotating leadership is the best. The

small group may elect its secretary, the large group it's rotating committee, and the groups of a large metropolitan area their central or inter-group committee, which often employs a full-time secretary. The trustees of the General Service Board are, in effect, our A.A. General Service Committee. They are custodians of our A.A. traditions and the receivers of voluntary A.A. contributions by which we maintain our A.A. General Service office at New York. They are authorized by groups to handle our overall public relations are they guarantee the integrity of our principal newspaper, the A.A. grapevine. All such representatives are to be guided in the spirit of service, for true leaders in A.A. Are but trusted and experienced servants of the whole. They derive no real authority from their titles; they do not govern. Universal respect is the key to their usefulness.

DCM believes it's helpful and nice to read the long form.

**Concept 9** - Good service leaders, together with sound an appropriate methods of choosing them, are at all levels indispensable for our future functioning and safety. The primary world service leadership once exercised by the founders of A.A. must necessarily be assumed by the trustees of the General Service Board of A.A.

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

**Secretary, (Jac)** Mark motions to accept the minutes. Luis 2nds.

Email Jac with corrections. Jac will send out amendments. Minutes accepted.

**Treasurer (Mark)**- \$1,924 balance. If anyone has money or needs money you are owed, talk to mark.

Alt DCM (John)-

**DCM (Theresa)**- Went to Area Fellowship event – 65 attendees – Back to pracademic levels of attendance.

GSRs should read the proposals and get a group conscience. All GSRS or alt should attend PROPSALS: 1) Budget the \$500 scholarship rewritten into service manual to include all AA events 2)Discontinue meetings books and stay with trifold pamphlet. 3) Add additional item to treasurer of a monthly report.

Grapevine book costs are increasing.

Service manual will be reprinted. ATTEND ONLINE WORKSHIP to learn more about the service manual.

November 4,5,6th: NENY Convention- Poughkeepsie. Everybody should be attending and

October 15<sup>th</sup> in East Greenbush- GSRs are voting on the proposals.

Rewriting the “Older In AA” pamphlete. Need stories.

**Treatment(Ray)**- Not much action. Following up with Mens YMCA. Would like us to offer a meeting, will call Ray back to set and confirm a definite date. The require 10 members. Informal meeting to see how it goes.

Luis talked about how we use to bring a meeting into the YMCA. It is needed.

BTG (Jim )Grapevine- Nothing to report on BTG. Unity Day had 2 speakers- 55 to 65 people- Great location at Lisha Kill Church. Needed more early volunteers. Ran extension cord to start coffee. Tripped coffee breaker late in the afternoon. Had 2 grills- Lots of food. Purchased 100 burgers and 100 hotdogs- left about half with church. Better signage would have been beneficial. Also, a variety of drinks other than water would have been appreciated. Chuck M and Justice were speakers. Was able to get them on short notice. George D was our MC. Has leftover paper goods, coffee puts and sternos for future events.

Spent \$380. Theresa collected \$55. Book raffle went really well.

Literature (Luis)/ CDCO- New literature is being printed- GSO and Grapevine are two different literature entities.

Large print is still backordered. Central Office puts out newsletter. **Looking for articles and stories for their next newsletter. Look for special edition about Ebby Thatcher.**

CDCO webmaster is the same as Area webmaster and is offering to help any district update websites.

There is a new district called District 20. Sent out feelers to CDCO. They may join our Central Office.

Central office is always looking for volunteers. Please contact them about serving as a night owl.

Records (Laura)- Area has asked record keeper to clean up records. If there is something wrong, send email using district email.

Accessibility (Ali)- Not present

Corrections (Open)

Functions (open),

Website(Bob)- Not present

Newsletter (open),

PI/CPC (open),

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

David – Scotia group- Monday Pizza party was a major success. Might be considering closing Tuesday 8pm Scotia group due to lack of support.

Gail- Good Friday Group- 6pm- Glenville- Getting people to come back. 6 regular members, 4 new comers.

Gary- Niskayuna Fresh Start- Stable, but not growing attendance. Average is 12 members with some newcomers.

Jim- SOS at 10am Basement Proctors- Going well. Sent money to district, area and Unity day. 15-25 people. New people being of service. Looking for new treasurer.

Luis- Sunday Evening Women's Group- Small but stable group. 6-10 members. Doing fine.

Kay- St Andrews- 6 pm Wednesday – around 30 members- has Facebook page- Discussion meeting.

Laura- Alt GSR for Wonderful Women's- Having cake at the end of the month. Might end Zoom method. Could use support.

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

Register as GSR on AA website.

**East Greenbush- GSR Event- October 15<sup>th</sup> 2022.**

**Lisa J's workshop on Columbus Day can we as a district buy pizza- Monday October 10<sup>th</sup> at 730pm at Scotia Group. Bring snacks.**

Pizza party- Luis likes that it was a speaker meeting. Outstanding speakers. Brough that information to CDCO. They are giving thought to creating a speaker list.

Speaker meeting in Amsterdam part of District 4. SOS is a speaker/

## **NEW BUSINESS (8:55-9:00)**

Discussion and update about the needs for a Corrections Chair-

Corrections chair is open. We might have lost them in the pandemic. Are the Men's jail allowing meetings in? Matt W was the last corrections chair. Ray will report back to me after contacting the jail.

**District 14** has been asked to participate with the hospitality room at the NENY convention in Poughkeepsie NY in November. It is about an hour and ½, to drive. Will a GSR take charge of organizing that for me?

**Serve coffee. Go online to NENY registration and check HOSPITALITY ROOM.**

I was told that the Accessibility meeting has not had monthly meetings like other groups because the area accessibility chair is not tech savvy.

Remind GSR's to review and discuss proposals in business meeting in order to cast Group Conscience vote for October 15<sup>th</sup> Event in East Greenbush.

*Next Meeting- October 17<sup>th</sup>*

David- After a minority opinion, new vote should be given. Right of opinion- GSR can vote for group. ‘

Mark- GSRs should reach out for support when confused.

Jac motions to adjourn. David 2nds.

**ADJOURN – 9:00ish**

Responsibility Pledge

Closed 8:49/

## **AA Related Announcements**

Zoom Meeting ID: 921 569 6482. Password: 548440

DCM - Theresa

*At DCM- John*

*Functions (position open)*

*Secretary- Jac*

*Treasurer - Mark*

*CPC/Public Info - Open*

*Littérature/ Central Office – Lois M.*

*Grapevine (position open)*

*Accessibility - (Ali)*

*Corrections - (open)*

*Records – Lara*

*Website – Bob*

*Treatment (Ray)*

*Bridging the Gap –Jim.*

*Newsletter (position open)*  
*Functions (open)*