

## Area 48 District 17 - April 2022 Minutes

Cathy P., DCM opened meeting at 6:30 pm. The Serenity Prayer was recited.

Attendees: 15

Guests: Guy K. – Area Chair/Alt. Delegate, Dolores K. Alternate Chair

Tradition 4 and Tradition 4 Checklist were read by Godfrey.

Secretary Report: No Secretary for March – No minutes were taken. Our new District Secretary, Kristy H. was introduced and welcomed by all.

Treasurer's Report: Motion was made and seconded to approve March 2022 Treasurer's Report. Approved.

Area Chair – Guy K.

Guy thanked the District for their welcome. He informed the group, via the Area 48 Service Manual, what his position entails. He invited anyone to contact him and to attend the Area Check-In.

DCM Report:

Cathy P reminded the GSRs that the Delegate's Questionnaire is still available to all AA members in Area 48 to complete. Kate L was welcomed as the new GSR from Young People's Young Hope. We still need the following district chairs: Accessibilities, Bridging the Gap, Events Planner, Young People's Representative. The DCM shared info with everyone about Corrections Correspondence which is a great service each of us can provide. The calls and examples from the Capital District Central Office (CDCO) were shared for March. All in attendance were reminded that Fellowship Day is being held virtually on April 10<sup>th</sup>. The DCM let the GSRs know that the Voting Assembly is being held on May 14<sup>th</sup> in Shokan. This is a hybrid event. This is a very important Assembly for the GSRs to attend. It was also noted that our District is one of five responsible for the Area 48 Convention being held Nov. 4-6, 2022 in Poughkeepsie. GSRs were reminded that the GSR Forum is the 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of the month at 7 pm, virtually.

Committee Reports

Archives: Maggie - When did District 17 start? 1946 in Hudson a meeting started. Disbanded in 1956. It was called Pot of Gold at the same place Pot of Gold is now.

Corrections: Carl - Columbia County Jail, is meeting virtually every Monday but another volunteer needed. Every other week for an hour/hour and a half on Mondays. All of the state facilities will be opening soon. End of the month or maybe May to open to volunteers. Greene County has about 4K inmates. District 3 (Greene County) new corrections chair will be voted on tomorrow night (Tuesday 4/14).

Accessibilities: Vacant

Events: Vacant

Records: Vacant

Grapevine: Not in attendance

Treatment: Paul indicated he brought books to the Red Door. Twin Counties are indicating they would welcome a speaker to come in.

Newsletter: Don – The appropriate info is being sent ahead of time, and things are getting better.

CPC/PI: Peter – Peter indicated he had promised some literature to some doctors. It was made clear that he needs to come to the District meeting to talk about his service before he promises offices, professionals, etc. books. We are not that large a District that we can supply every doctor's office with free books and Grapevines.

Webmaster: Godfrey – all is going well.

## GSR Reports

GOYA: Paul S. - In person going well. M-F in person at noon. Wednesday evenings and Saturday noon are virtual.

Milk and Honey: Don – continuing along virtually. Guest speaker from Idaho yesterday 4/10. Looking to go hybrid soon.

Live and Let Live North: Sherry P. Sat meeting changed from Big Book to a speaker meeting. It's posted online. Still virtual. The Thurs. meeting is temporarily disbanded. Monday and Saturday only at this point in time. As things open up she suspects they will go live.

Hillsdale: Shawn - attendance picking up. Live meeting. Newcomers are coming, too which has been nice. No changes it's gone from like 8 to 15+.

Young Hope: Kate – Is the new GSR so not much to report. Meeting is in person, Monday and Thursday

Chatham Beginners Meeting: Karen - Steady attendance, no new changes.

North Chatham Women's: Michelle - Still virtual, 4-6 women

Old Business: none.

## New Business:

To Supply AA Books and Pamphlets to libraries. Each group was asked to “adopt” a Library in Columbia County to make sure they have a copy of Alcoholics Anonymous and perhaps take some pamphlets:

Chatham – Karen; Sherry – Claverack; Germantown Library - Vacant ; Roeliff Jansen in Hillsdale – Shawn; Hudson Area Library – Paul; Kinderhook - Paul ; Livingston Free Library – Kate; New Lebanon - Peter ; N. Chatham – Anne; Philmont – Maggie; Valatie – Peter. DCM thanked everyone for their support.

Guy K and Dolores K were thanked for their attendance and service.

Meeting was adjourned at 7:30 pm. The Responsibility Pledge was recited. Next District Meeting is Monday, May 9<sup>th</sup>.

Respectfully submitted,

Kristy H.  
District 17 Secretary