

District 17 – Area 48 - Minutes - March 2023

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

Attendees: 11 People. Cathy P., Amanda C., Carl B., Godfrey N., Karen P., Don C., Kate L., Maggie B., Maggie T., Michele M., Missy U.

Concept 3 read by Cathy P.

Secretary Report: No meeting in February, no minutes.

Treasure's Report: No treasurer.

Alt DCM: Missy U. - nothing new.

DCM Report:

- Maggie T, the new GSR for Step Sisters in Chatham was welcomed.
- Kristy, our Secretary was thanked for her service to District 17.
- Northeast Regional AA Service Assembly (NERAASA) - Took place in Albany. Would love to put in budget for GSRs to go to this.
- NENY Convention was in November - another thrill and a half for Cathy. Because of hotel issues, the convention report was a delayed. The Convention Report is on the Area Website. Many AAs who attended contributed to the "scholarship fund." All newcomers were admitted free with monies left over. The left over scholarship monies were sent to the 2023 Convention Committee so they could let newcomers in for free.
- NE Regional Trustee - Frances is our Northeast Regional Trustee and he gave a report, at NERAASA, which was sent to all GSRs.
- GSRs are strongly urged to the Delegates Day of Sharing. It's hybrid so you can attend in person or online but it's important to bring this information back to your groups.
- New trifold pamphlets are out and will replace the old ones.
- Our cluster has scholarship money from the Area. As the DCM, Cathy submitted Maggie B's name and she won the scholarship. She will go to the NE Regional Forum in Boston
- Groups that contributed to the Capital District Central Office for 2022.
- A treatment center in Columbia County is using the AA symbol advertising AA meetings, which breaks the traditions of AA - there are names and personal phone numbers on the flyer to make it look like AA. AA would be happy to cooperate as long as it's not looking like AA is affiliated with this treatment center. The Area Delegate and Cathy P., District 17 DCM contacted the treatment center.

Committee Reports

Archives: Vacant

Corrections: Carl B - need women volunteers in the jail. The PowerPoint presentation helps explain what service looks like. He has 8-10 hard cover books that the jail does not allow. The prison has not opened its doors to us yet since COVID. There are enough male volunteers and hopefully enough females soon.

Accessibilities: Vacant

Events Planner: Vacant

Records: Vacant

Grapevine: Vacant

Treatment: Vacant

Newsletter: Don - nothing new

Capital District Central Office: Not in attendance

Website: Godfrey - District paid for hosting for 3 years with credit card. Copake rap has opened back up and is listed on first page of Website.

GSR Reports

GOYA: no gsr??.

Milk and Honey: Don C – still not yet hybrid. Town hall straightened out but the challenge is to fulfill service commitments.

Live and Let Live North: Maggie - 2 virtual meetings. Sat - Speaker Mon - meditation meeting. Group has committed to supporting members to attend conventions and other events.

Hillsdale: Shawn - Not in attendance.

Chatham Beginners Meeting: Karen P. - Not a ton to report just that the meeting is going well. A handful of new members who are excited about service. Should be able to make it to delegates day.

North Chatham Women's: Michelle M - gained a couple of members but doesn't look like it will go back live anytime soon.

Young Hope: Kate L - had to hop off.

Step Sisters Meeting: Maggie T- new to Step Sisters, new GSR.

Meeting was adjourned at 7:25 pm. The Responsibility Pledge was recited.

Next District Meeting is April 2023.

Respectfully submitted,
Kristy H., District 17 Secretary