

District 17 AREA 48, Monthly Meeting Minutes February 14, 2022

Cathy P. DCM called the meeting to order at 6:31 and opened with the Serenity Prayer.

Secretary Report. Minutes of the January meeting were reviewed and accepted by motion, second, and unanimous vote.

Treasurer Report. Treasurer was absent, but her report was shared with the committee. The report showed \$1,200 in contributions for January, \$154.90 in expenditures, and ending balance of \$5,084.76 less District Prudent Reserve of \$750 for an adjusted balance of \$4,334.76. Motion was made, seconded, and unanimously approved to accept the Treasurer's Report.

DCM Report. Two new GSRs were welcomed: Shaun from Hillsdale and Michelle from North Chatham. Cathy began with a need for volunteers to serve, including District Secretary and/or Records Keeper, Accessibilities, Bridging the Gap, Events Planner, and Young People's Representative. Please help spread the word and encourage folks to step up. Cathy called the Red Door Half-Way House for men in Hudson, who reported never being called and having a few old books. Paul, treatment chair and Amanda, Grapevine Chair will get literature to The Red Door.

Cathy reported on attending the DCM meeting, a District 16 Workshop Introduction to A.A. General Service. She attended the Early Riser's business meeting to discuss its consideration of the new District 20 for virtual groups. She attended the Capital District Central Office business meeting. The CDCO's reports for January were distributed.

Cathy reviewed other resources, noting Area 48 Check-In, March 2nd at 6:30pm Meeting ID 349 408 103 Passcode A48CheckIn. The list of group contacts/GSRs was distributed. The tri-fold pamphlets (replacing our previous meeting books) will be available by the end of February. There is a new preferred address for GSO contributions: P.O. Box 2407, James A. Farley Station, New York, NY 10116-2407. A Day of Sharing will be held virtually on March 19 with our Delegate, Tammie E to get feedback on 85 Conference Items. A virtual Fellowship Day will be held April 9th. Cathy will be available at least 15 minutes before each of our upcoming District meetings.

GSR Reports: Godfrey led off with website update ahead of GSRs due to conflict. Don reported on Milk & Honey who are remaining virtual and hoping for hybrid by spring. They are working with the Town of Canaan. Sean reported that Hillsdale on Tuesday and Thursday has 9 regulars in attendance, and it is bring your own coffee or other refreshment. Paul reported on GOYA with Monday through Friday in person and 2 virtual with 6 to 14 average attendance. Sherry spoke on Live and Let Live in Hudson on Monday, Thursday, and Saturday (one virtual). Karen reported on Wednesday Beginner's Meeting in Chatham recently had 45 attend its anniversary meeting. Michelle reported on Women's North Chatham virtual and in person with 5-6 regularly. Maggie reported on Read the Book, Friday at 6 virtual, that is a Big Book study group, especially good for newcomers.

Chair Reports: Accessibility is vacant. Maggie reported as Archivist, noting that she is planning an archival note for newsletter each month. Amanda from *Grapevine* is piggybacking with her to find contribution of those from our area were published in prior decades. Capital District office was reported by Cathy. Peter reported on CPC/PI: Peter requested a significant budget increase. Peter was encouraged to bring proposals, literature requests, etc. to the District meeting for consideration and voting. Carl reported on Corrections – he is getting indications that the prison and jail maybe opening up in person, perhaps virtually also. Events Planning is vacant. Don reported on

the Newsletter, which came out smoothly and without a hitch, noting add-ons and that do come in. March 26th is the DEADLINE for the March Newsletter. Amanda added to Grapevine/La Vina, noting plans for a *Grapevine* item/box for the Newsletter each month. Paul reported on Treatment and is taking it as a second service commitment. Records and Secretary are vacant and in need of a volunteer to step up for one or both.

Old Business

1. District17 proposed budget was discussed, noting additional needs could be brought up as needed. Motion was made and approved with one abstention to APPROVE the budget submitted by the Treasurer with anticipated contributions of \$4,282 and expenses of \$4,282 and a Prudent Reserve of \$750.

New Business

1. Don is both a GSR and Newsletter, while Paul is also a GSR and Treatment Chair. Discussion said to leave them in both with one vote unless or until someone else wishes to stand for either of the four positions.
2. Cathy supplied a five page handout on Conference Agenda items and strongly encouraged GSRs to share this information with their groups and participate in the Delegate's Day of Sharing. Allen V, Area 48 Literature Chair will be our guest and presenter at our March 14th District 17 meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:32 pm following the Responsibility Pledge.

Peter F.