

Area 48 District 17 - June 2022 Minutes

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

Attendees: 13 grew to 17

Guests: Area 48 Delegate, Tammie E., Panel 66 Delegate – Bill W., Area 48 Alt. Chair -Dolores K.

Bill W – Introduced himself and informed the group he was a Past Delegate. Bill W said the key to AA is not the individual - alone I drink but together we stay sober. Hurting AA unity happens when someone acts alone. Work together in unity so everything stays together.

Tammie E.- Current AA area 48 Delegate. There is a service manual to be used as guides if needed. The Service Manual is a guide but not set in stone. A budget is very helpful. Something simple to start as the guide. through the group conscience.

Dolores K. - Alt Area Chair for Area 48. Tradition 1 is about unity in the group.

Tradition 6 and Tradition 6 Checklist were read by Kristy

Secretary Report: A motion was made and seconded to approve the District 17 Minutes from May 2022. Approved.

Treasurer's Report: Anne sent the same report from April. There were no contributions or expenses to for May. A motion was made and seconded to approve the Treasurer's Report form April 2022. Approved.

Alt DCM: Missy - the 5th floor at Columbia Memorial Health in Hudson is now allowing volunteers back. Pamphlets and Big Books have been ordered for the 5th floor.

DCM Report:

- Voting Assembly - Cathy attended in person as our district was in charge of breakfast. She thanked Missy U for attending and being of great service at this event. She also noted that she, and four others, ended up getting Covid.
- Joy of Service Day – held in Plattsburgh. Cathy attended virtually.
- 2023 area budget will be sent soon
- Cathy informed the group about the \$6.06 Contribution to GSO on June 6. GSO says through its surveys says that if everyone contributes \$6.06, we would be completely self supporting.
- The Capital District Center - needs volunteers for in person and the phone. Please pass this on to groups.
- Unity and Service Workshop – Hybrid – July 8-10, 2022
- The Young People's Chair in District 17 is still open. This could be a really, great service position for someone.
- Area 48 Convention is in Poughkeepsie, Nov. 4-6, 2022. - registration for event and or volunteers opening in about a week (Approx. 6/20)

- Cathy was asked by SENY (Southeast New York) to give a workshop about writing Grapevine materials about 45 people in attendance. Great experience.
- NEEDED: We still need an Accessibilities and Young People's chair
- Capital District Central Office has many calls last month. Please remember them in your contributions and try to get your group members to do service for them.
- The International Convention of Alcoholics Anonymous will be held in Vancouver, British Columbia in 2025. Start your plans now.

Committee Reports

Archives: Maggie - Founder's day. Official date is 12/10/1935.

Dr. Bob wrote an article in 1944 on cultivating tolerance. Live and Let Live, a group in District 17, was founded based on intolerance. A gay man announced his sexuality to someone in a meeting who moved their chair because of it so he started Live and Let Live.

Corrections: Carl B - Barry J is carrying the message into Columbia County Jail Hudson Correctional has invited volunteers back in. A joint corrections workshop may be held on Tuesday July 5th 6pm. More volunteers are needed. Female volunteers are also welcome. District 3 (Greene County) has a skeleton crew much like District 17. To be a volunteer at the prison, the approval process is long. 6-9 months to be approved.

Accessibilities: Vacant

Events Planner: Vacant

Records: Vacant

Grapevine: Not in attendance.

Treatment: No report.

Newsletter: Don – nothing special to report.

Capital District Central Office: Fred - 87 calls total in May the normal average is between 110 and 150. The schedule is posted online. A number of volunteers leave, and new people have come in so there's a lot of training. There will be a workshop. AAAlbany.org. 10am-3pm with a break for lunch. Morning=12 step work. Afternoon=technological aspect of it all. It's all online. Using Square. There's an issue with AA work services. Currently out of soft cover BB. Only 2 hardcover left. Augmenting usual orders so there is always some stock.

Webmaster: Godfrey – will post things on the Website that DCM sent. The big thing this week was getting GOYA straightened out. He will also include a link to the District Meeting on the Area Website.

GSR Reports

GOYA: Paul S. - the in person meeting is doing great.

Milk and Honey: Don – Sunday morning at 930 – still meeting virtually. Not live or hybrid yet. Average about 25 people/week. Possible group picnic in July or August to get people together.

Live and Let Live North: Sherry P. - Virtually on Monday and Saturday. Possibly going live on Thursday in Sept. Monday is meditation meeting, Saturday is a speaker meeting. Thanked Cathy for her service.

Hillsdale: Shawn - Quiet. Anniversary with about 30 people. A couple questions from his group. Asked about picnic because there will be no picnic. Is Claverack meeting done now? Discussion: DCM let Shawn know that there has not been any interest in a picnic. The Claverack meeting is not being held and there doesn't seem to be any interest in restarting it. Cathy let the group know that the Claverack Library has shown definite interest in our having a meeting there. Maggie indicated that the Claverack Group still has a treasury and it has yet to be determined as to what will happen with that money.

Chatham Beginners Meeting: Karen - 8pm on Wednesdays. Recently revised their script and they let people at the meeting know about free literature and they announce sponsorship in the meeting. Last month everyone was a bit scattered, but they have contributions on their radar.

North Chatham Women's: Michelle - not in attendance.

Old Business: The books for libraries have been ordered, once they come in they will be distributed.

New Business:

- Our balance right now is 3679.86 some purchases have been made. Maybe some of the money should be used for contributions.
- Service Manual: Cathy indicated that District 17 does not have a Service Manual and talked about the importance of one. Maggie asked what is a Service Manual? Cathy gave a brief explanation. Some suggestions included: The amount of times someone can be listed in the Newsletter to celebrate their anniversary. Possibly AA could pay for the TB test required for Corrections volunteers. When someone holds two positions, they only get one vote.

Meeting was adjourned at 7:30 pm.

The Responsibility Pledge was recited.

Next District Meeting is Monday, July 11th, 2022.

Respectfully submitted,

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