

District 1 | 6-3-2019

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- I. Open with Serenity Prayer
- II. Roll Call
- III. Presentation/Recitation of Tradition 6 (Dana) & Concept 6 (Kevin)
- IV. Group announcements:
 - a. Meg: The Miracles of Mental Health Group, which met at 21 King Street on Weds at 7:30pm is no longer active.
 - b. Paul N: This Sunday's Promises Meetings at Siena (9AM and 10:30AM) are cancelled this week, 6/9/19.
 - c. Rodney S: New Beginnings Meeting Announcement. '2nd Ave Tear Drop Group' (64 2nd Ave (South End). Entrance on Elizabeth Street side of Building Weds 6:30-7:30PM). Open Meeting. Beginners focus on Steps 1-3. Flyer to be circulated this week.
 - d. Bill N: There Is A Solution Group – meets Saturday Evenings – in need of support. Flyer circulated at meeting and via email distribution by Secretary.
- V. Group Issues or Concerns
 - a. None Presented.
- VI. Minutes from May 2019 presented. Mavis K made a ***motion*** to approve minutes [Paul N-2nd]. **All in Favor.**
- VII. Treasurer's Report for May 2019 presented. Mavis K made a ***motion*** to approve. [Paul N-2nd]. **All in favor.**
- VIII. DCM Report (John M)
 - a. **Spring (Voting) Assembly Recap**
 - i. Attended Area Assembly, there was a lot of good information, and thank you to all of the D1 people that came. Give Dana a round of applause for her stellar handling of breakfast, that was all her, and she did a bang-up job.

- ii. Both proposals passed unanimously after a lively discussion.
- iii. Reports from Area Chairs are below:
 - 1. Delegate: Don will be giving his Report from The General Service Conference at the June Day of Service. He is Chairing the Corrections Committee. The Northeast Regional Trustee election will be happening this year, and they will be having a panel on how to better serve remote communities. He is going to be putting in a bid for Area 48 to host NERAASA in 2022.
 - 2. Area Chair: 3 ad-hoc committees at the moment: Looking at the \$\$\$ in the Treasury, Newsletter looking at going all digital (which I am helping with) and Changing the programming at Area events to get more people involved.
 - 3. Finance: Draft Budget available.
 - 4. Accessibilities: Available for help, and needs a committee, and help would be greatly appreciated.
 - 5. BTG: Treatment, BTG, Corrections and Accessibility are working more closely together. Received 21 requests from Conifer Park in April.
 - 6. Corrections: They have a conference call every 3rd Thursday at 7PM for all Corrections chairs.
 - 7. Grapevine: Stopped conference calls because no one was attending.
 - 8. 2018 Convention: \$3000 profit, almost 200 attendees.
 - 9. Newsletter: Looking for content! Looking into going 100% digital, mail about 195/mo currently. GSRs, do you know that you get emailed the newsletter?
 - 10. Technology: Area Convention registration is on the website. nhaa.org is similar to what we are moving towards. Adding a news section, an events calendar. The new meeting finder is live, linked to Airtables, so when a Records Keeper makes a change, it is live immediately. National AA Tech Group is working on a Global meeting finder.

b. Ideas from other Districts and some thoughts that I have had that could be helpful to get more involvement/being more useful to the District:

- i. A lending library of different literature, speaker tapes, etc.
- ii. Alternating Committee Chair Elections, so not everyone is new at the same time.
- iii. Putting Games, word search, Traditions Checklist in newsletter to make it more engaging.
- iv. All committee chairs estimate time spent monthly on service commitment, put in Service manual, so people have an idea on how little time is really needed.
- v. Knowledge transfer.
- vi. Most other districts have at least one, possibly more, yearly events. We did have the Alcahons at one point, but that is a separate committee now. Should we look into coming up with a new event to serve District 1?
- vii. Rotating/moving where the District meeting is held to get more involvement? Cindy, can you add that to your presentation, to see if more groups would be willing to attend if we changed something up (whether moving to a new location, or rotating [one month in Albany, the next month somewhere in South-Western Albany County])?

IX. Alt-DCM Report (Dana W)

a. Area 48 Convention

- i. Registration is OPEN! Please register (www.aahmbny.org/convention) and announce this in meetings.
- ii. After our discussion and your feedback at our May meeting, we will be accepting non-recorded speaker submissions. Thank you all for your thoughts and input!

b. Open Service Positions

- i. Accessibilities: I have two small boxes of accessibilities materials, including a Braille big book and a binder with information on the position.
 - ii. Functions: I will get the functions bins from our former Chair (hopefully before the June meeting).
 - iii. BTG Women: I received a request for a gap to be bridged and had Kevin forward that to our District email list; I was absolutely overwhelmed by the response from the women in our area. Thank you all for being so willing to help the next alcoholic.
 - c. Area Events
 - i. The May Assembly was great, excellent reports from all the Districts in our Area. We've got a good thing going in Area 48!
 - ii. Joy of Service is the next event (Sunday, June 23 in Utica, NY). This is a great event for people who are new to or interested in Area service to try out!
 - d. Miscellaneous
 - i. I have a box of meeting lists if your group still needs them!
 - ii. As always, please let me know if you have any questions.
- X. LCM Report (Cindy S):
- a. Copies of May 2019 were electronically distributed. 10 groups were visited (7 have GSRs) and a total of 81 groups visited between Oct 2018-MAY 2019.
 - b. Asks GSR's to make regular announcements at the meetings they attend about District Service and the District Monthly Meeting. Will provide a script in this week's mailing to assist.
 - c. Thanks to Chip for visiting the Men's Meeting (Men at Ten Group) this past month and reporting back.
- XI. Committee Reports
- a. **Grapevine (Christy):**
 - i. Grapevine 75th Anniversary By 1 get 1- 50% off!
 - ii. District 1 Grape Fest: Looking for ideas and support!!! So far Potluck and Stations! Please contact me at district1grapevine@aahmbny.org or text me at 518-529-9133. In process of deciding for event location, date and time Grape Fest events: 3 Stations - a. Grapevine Meeting area- both old and new Grapevines available to be read and share with fellow members; b. How to Write for the Grapevine; c. Actual workstation for collaborating on writing and illustrations
 - iii. Grapevine News: http://www.aagrapevine.org/sites/fileuploads/isovera/drupal6core/GV-NEWS_MAY2019.pdf
 - iv. Mini Catalog: New and Forthcoming Items of AA Literature Grapevine books link Mini Catalog: New and Forthcoming Items of AA Literature link: <https://grapevine.espstores.com/books> https://aawsdigitaldelivery.blob.core.windows.net/publishing/AAWS_Mini-Catalog.pdf
 - v. Make your plans and add your events to our online calendar and the Grapevine is always looking for stories, photographs, and illustrations @ www.aagrapevine.org/share
 - b. **Literature (Melissa):** Melissa could not stay for whole meeting but would like issue addressed in Old Business on topic she brought to District attention last month about donating literature to a group in need from the unused literature budget.
 - c. **Records Keeper (Paul):** Present. No Report.
 - d. **Public Information (Jim B):**
 - i. Pricing for District 1 Meeting Schedules Print Job: These also include the bus lines these meetings are on. Printed schedules would include space for names/phone #'s. Bus Line Booklet: 8 Page Self-Cover Booklet; 60# white text; Black ink; Page size – 8.5" x 11", fold to 8.5" x 5.5" (500 = \$415.00; 1,000 = \$501.00). \$100 each additional 500 printed.
 - ii. Altamont Fair: I have contacted Al-Anon and are happy to share a table with us. They have an overall insurance rider so we wouldn't have to pay the \$150 fee for insurance.

- iii. Altamont Fair Volunteer Schedule (8/13-8/18): A great time for sponsor and sponsee to bond over 12-step work. IF interested in a shift, please email me at DISTRICT1PI@AAHMBNY.ORG Please include email address, a mobile phone # to contact and the shift(s) interested in.

Tuesday (8/13): 12pm-3pm; 5pm-8pm

Wednesday (8/14): 12pm-3pm; 5pm-8pm

Thursday (8/15): 12pm-3pm; 5pm-8pm

Friday (8/16): 12pm-3pm; 5pm-8pm

Saturday (8/17): 11pm-2pm; 2-5pm; 5pm-8pm

Sunday (8/18): 11pm-2pm; 2pm-5pm

e. **Cooperation with the Professional Community (Marcia N):**

- i. Attended Area 48 Spring Assembly in East Greenbush, NY on Sat, May 11th, 2019.
- ii. The CPC and PI Committees throughout the Area held their ninth monthly conference call on Monday, May 20th. Calls are held on the third Monday of each month, at 7:30pm. Any A.A. member is welcome to be on the call, whether, or not, she or he holds an office or any service position. Call-in info is: (857) 232-0159; Participant Code (when prompted): 819630#
- iii. As always, if you're a GSR or have a home group, Jim B. and I would appreciate the opportunity to speak with your groups (for 5 minutes, or so) about the CPC and PI Committees; so please bring that info back to your groups. Some groups have had us speak either just before their meetings, or at their business meetings. Through these committees, we are able to carry A.A.'s message to those outside of A.A. – professionals and individuals. Recently, A.A.'s membership has become static, which means that we are not doing enough to extend the hand of A.A. to the still-suffering alcoholic, either through public outreach, or the recommendations of professionals. In other words, we need committee members to help us fulfill our responsibilities;
- iv. I am unable to attend N.E.R.F in Tarrytown, NY from May 31st – June 2nd.
- v. I reached out to several professional groups by mail with pamphlets, meeting schedules, and offers to meet face-to-face: Albany County probation and parole; NYS Dept. of Education vocational rehab and the V.A. Hospital Mental Health Unit.
- vi. The only expenses this month were \$5.25 for postage.

f. **Bridging the Gap**

- i. **Men (Dennis)**: Absent. No Report
- ii. **Women (OPEN)**: No Report.

g. **Treatment (Julian)**: No Report. Stepping down in September due to internship/ethics conflict.

h. **Corrections**

- i. **Men (Jeff A)**: Absent. No Report.
- ii. **Women (Jessica L)**: Absent. No Report.

i. **Accessibilities (OPEN)**: No Report.

j. **Functions (OPEN)**: No Report.

k. **Newsletter (OPEN)**: No Report.

l. **Webmaster (Kat)**:

- i. Updated event listing with flyer of D18 event
- ii. Rearranged items on the website
- iii. Added a new tab on the website titled "service" where may's meeting minutes and D1 service manual is posted. Stripped any last names that were in the minutes for anonymity.
- iv. If any district chairs would like information posted about their committee on the website, please let me know. Open to suggestions from all AAs as well!

- XII. Local Service Reports
- a. **NENYYPAA (Kat/Dana):** Meets every other (2nd & 4th) Monday @ 6PM at 3rd Reformed Church, 20 Ten Eyck, Albany, NY (5/6, 5/20, 6/11, 6/25 etc.). Upcoming Event: Strobe Light Dodgeball, Albany JCC, June 22nd @ 7PM
 - b. **CDCO (Chip):** Kevin to distribute latest CDCO report with minutes in the week ahead. 103 Calls in May; 112 Visitors to the office (105 Purchased Literature); 1,323 visitors to the website (84% new visitors).
- XIII. Old Business
- a. Group Conscience Discussion RE: Literature Chair donating literature to a group that does not have funds to purchase on their own
 - i. Kevin B: Re-iterated that when budget was created in 2017 for 2018 that the Literature Chair budget was created to incorporate all of the literature needs of the various committee positions in District 1 and that there was no reimbursement needed to the Literature Committee Chair from another Committees budget to cover the cost of literature. Melissa should be providing detail to Bill N on any literature spends she had made in 2019 and what the committee/purpose of the expenditure is, so we can account for it as line-items within the Literature Budget. Supportive of an expenditure to help the ‘still sick and suffering alcoholic in need...’
 - ii. Kat: Suggested adding a ‘Group Literature Donations’ line-item within the Literature Chair Budget on the Treasurer’s Report.
 - iii. Marcia N: Cited 7th Tradition. She would posit that ‘If I group cannot afford literature, perhaps they should not exist.’ -- Note: This was before a point of clarification was made by Kathy that this was a group that is in a treatment facility.
 - iv. Chip B: Agrees on the 7th Tradition. Also pointed out that the District is currently sitting on about \$10K in surplus monies.
 - v. Jim B: Agrees on the 7th Tradition. Notes that groups could ‘sponsor’ another group’s literature.
 - vi. Christy: Agrees on the 7th Tradition. Some concern on how to utilize respective chair budgets and reimbursements. Kevin B thanks Christy for this comment and advocated for her and others to join the budget committee that is to convene in August to look at the 2020 budget and how to educate chairpersons on the workings of their respective budgets.
 - vii. Larry: Agrees with 7th Tradition.
 - viii. Kathy: (GSR of the Group in Question ‘New Beginnings’ held in at treatment center and recently opened up to the public, but membership fluctuates dependent upon the women in the treatment center at the time.) States this is truly a beginners meeting. The group spoke w/ Melissa initially to simply surface the question for group conscience and ideas at the District level.
 - ix. Mavis made a ***motion*** that we go back to our respective groups and ask if we want to donate literature and bring back to District meeting for distribution to other groups in need.
 1. Darryl asked for clarification: So, this is a potluck literature bin/box that the literature chair would manage?
 2. Jim B offered a *friendly amendment* that the District 1 Literature chair coordinate the collection and distribution of these materials.
 3. Mavis K ***accepts*** friendly amendment.
 4. Vote: 6 In Favor; 19 Against; 5 Abstain. **Motion fails.**
 - x. Chip B made a ***motion*** that the Treatment Chair be authorized to expend for the library at the Next Step Program/Group the following: (2) Big Books; (2) 12 and 12’s; and (2) Living Sobers.
 1. Darryl offered a *friendly amendment* that the Sharp Program at the V.A. Facility be included in this distribution of (2) Big Books; (2) 12 and 12’s; and (2) Living Sobers.

2. Marcia offered a *friendly amendment* that appropriate pamphlets be allocated to these groups as well
3. Chip B **accepted** both friendly amendments.
4. Vote: 26 In Favor; 3 Against; 0 Abstained. No minority opinion voiced. **Motion passes.**

XIV. New Business

a. Elections:

- i. Accessibilities: No one stood. Please take back to your home groups to fill position.
- ii. Bridging the Gap – Women: Kendra Lynn stood. Over two years of sobriety requirement met. Has had service commitments (coffee, greeter, taking meetings into corrections, has a sponsee and previously served as Newsletter chair). All in favor. None opposed.
- iii. Functions: No one stood. Please take back to your home groups to fill position.
- iv. Newsletter: Andy B stood. Over two years of sobriety requirement met. Variety of previous service commitments. All in favor. None opposed.

b. Marcia N asked that we consider the opportunity for a **Sponsorship Workshop** and a **District AA Clubhouse** at the next District meeting.

c. **Motion** to Close made by **Mavis**. [Chip B – 2nd]. **All in Favor.**

XV. Close with Serenity Prayer

In Attendance (36 Signed In):

Tom C (GSR – Original Colonie Grp)	Allen T (GSR – One Day At A Time)
Bill N (GSR – Mon Night One Step at a Time/D1 Treasurer)	Chip B (GSR – Selkirk Grp / CDCO Secretary)
Bill G (GSR – Pine Hills Grp)	Norm L (GSR – End of the Road Grp)
Gene S (D2 Cluster Rep)	Mavis K (GSR – Soft Place to Land)
Janice S (GSR – Progress Not Perfection)	Jim B (GSR – Promises Do Come True / D1 PI Chair)
Paul N (GSR – Sunday AM Promises / D1 Records)	Christy S (GSR – Albany Fellowship / D1 Grapevine Chair)
Marcia N (D1 CPC Chair)	Larry W (GSR – LGBTQA Group)
Zach R (GSR – 4 Corners Grp)	Tom H (GSR – Delmar Grp)
Zak P (Member/Guest)	Dana W (D1 Alt DCM)
Karen D (GSR – Crypt Grp)	Kevin B (D1 Secretary)
John R (GSR – Crypt Grp)	
Elaine T-R (GSR – Post of Gold Grp)	
Kendralyn S (Member/Guest)	
Cindy S (D1 LCM)	
Mike B (GSR – Westmere B.G. Grp)	
Darryl B (GSR – “As Bill Sees It” Grp)	
Bethany K (GSR – Prime Time Is Now)	
Rodney S (GSR – West End / D1 Alt Treasurer)	
Kathy M (GSR – Women’s Grp TNS)	
Pat L (GSR – Healthy Choices Grp)	
Tim C (A Vision For You – Contact)	
Kat (GSR / D1 Web Master)	
Katie (D1 Alt Secretary)	
Bob B (GSR – Preservation of AA)	
Julian H (D1 Treatment Chair)	
Joe D (GSR – Sat AM Eye Openers)	