

District 1 - 12/9/2019

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I. Opening Moment of Silence with serenity prayer

II. Roll Call

III. Presentation of Concept 12 (Kevin B.) and Tradition 12 (Dana W.)

IV. Group Announcements:

- a. (Chip B.): Original Vorheesville's annual anniversary is Wednesday, December 11th. Food & fellowship at 7pm, speaker at 8pm, raffle at 9pm.
- b. (Mavis K.): Dana is speaking at JCC Thursday, December 12th, at.
- c. (Fred M.): The alkathon needs volunteers. Call Fred, (518) 312-2108. There is a planning meeting at Fred's house Sunday, December 15th, at 209 Myrtle Ave, Albany, NY.
- d. (Bill G.): The Pinehills Meeting is Christmas day, what do we do? (Janice) Take a group conscience on whether to hold or not.
- e. (Bill N.): Tuesday Night Health Choices will not meet 12/24 & 12/31.
- f. (Anita B.): South Mall Group will not meet 12/24 12/31.
- g. (Julian H.): 4 Corners in Delmar will not meet 12/24 & 12/31.

V. Secretary's Report (Katie A.):

- a. Presented October & November minutes. (Mavis K.) Made a motion to accept [Christy 2nd]. All in favor.
- b. Presented the new sign in sheet. If you are not receiving the district email, or any changes need to be made, please write it in the right column.

VI. Treasurer's Report (Bill N.):

- a. Presented report. (Mavis K.) Made a motion to accept [Christy 2nd]. All in favor.

VII. DCM Report (Justice):

- a. Daba read report from Justice M. sending love and gratitude to district one for the opportunity to serve.

VIII. Alt DCM Report (Dana W.):

- a. Attended Area Fellowship day in Schenectady and gave an update on District 1 and the recent convention. The 2020 Area convention will be in Oneonta on the first weekend of November!
- b. Met with Kevin, our new Alt DCM, to discuss the next couple of years. Some of our takeaways were:
 - i. Committees: Emphasis on committee chairs not being “committees of one” - every chair is strongly encouraged to find a co-chair and form an actual committee. This will help with the workload AND give others the opportunity to be of service and learn about these positions firsthand (and possibly stand for them in the future)!
 - ii. Reports: Committee chairs are asked to continue to send reports in ahead of time, so that we can all read them ahead of time (and for our Secretary’s sake).
 - iii. Meeting attendance: As per our District service manual, “If an officer or committee chair misses two or more consecutive meetings unexcused or explained, the DCM shall contact the person to determine if they wish to [continue]. I will be doing this, and I also encourage everyone to reach out to me or Kevin if you are unable to make the meetings or need help in your service position. That’s why we are here!
- c. . Area meeting schedule orders are due by 12/15 the order form is on District 1 website.
 - i. (Norm) Will the bus schedule lists continue to be made? (Dana.) Yes, being worked on by Jim B. & Katie A.
 - ii. (Bill N.) We have money in our budget set aside to order AAHMB meeting schedules. (Kate) Area is doing a large print order. (Andy) Most people use their phone. (Mavis K.) Made a motion to print \$275 worth of meeting Schedules [Christy 2nd] All in favor.

IX. LCM Report (Cindy): Absent, no report.

X.. Grapevine Report (Christy):

- a. Strongly encourages groups to get a Grapevine rep.

XI. Literature Chair Report (Open): No report.

XII. Records (Paul N.)

- a. Please send group changes to district1records@aahmbny.org. Asked new GSR’s to send full name, mailing address, email and phone number to district1records@aahmbny.org.

XIII.Public Information Chair (Jim B.): Kevin recited Jim’s report as follows: Nothing new to report except the email exchange with the CPC chair regarding the Times Union advertisement. I am looking forward to assisting whomever takes over the PI position. I’ve got a lot of pamphlets to pass on. I also have the table and two chairs to pass along as well. I will still be the GSR from the Promises Do Come True group and looking forward to producing the next District 1 meeting schedule with the help of Katy the new Secretary. I thank you all for allowing me to confirm my commitment to sobriety by doing district service these past years.

XIV. CPC (Marcia):

- a. The CPC and PI Committees throughout the Area will hold our final monthly conference call of 2019, on Thursday, December 26th, at 7:30pm. Incoming CPC and PI Chairs, as well as any other A.A. member, are invited to be on the call. Call-in info is: Dial-in number: 857-232-0159; Participant code, when prompted: 819630#. There was no call in the month of November, because of the Thanksgiving holiday;
- b. The next Area 48 event will be Orientation Day, Saturday, January 18th, from 9am – 3:30pm -- at First Methodist Church, 400 North George Street; Rome NY;
- c. We (in District 1) have decided to follow the lead of the Hudson Valley Cluster and take out an ad in the Times Union’s online publication. The ad will run from December 20th through January 3rd; the cost will be \$750 and w

be paid using \$350 of District funds (the remainder of budgeted CPC funds, plus an additional \$30) and a very generous \$400 contribution from our Capital District Central Office. The ad will read: "If you want to keep drinking, that's your business; but if you want to stop, A.A. can help", and include the (unofficial triangle in circle AA logo, the Central Office's web address, and its hotline number. The Central Office made the same offer of financial assistance to District 2, which is considering purchasing an ad in the Troy Record;

- d. The only CPC expenses this month were \$750 for the TU ad. For that, the District will be paying the Times Union, directly. (The Central Office has written its check to District 1, for \$400); 5. And, lastly, thank you for the privilege of serving as your CPC Chair for the past two years; it's been a great, growth experience. I will gladly make myself available to support the incoming CPC Chair, when needed. And, I look forward to serving as your 2020/2021 Functions Chair.
- e. (Kevin B.) Thanks to Marcia for service over the years & getting her report in electronically. The additional ad cost is accounted for in the budget.

XV. BTG:

- a. Men (Dennis): Absent, no report.
- b. Women (Kendralyn):

I. I was able to bridge one gap this month. A woman got out of a facility and I met her at a meeting and arranged volunteers to bring her to meetings. Sorry I couldn't make it to the meeting.

XVI. Treatment Chair (Open): No Report

XVII. Corrections Chair:

- a. (Men - Jeff A.): Absent, no report.
- b. (Women - Jessica): Absent, no report.

XVIII. Accessibilities Chair (Andy Bo.): Present, nothing to report.

XIX. Functions Chair (Open): No Report

XX. Newsletter: (Open): No report.

XXI. Website Chair (Kat):

- a. Kat is posting changes and welcomes thoughts or insight.

XXII. Local Service Reports:

- a. NENYYPAA REPORT (Zak): The next meeting is December 30, at 6PM at 20 Ten Eyck, Albany, NY.
- b. CDCO Report (Chip):
 - i. There were 147 calls, 89 visitors, 3500 literature and medallion sales.
 - ii. AAHMB meeting schedules are being ordered, but can go quickly at central office.

XXIII. Elections:

- a. CPC: No one stood
- b. Corrections (Men): No one stood
- c. Corrections (Women) No one stood
- d. Public Information: No one stood
- e. Accessibilities: (Andy Bo.) Stood for 2nd (Full) term.. All in favor, none opposed.
- f. LCM: Dana proxy stood for Bridget M-C. All in favor, none opposed.
- g. Webmaster: (Kat) Stood for 2nd (Full) term. All in favor, none opposed.
- h. Newsletter Chair:
 - i.(Anita) Questioned the necessity of a district newsletter if area has one, as we are stretched thin. Discussion as to the necessity of a Newsletter and the medium we use to distribute it.

ii.(Zak) Mentioned the importance of a newsletter more local to us, suggested everyone look at District 13's Newsletter (It's awesome).

iii.(Daryl) Stressed the importance of a District 1 newsletter in print for newcomers with limited resources.

iv.(Julian) Mentioned how valuable it could be to those in treatment.

v. (Zak) Stood for Newsletter chair, All in Favor, none opposed.

i. Literature Chair: No one stood.

XXIV. Old Business:

a. (Bob) contacted Hannaford about a new meeting space. They could only give a 3 month commitment.

XXV. New Business:

b. (Marcia): Wanted to speak about the reasoning for proceeding with the ad when it had been tabled the month before. She explained that the high demand for ad space and time sensitive nature of it led her to to speak with the officers about the cost. She was given authority to move forward.

i. (Dana W.)There is a discretionary cushion in committee chair budgets for these situations, pursuant to concept 5.

ii. (Kathy) Thanks Marcia & Chip for running the ad

iii. (Kevin B.): Do we get a report from the Times Union?

iv.(Marcia) will ask the Times Union about a report. Discussion ensued leading to the conclusion that any hits from the ad would result in a spike in website visits, which Chip would relay.

XXVI. (Mavis K.) Made motion to close. [Kevin B. 2nd] All in favor.

In attendance: 31 Signed in, 26 with voting rights)

Mavis K. (A Soft Place to Land Group GSR)

Bill N. (A Step at a Time Group GSR/ D1 Treasurer)

Christy (Albany Fellowship Group GSR, Grapevine Chair)

John R. (Arcade Group GSR)

Darryl B. (As Bill Sees It Group GSR)

Annie W. (Come As You Are Group GSR)

Kate D. (Courage to Change Group- Women GSR)

Norm L./Tom S. (End of the Road Group GSR)

Zo B. (Four Corners group GSR)

Andrew H. (Gratitude Group GSR)

Pat L. (Healthy Choices Group GSR)

Tom C. (Original Colonie Group GSR)

Bob B. (Preservation of AA GSR)

Bill G. (Pine Hills Group GSR)

Elaine T. (Pot of Gold Group GSR)

Janice S. (Progress Not Perfection Group GSR)

Chip B. (Selkirk Group GSR / CDCO Secretary)

Anita B. (South Mall Group GSR)

Michael B. (Westmere Beginners Group GSR)

Jan T. (Tri-Village Group GSR)

Kathy M. (Women's Group - Next Step GSR)

Dana W. (D1 Alt DCM)

Andrew Bo. (D1 Accessibilities Chair)

Marcia N. (D1 CPC Chair)

Steve A. (Area 48 Treatment Chair)

Zak (NENYYPAA)

Julian H. (Member)

Fred M. (Alkathon)

Kevin B. (D1 Secretary)

Tyler Jones. (Member)

Katie A. (D1 Alt Secretary)