

District 8 Meeting August 13, 2017
Secretary Report

In Attendance~ Arlene DCM District 8 , Tom M. Alt. GSR Schoharie Noontime Recovery Group (SNRG) , Matt V. GSR SNL Group, Gary C. GSR Hamden Group and District 8 Treasurer, Kerry F. Alt. GSR Cooperstown Group, Joe L. GSR All or Nothing Group in Delhi, Boyd A. Visitor, Jack G. Alt GSR Walton Beginners Group, Cynthia L. Visitor from Herkimer , Steve V. Visitor, Crystal B. GSR SNRG , Mark F. SNRG, Tom D. GSR Main Purpose Group and District 8 Records Chair and Sandra S. GSR St. Mary's Lunch bunch Meeting and Secretary District 8.

Arlene opens the meeting at 3:37 PM.

Motion to except secretary report made by Crystal. Gary 2nd. All in favor.

Gary Treasurer went over the treasurer report. Tom D. makes a motion to except the report. Joe 2nd. All in favor.

Committee Reports

Matt-Bridging the Gap – Family of Woodstock is now answering our phones. Susan Carroll is our contact person. He brought Bridges sign-up sheets. Separate sheets for treatment, County Jail and State Prison. The process is not electronic at this time but, Tom D. volunteers to make it computer friendly. Matt will discuss this during the conference call this coming week and get feedback. Jack asks about how many groups are participating? Matt states that the area is divided by county then town.

Web Master- Sandy said that Sam is at work. He told her that for the last two district meetings he had requested the dates off ahead of time but that the meetings were rescheduled for the following Sunday and he could not come. He asked if he could possibly get more advanced notice?

Tom D.-Records Keeper Status quo

Committee chairs absent, Leah Corrections, Jeff PI/CPC, Rob B. Treatment and Sam M. Web master. Arlene asks Gary what do we do about committee chairs that have not been showing up for district meetings? Gary suggests contacting them and finding out whats up and if they don't want to continue to let us know. Steve V. volunteers to be Treatment Chair pending a job possibility. He will let us know by the next business meeting. In the mean time Arlene will check with Rob and other chairs.

GSR Reports

Jack Alt. GSR Walton's Beginner's Group- Situation is still going on. Group is dismantling. They are using group money for an upcoming picnic. Arlene suggests talking after the meeting. Gary said "From district perspective this is a group issue not a district issue.

Tom D. GSR Main Purpose Group- Good turn-outs. Regulars monies being sent to all.

Crystal GSR SNRG- Group is growing to 10-15 people. Tom purchased Big Books on audio for the group.

Kerry Alt. GSR Cooperstown Group- Doing good

Joe L. GSR All or Nothing Group- Attendance is up. Able to make a regular contribution this month. Having the same issues as Jack with addicts from the local treatment centers. Singleness of purpose. Our group identifies with alcoholics. Group is doing well. Mark from SNRG asks if an addict gets better in AA why would there be a problem with them saying there and alcoholic? Gary says that at a closed meeting if someone identifies as an addict only they would be asked to leave. Open meetings are for that.

Matt GSR SNL Group- All is good. Sending in regular contributions

Gary GSR Hamden Group- Status quo

Sandra GSR St. Mary's Lunch Bunch- Attendance is still low but steady. Everything else is good. Treasurer just sent in contribution from our group. Gary said that it was received and will be in next months treasurer report.

Old Business

Arlene will speak to the Hospitality chair Zoe, about the area assembly. It will be held at ST. James Church. Check with number of chairs available. Jack will check on the coffee urns.

New Business

Arlene- Yellow cards will be available in 1-2 weeks. Will hand out at the next business meeting.

Arlene and Gary attended New York State Informational Workshop June 4-6. Workshop was phenomenal. Some things we wanted to bring back to our district are the need for meetings for people that are housebound or immobile. We will need to create a list of volunteers.

AA is not the AA police. But they do have some good information pertaining to Jacks situation with his group. "Freedom" video will be available for inmates along with the pamphlet "Inmate to Inmate".

Please ask your groups if they could donate any old grapevines and bring them to the next district meeting. Gary informs us that the first Grapevine came out in 1944 and it introduced the disease concept.

Gary states that this event is put on every year in four areas in upstate NY. The event rotates between these four. All four areas have chairs that represent their areas. Discussions consist of treatment needs and what they are doing in their individual areas.

Sandy asks what are the details for the area assembly October 14th. Gary- We will provide venue, registration table with name tags, felt pens, and volunteers, coffee and the lunch. We will be responsible for assigning district 4 and 14 as to what their tasks are. Desserts and beverage or Breakfast?

Arlene will meet with Zoe about lunch, coffee and volunteer sign-up sheets.

Volunteers so far are Joe L, Gary C, Jack G. Matt V. Arlene B. and Sandy S.

Jack makes a motion to close. Crystal 2nd. All in favor