

District Meeting September 10,2017

In attendance

Arlene the alt. DCM for District 8, Gary C. District 8 treasurer, Sandy S. District 8 Secretary, Matt V. GSR for the SNL Group and Committee Chair for Bridging the Gap, Cindy C. GSR for the Cherry Valley Group, Marcia D. the GSR for the Cooperstown Group, John W. GSR for the Live and Let Live Group, Dave R. GSR the Margaretville Group and Delaware County Corrections Chair, Rod S. Treasurer and Mark K. GSR of the Colesville Group

Arlene opens meeting at 3:33 PM

Secretary Report- Matt makes a motion to except. Gary 2nd . All in favor.

Treasury Report- Marcia makes a motion to except. Gary 2nd, all in favor

Committee Reports

Bridging the Gap- Matt received the first statistic form. It will be coming regularly on the 10th of the month. He stated seven calls were received. Six were for meeting requests. One needed help and help finding a meeting. Matt could not follow up on this call. No contact info was collected.

Gary has info on caller ID's. But none of the seven numbers came up. Need to find out what number the calls are coming through on. Matt will contact F.O.W. (Family of Woodstock) and find out where the calls came from. Was it the toll free number?

For B.T.G. , Matt is working out a spread sheet to create a database.

He states there is a problem getting request forms to people in the jails and treatment centers. And also if a person does get the form it is very difficult to get it out to the appropriate contact.

To much protocol with corrections.

Hawk will be the new B.T.G. Area Chair. His term will begin January 2018.

Corrections- Gary is reporting for Leah. They spoke by phone before today's meeting. Unfortunately she was called into work. She wanted to let us know that the meetings at the Delaware County Jail are changing because the men have more pods but less meetings. The women have a one meeting a week. The men will now be having meetings the first , second and third Monday of the month and the women will have last Monday of the month. Leah is trying to get this worked out with Sargent Barr. Dave R. said that he spoke to Sgt. Barr but she said that there was no changing this decision and hung up on him.

Leah had stated 10 months ago she needed to step down has chair. There are 2 people interested in this position. There are two women interested. One even sent in a letter to Gary.

Leah is working on getting another PREA training soon.

PI/CPC- Marcia is filling in for Jeff. He had to work today. He has asked if there is anyone who can give info about the position. Gary suggests contacting area chair and attending area events. They are still trying to get a meeting into the Bassett Psych center. Bassett is the hold up. Friday night meeting is still going on however they cannot go and get patients from their rooms.

GSR Reports

GSR of the Walton beginners group, Jack, has stepped down. Steve V. passed away last weekend.

Schoharie Noontime Recovery Group-

Crystal nor Tom could be here but Crystal did send an email report. Tom asked if Jeff was still the chair of the PI/CPC? Tom is offering to help him if he needs it. Marcia said that's great! Tom is willing to continue representing AA in Schoharie County. Tom asks who is handling the 2018 meeting schedules for next year? Is there a master list? The paper meeting schedule has mistakes. Is it possible to have maps incorporated online. Tom got information in regards to the bracelets given out at the candle-light vigil last week. They say "Believe in Recovery". The website is rapidwristbands.com and the price is \$89 for 200. Tom would like to know if any other groups would be interested in them because our group will not go through 200.

In response to his questions-

The meeting lists are available on the district website. district8.aahmbny.org

which is updated on a regular basis. Tom D. updates the website when a meeting change form is filled out. The website used to have map capability. Arlene will check with Tom D. to see if mapping is still available. Tom M. will need to speak with Tom D. about meeting schedule concerns. As for the bracelets, GSR's will bring this back to their groups and let him know at the next district meeting.

Cooperstown Group GSR Marcia- Getting ready for elections. 4 positions will need to be filled. 2 people have already voiced interested.

New Cherry Valley Group Cindy states she heard from the pastor of the Methodist Church on Main st. We got approval to start a new meeting that will be on Sundays from 1-2:30 with a break in-between and refreshments. Format will be a speaker discussion meeting. The first meeting will be October 1st.

SNL Group Matt V.- doing well. Great out of town speakers

Old Business

Arlene spoke to Zoe the Hospitality Chair. The main dishes are set for the Area Assembly October 14th. A Spanish chicken stew over rice and a taco bar. Arlene needs to know about salads. She will speak with Zoe.

She also needs volunteers to bring chairs over from the Lords Table to St. James. Matt V. will have the key. Cindy will get name tag stickers and markers. Gary will have the sign-in pad. Rod will check on coffee urns.

New Business

Area schedules are do to be reprinted. The website is relatively accurate. Paper schedules need to be updated. Some meetings are listed as handicap accessible when they are not. Groups need to have changes in by November 1st. They can be made on the district website.

Arlene says that fliers on the table can be taken back to groups except when there is only one which then the info can be copied and shared.

Marcia makes a motion to close the meeting. Cindy 2nd. All in favor. Meeting closed at 5:09