

HMB AREA 48 Assembly
October 14, 2017
Oneonta, NY
Minutes

Attendance: 66 members

Chair: Welcome to all. New people acknowledged and welcomed.

Meeting called to order at 10:04 am by Chair. Opened with Serenity prayer.

Alternate Treasurer: Reading of the 2018 Budget

Assembly unanimously approved the 2018 Budget as proposed by the Budget Committee.

Newsletter Editor: Newsletter Proposal: Tom (Newsletter Editor)

Cost is around \$4,500 for about 200 people.

Propose to stop the mailing by postal service of the HMB Area Newsletter.

Posting of the Newsletters would continue being posted on the HMB Area website as well as emailing of the newsletters.

Assembly voted down the proposal

Treasurer:

Inventory Day to January Orientation Day Proposal -

Beginning in 2018, change January Inventory Day to January Orientation Day which would afford the opportunity for members in new service positions to meet with others in like positions and begin learning what is expected of them and what the duties and responsibilities of their positions are. This would also provide an opportunity for a GSR/DCM Training workshop for incoming GSRs & DCMs as well as workshops and training sessions for committee chairs on both Area and District levels.

Change November Fellowship Day to November Inventory Day, giving current committee chairs and members the opportunity to look back over the past year, recognize strengths and weaknesses and make recommendations for improvements in the upcoming year.

Assembly unanimously approved the proposal

The Joy of Service Day to a rotating venue Proposal -

Change the current location of The Joy of Service Day to a rotating venue, hosted by a different cluster each year, allowing all clusters the opportunity to spread the message of the “joys of service outside the home group” to their district members. The rotation can run in conjunction with the HMB Convention rotation - the Convention host cluster in the fall will be the Joy of Service host the following June. In 2018 the Joy of Service Day would be hosted by the Hudson Valley Cluster, in 2019 by the Western Cluster, and the rotation would continue in the same manner as the HMB Convention rotation.

Assembly unanimously approved the proposal

Committee Reports -

Accessibility: (As submitted)

Last night I received and sent to the Accessibility Committee a request from GSO about the survey being done in hopes of creating a pamphlet for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing community.

GSO recently created a link for ASL Sign Language for the Deaf members to participate, as well as in print for hard of hearing members to get involved.

Please pass this info on to anyone who might be concerned.

I received a request in District 7 from a woman about to go in a physical rehab for a hip replacement. She is hoping for phone calls and visits from women in the program.

With our upcoming HMB Convention there have not been any requests for an ASL Interpreter. We do have an Interpreter and are waiting for anyone who might be in need of this service. Please let all members know so we can accommodate all our members.

At our last voting assembly Jeremy from District 5 volunteered and was elected to be the next Accessibility chair for area 48.

Love in Service,
Area 48 Accessibility,
Sally

BTG and Functions: (*Kathy unable to attend, Hawk filling in.*)

For Functions - Calendar pretty much set for the year.

Public Information:

Welcome to Sally as the next PI Chair.

The Last conference call was over the Summer. There were three or four on the call.

Most people are interested in bringing meetings into schools.

They talked about the success with the Clergy and Medical Profession, getting feedback from people seeing the PI/CPC packets at their Medical Offices.

There are placemat ads in some Restaurants in the Hudson Valley.

Hoping to encourage Sally and her committee to getting PSAs on the radio.

Marcia is currently attending the "Stand Down" event for vets.

Jeannie - Area 48 PI

CPC-

Marcia is taking over the position. Peggy has passed on the materials to her. She would appreciate people stepping up and helping her. Suggests that the service is very simple. Just take on one thing in your area and start from there.

Treatment Report: (As submitted)

Area 48 Treatment Committee Report- October 14, 2017

Area 48 Treatment Committee Members:

District Treatment Committee Chairpersons: Steve A. (District 1), Hans R. (District 2), Anthony M. (District 3), Hallie E. (District 4), Jessica P. (District 5), Kalyani H. (District 7 and 16), Tom A. (District 9), Sue W. (District 10), Kristin F. (District 11), Steve N. (District 13), June T. (District 19) District Contacts: Mike L. (District 8 DCM), Christine O. (District 12 DCM), Liz D. (District 14 DCM), Heather C. (District 15 altDCM), Tara C. (District 16 DCM), Don G. (District 17 DCM), Debbie S. (District 18 DCM) Area 48 Treatment Committee Chairperson: Joe M.

1) District Treatment Committee Updates: Steve A. (District 1, Albany) reports that District 1 has started a new meeting at Hospitality House, an intensive long-term residential facility. Two groups are sharing this commitment for every Saturday at 3PM. At Hope House, another long-term residential facility, the group responsible for Monday meetings at their adolescent girls' unit is having difficulty consistently meeting their commitment and I am talking with two other groups, one of which is in District 2, about taking that meeting. At the five other facilities we bring meetings to, everything seems to be going well. The district elected a new Treatment Committee Chair for 2018 - 2019.

2) Conferences and workshops- Joe M. (Area Treatment Chairperson) will attend the HMB Area 48 Convention and make some treatment literature available.

3) Treatment Resources- Check out the google drive link below for treatment resources and past Treatment Committee Reports.

4) Next Area 48 Treatment Committee Chairperson:

- Pattie will be the next Area 48 Treatment Committee Chairperson starting in January. Steve A. will be the alternate.
- The Treatment Committee needs to report that we had some problems come up in the process of determining the next treatment committee chairperson.
 - i. As a committee, we had determined the next area treatment committee chairperson prior to the September Assembly. However, this created a problem since there seemed to be an expectation that this was to be determined at the September Assembly at the round tables, and not by the treatment committee. Most treatment committee members are not able to attend area meetings, so we do most of our work by email and conference calling. Someone came to the assembly insisting on standing for the position, even though as a committee we had already determined who the next treatment committee chairperson would be. We, therefore, had to overturn what we as a committee had decided and go with what was determined at the round table.
 - ii. The area service manual states that the treatment chairperson position election is to be determined in Sept. of even number years, which means we are out of sync. Respectfully submitted by Joe M., Area 48 Treatment Committee Chairperson

Email: treatment@aahmbny.org

Treatment Resource link

<https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/0B9M4JRg4NhNRUHRBeTF0MTk1ODQ?usp=sharing>

Corrections Committee Report:

Brenda hosted the 5th Tradition Corrections Workshop in Plattsburgh on September 21st. About 25 people attended. All Volunteer Service Applications were taken. She asks that people step up and bring meetings into the facilities. Few people are doing it, and they get burned out after a while. Thanking Mike from Plattsburgh for stepping up to be the next Area Corrections Chair.

Brenda O. Area 48 Corrections Co-Chair

Web Report: In the last 90 days on aahmbny.org:

Sessions – 3011

Users – 1670

Page views – 6523 (yesterday 145)

Tori will be the next Chair.

Thea - Area 48 Technology Committee Chair

Newsletter Report:

Feels differently about proposal after folks shared earlier. We produce about 650 emails per month, and about 250 mailings go out. If anyone notices a problem, let him know by email. newsletter@aahmbny.org

Tom Area 48 Newsletter Editor

Archives Report:

Big event coming up is the Convention in Fishkill. Request to bring the entire display. Local District Archivist, John, from New Paltz, will be there to help.

Tammie announced the Fellowship Day in the Western Cluster, and the District 9 Spiritual Dinner. They have tickets available up to November 5th. She has invited those who would like to, to spend the time between at her home.

2017 Convention Committee Report:

Convention Chair, Keith reminded everyone that the event is three weeks away. Flyers are available. Rooms are booking, and closing in on the banquet numbers. Planning meeting at noon.

Delegate's Report:

Gave an in-depth report on the litigation concerning the "printer's copy manuscript" of Alcoholic Anonymous, which was in the possession of Barry L. (*Documents from the GSB, AAWS, and the Conference are available upon request.*)

Break for Lunch...

Secretary:

Minutes approved from the September Area Assembly with amendments to include a correction about how the Secretary position was filled, and to add that Heather will be the new Alternate Grapevine Chair.

Treasurer's Report: (*As submitted in hardcopy*)

Income and Expense Reports were distributed.

September Report: Beg Bal: \$26,735.63

Total Income: \$4,714.98

Total Expenses: \$3,291.16

Net Income: \$1,423.82

Balance: \$28,159.45

Less Prud Reserve: -\$7000

Avail. Funds: \$21,159.45

Tammie Area 48 Treasurer

Service Topic Workshop - 3 Speakers

Delegate led a sharing session on the Big Book Litigation Issue.

Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Kevin H-B

Area 48 Secretary

Link to recordings of the Assembly:

<https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/0B3u2mjddZ6suchF2SxNzeXo0RGs?usp=sharing>