

District 8 AAHMBNY

MEETING MINUTES

July 14, 2018

In attendance Gary Caso treasurer of District eight and GSR, John Wolfert GSR live and let live group of Oneonta , Matt Van Buren call center and bridging the gap chair person and GSR for the Saturday night live group, James Richardson The Cooperstown group GSR, Tom Moran alternate GSR for the Schoharie noon time recovery group, Joann Kudrewicz Corrections chair, Lisa Hamila GSR, Jane M visitor from WFG, Faith B. visitor from WFG, Charles P. GSR Stamford, Jim C. Visitor, Boyd Anderson GSR Schoharie noontime recovery group, Sandy Scaccia district 8 secretary and GSR for the St. Mary's lunch Bunch group, Sylvia B, Kae S and Charles A.

Gary opens a meeting at 2:47 PM.

Gary asked to approve secretary report, Boyd second, no opposed. Motion excepted it.

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Committee chairs

Matt – call center – emailed stats for May. Included new template that may be user-friendly and Was able to use . Call came in from Massachusetts but was not filled out correctly . It was not recorded as coming in from Massachusetts. Need to renew our contract for family of Woodstock. Faxed contract to them to see if it can be approved. They have not called back.

Matt-BTG. We have new business cards printed up for bridging the gap.

Conference call with Hank. Best way to reach BTG is by email.

bridgingthegap@aaahmbny.org

We had our first test for BTG . Form was emailed by Derek Thompson for an inmate. A contact person checked the list and found a member nearby who could help out. Contact was made and it worked! Can use toll-free number on the new cards.

BTG has flyers. Gary proposes reimbursing Matt \$31.95 for business cards he paid for out of his pocket. Charlie second. All in favor

Tom M. PI/CPC Schoharie county- Finishing up schedules to bring to local motels\hotels\churches in Schoharie County. Other areas are having success. Being offered a table at the Schoharie county barn during the upcoming fair. There's also a table being offered for the second Saturday next month for a Sharon Springs event.

Gary has over 300 district 8 schedules left that he ordered for 2018. Any groups interested? Tom M. could possibly use them? Gary makes proposal to send rest of the area schedules to PI\CPC. Boyd second. All in favor

Joann- corrections chair

Delaware County-we now have three meetings a week for men. Suggestion for men who chair meetings to call ahead to make sure men will attending that meeting.

We have a new contact in Delhi. He wants to get the inmates prepared to have their own meetings. This will be happening soon.

Otsego County – one man only. Have two getting ready to start. There are no current PREA trainings scheduled. Only four people showed up for the last one. Will wait a couple of months.

Still working on a corrections committee. Gary suggests the need for an alternate corrections chair .

First annual "National corrections conference" will be in the first weekend of November from the second-fourth in South Portland Maine.

GSR Reports

-Gary- bridge group. Status quo

-John W.-Live and let live group – Sunday 2 PM – we vote tomorrow, July 15 to move the meeting to 22 Elm St. from the Lords table location. Gary asked to be kept informed. Will we be moving our district meeting?

-Matt-SNL Group – doing great. Great speakers.

- James – Cooperstown group – status quo

-Boyd-SNRG-Trying to get to area events. Group events. Carpooling! Getting AA members together outside the meetings.

-Lisa – Women's fellowship – doing great. Starting a new noon meeting. Open step meeting is going to open up to men. Doing outdoor field trips like our visit to the Wilson house.

-Charlie – Stamford group. We meet Monday and Friday at 7 PM. Doing all right. Monday is the step meeting. Last meeting of the month is a celebration meeting.

-Sandy – GSR St. Mary's lunch Bunch group – status quo

New business

Tom M. We are opening a new meeting that will be non-religion. Open to everyone.

Gary- please make sure your service numbers are on your contribution/checks.

He also states we will need names of volunteers for the October HMB convention.

Our cluster has 3 districts . We host May and November's events. Every cluster has events they host. There has been a suggestion of rotating the events for the clusters. The vote will be in October. We will be talking about this more in the upcoming district meeting. The cost of the Cinco DiMaio event was \$709. Only 30 people showed up. Was the cost worth it?

We need to have district guidelines for events.

Motion was made for John W to be our new Treatment chair. Joann makes the motion, Lisa second, all in favor.

Our next meeting agenda. Teleconference for district meetings?

Joann makes a motion to close. James second. All in favor. Meeting closed at 4:20 PM