

**HMB DISTRICT 8
GSR MEETING
May 5, 2019**

In Attendance: Kae S., DSM, Gary C. (Treasurer, GSR Bridge Group - Hamden), Matt V. (BTG/Call Center), Nancy C. (Member Women's Fellowship), Jeannie L. (Secretary, GSR D'Ville Sunday and Tuesday Groups), Joann K. (Corrections Chair), James R. (GSR Cooperstown Group), Kieran M. (GSR Oneonta Men's Group), Jeff B. (Alt. GSR Cooperstown Group), Tony K., (Acting GSR 449)

Meeting called to order at 3:30 p.m. by Kae

SECRETARY'S REPORT

April 2019 minutes were emailed on April 28, 2019. **Motion made by Lisa to accept minutes as written; seconded by Gary. All in favor.**

TREASURER'S REPORT

February Treasurer's Report given by Gary. Report was emailed this morning. Ending balance of \$3,827.56 with a prudent reserve of \$506.27. **Motion to accept Treasurer's Report made by Charlie; seconded by Lisa. All in favor.**

Kae will be attending NERF with two (2) members of the Women's Fellowship Group in Cobeskill. Motion by Gary to cover \$500 of their expenses; seconded by Jeannie. All in favor. As Kae will be at NERF on June 2, Gary will chair the next District Meeting.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Call Center: Matt reported that the call center received about 6 calls and that it's been more than a year since we have been charged for the service. Gary noted that we paid quarterly in 2018 and paid in full. We have \$333.33 in the budget for the "888" number.

Bridge the Gap: Matt reported that inmates in Delhi are not being made aware of BTG but that Derik IS ministering about BTG (he is a recovery coach). More inmates struggle with drug addiction and Gary noted that all they need to have is a desire NOT to drink. Hawk is the Area Chair for BTG. Inmates have to ask for BTG paperwork to complete and get help. Matt had reached out to Lt. O'Connor and has not heard back from him. Matt has over 100 people willing to help get inmates to meetings upon their release.

Corrections: Joanne held a Corrections Committee Meeting last Thursday and hope to hold one the last Thursday of each month. They met in Delhi and there were nine (9) participants including one (1) former inmate. The number of volunteers is increasing. There is a PREA training this Tuesday (May 2) at 6 PM at the Delhi jail. The committee discussed literature, format of meetings, creating meeting books. The committee member who had recently served

noted that there is a bulletin board for inmates where fliers can be hung. The committee agreed to work on the first three steps at meetings and has a budget of \$550.

PI/CPC:

Treatment: Not a lot to update. Has someone at Crossroads (homeless shelter) that he has given BTG information to. He is interested in reaching out to ForDo/Leaf. Gary noted that Delaware Valley Hospital needs people to bring meetings in (need flu shot, TB shot and training). Gary Hearl is reaching out for DVH. Tony said that he would be willing to go daily in the morning if they are interested. Gary and Tony are now members of the Treatment Committee.

Records:

Website:

GSR REPORTS

Jeannie – Downsville Sunday and Tuesday Night (Women’s) Group – All is well. Gotta Wanna Canoe Regatta will be second Sunday of June. More details to follow. May 6, ADAC will be doing a presentation of “Hide the High” at Downsville Central School. All are welcome!

Nancy – Women’s Fellowship Group Cobeskill – The Thursday Step Meeting at noon is no longer meeting. The other three meetings are going well.

John – Live and Let Live Group – Meet at The Turning Point at 2 PM on Sunday’s. Going well. John asked about donations and Gary told him that they gave \$400 about a year ago.

Kieran – The “World Famous” Oneonta Men’s Group – A member recently visited Ireland and was able to continue to spread the word of the “World Famous Group”. Group will make a donation in the near future.

Charlie – Stamford/Hobart Groups – Hobart Tuesday Step Meeting at noon is not doing well and could use support. The Big Book Meeting on Wednesday at noon is very well attended. Stamford meetings are well attended and could use Friday night speakers!

Gary – Bridge Group in Hamden – Doing great!

Matt – SNL – Doing very well!

OLD BUSINESS

Kae noted that Delegates Day of Sharing went very well. She has never seen one go as well as this did. Her group watched public service announcements being shown in Australia. Everyone that was there from District 8 worked very hard. Lunch was delicious!

Motion made by Gary to cancel the July District Meeting in Schoharie; seconded by Tony. All in favor.

Kieran's bus ads – Doug (webmaster) is looking into this.

Gary – update on Area 48 “spend down”. The Area has come up with three proposals:

1. Line Item to budget of \$2,500 per year for travelling workshops. Any cluster can receive \$500 per year for a presentation/workshop.
2. Scholarships of \$2,500 per year. Each District holds a lottery (each District receives \$500) for an event of their choice. This will continue annually until funds are spent down.
3. A threshold of \$20,000. A percentage will go to GSO.

Motion to adjourn made by Tony; seconded by Lisa. All in favor.

Respectfully submitted,

Jeannie L.