

Open: Serenity Prayer

12 Traditions: Dale F

Previous month secretary's Minutes read by Amy M.

Treasurer's Report- Amy M. Beginning balance \$3878.02, credits of \$707.71, expenses of \$769.96 Ending Bank Balance \$3815.77 less prudent reserve of \$1,000 leaving available funds of \$2815.77.

Contributions for the month came from the Unity Group, Saranac Lake One Day at a Time Group, and the Champlain Acceptance Group. Expenses included reimbursement for NERAASA scholarships to Sue W. and Amy M, Verizon, Contact Communications, and reimbursement for printer ink for the secretary.

DCM Report- Mike R. attended NERAASA. There were four people from district 10 who also attended. The next NERAASA is in Pittsburgh, PA 2021. Mike explained what happens at NERAASA. There are roundtables for service positions along with the current delegates from each area and the past delegates from each area. Mike attended the DCM (district committee member) roundtable and there were around 100 DCM's in attendance. There were questions from the GSR's (group service representative) to the DCMS and questions from DCM's to the GSR's. Some of the questions were:

- How do you motivate people to do general service work?
- Do you adhere to the spirit of rotation or do you step into the role again if there is no one willing to step up?
- How can you light up a "dark" district where there is very little participation from groups?
- Why don't more GSR's attend district meetings?
- Do GSR's know their role in the service structure?
- Do you have proper visual aids of the service structure?

Mike also attended the inter-district workshop at Akwasasne on Feb. 29th. There was a past delegate from Area 50 who spoke, also Pete M. from district 10 spoke about how they got into service work and about their roles in general service work. There were around 50 in attendance.

The next inter-district workshop will be held in District 10 area in August of this year.

Alternate DCM Report: Dale F. attended the march 8th fellowship day in Poughkeepsie. It was a wonderful experience and he encouraged everyone to attend these area events. In the morning there were committee chair reports. The general service office of Alcoholics Anonymous is having issues with their new records system Net sweep and are very backlogged for getting new groups registered and

getting GSR kits out. Grapevine had some new materials and our district grapevine chair, Carrie H., will bring them to the next meeting and do a short presentation. The afternoon roundtables included a presentation on the area website and how the internet and social media are challenges to our 11th tradition of anonymity. Dale brought back flyers for the delegates day of sharing in April and the may voting assembly along with the materials associated with those days. NERAASA 2022 will be held in Lake George NY at the Sagamore and they are looking for volunteers! Please contact Area 48!

Committee Chair Reports

Accessibilities: No Current Chair

Answering Service: Sharon S. presented the February report. There were 6 calls from females that were patched through. There were 4 male calls with 3 patched through and 1 hang up. There was one call from the probation department that was routed to matt I. for meeting schedules at their location. Any temporary meeting changes or cancellations can be called into the **hotline at 518-561-8444**.

Bridging the Gap: Stephen B. – Nothing to report, there have been no requests from facilities/inmates for this service. He spoke to DSS and they need more pamphlets and that was passed to Matt I. BHSN needs meeting schedules and he will take care of that request.

Corrections: Pete M. Attendance is slow at the Essex County Jail men's meeting and there are still no female volunteers for a woman's meeting at the facility. Please spread the word if you are interested in volunteering for the Essex County Jail. In the Clinton County Jail, they have been having meetings for the Men on Mondays and the women on Wednesdays. There is still a need for volunteers at Clinton Correctional facility. As of now there are no meetings going into the main or the annex since the volunteers have other responsibilities currently. Mike will be going back into CCF when his foot heals.

PI/CPC: Michelle H. attended NERAASA and Amy M. read the report that she forwarded. Michelle made some good contacts at the conference and is awaiting getting together with Paul J (former district PI/CPC Chair) to see what opportunities exist for service in this area.

Literature: No Chair

Grapevine: Carrie H Not present

Website: Walter M. did not submit a report and was absent

Newsletter: Peter Y.- There will be a newsletter for April as he has returned from vacation.

Records: Sue W.- Attended NERAASA and typed up several pages of notes which will be sent to the secretary and distributed to the district members. At the roundtable for records keepers there was a staff member from GSO who explained the poor rollout of the new net sweep program. As a result of this inefficiency the staff at GSO are very far behind in fulfilling requests for new groups and GSR kits,

maintaining the records of meetings throughout Canada and the United States. There were approximately 20 area registrars in attendance. Area 48 has a program called air table which has all the current meeting information and contacts. Once GSO is caught up our Area will be able to transfer the correct information to the GSO software. The online meeting app is up to date with all our current area information. Please see the notes attached to the email containing the minutes for a full report.

Treatment: Matt I- The Schuyler Falls Recovery Center speaker meetings have become self-sufficient. The speakers for those nights are responsible for finding speakers for the next week meeting. Also, there was interest from CVPH to have an AA meeting onsite on one of the floors however there were some staff changes that have temporarily halted the progress. Once the new director has had time to acclimate to their position Matt will reach out again to see if they are interested in a meeting.

Also, Sue W. stated that ST. Joseph's treatment center has a new protocol for speakers coming into the facility that involves a questionnaire – this is a precaution against any infectious diseases that are currently circulating. The phone number to call if you would like to speak at the facility is 1-518-891-3950 (Ask for Jeremy or Claire).

Old Business: None

New Business:

- We should be receiving some money back from the recent inter-district day that we assisted in funding.
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- - August time frame for the next inter-district workshop. District 10 will be host to the next workshop and Mike is looking for ideas for venues, dates, times, and content/speakers. Some venues mentioned were Tupper Lake, Peru Community Church, and MHAB Life Skills Campus in Plattsburgh.
- Mike R. has been approached about putting a literature rack in the police liaison station on 79 Margaret Street. They currently only have meeting schedules but would like to have a pamphlet rack. Mike will work on the rack and literature- possibly needs volunteers to maintain the rack.
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- **Current GSR's attending district meetings would like more information and guidance on what it means to be a GSR, what their responsibilities are, what literature they could read/study to enhance their service knowledge. Sharon S. and Mike R. indicated that they are willing to be at the next district meeting in Saranac Lake 45 minutes early so that those interested in learning more can do so.**
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- Looking for ideas for a service workshop that the district can put on before the August Inter-district day. Type of workshop? Panels? Speakers? Fellowship and Food?

GSR Reports

Spiritual Foundations: Tonya M.- All meetings are going great and are well attended. Meetings are Tuesday, Friday, Saturday, and Sunday at 6pm with various formats. There are 2 celebrants this month.

KISS Plattsburgh: Amy M.-Meetings are well attended, lots of beginners. We recently held a group conscience and had elections. Also decided was to absorb the Thursday night "Surrender to Win" meeting that meets at 6pm @ MHAB. This is a big book study group and is now a part of the KISS group. There is one celebrant this month- Rich P with 2 years!!

Peru Live and Let Live Group: Paul- Attendance is around 15 for each Monday night meeting. Every week is a different format. There are two celebrants this month John W with 34 years and Jack R with 8 years.

Agnostic, Atheist, and Free-thinkers group: Tina W.- There are currently only 2 group members. They meet at Club 12 on Wednesday nights at 6pm.

Tuesday night Step Group: Pete M. -Meeting is doing very well

Courage to Change Group: Pete M.-Open topic discussion meetings with around 5-7 in attendance. This meeting could use some support. There is also discussion of having a group anniversary for both the Tuesday night group and courage to change sometime during the summer.

Placid Paradox Group: John- There are 5 meetings a week and the Friday night meeting normally has between 65-80 in attendance!!! Shannon celebrates 1 year, and John W. celebrates 34 years!!

High Peaks Group & Bark Eaters Group: Doug- Both meetings are doing well.

Ausable Group: Peter Y- Longest running and most popular Thursday night meeting in the District!!!! Come on over to the best group in town!

Cadyville Group: Bridgid M- Meeting is well attended and going well. Group conscience is the 3rd Thursday of every month and celebrations are the last Thursday of the month.

One Day at a Time Group: Sue W.- Meeting is going well. Group conscience has allowed the chairperson to decide whether to hold hands/hugs at the end of the meeting.

Bloomington KISS Group: Sue W.- Meeting is going well.

Southend Group: Stephen B.- Attendance is down 3% over last year. There are usually between 15-25 people at each meeting. Looking for speakers for the last Wednesday of every month. Stephen discovered an error in the rent payment to the church which resulted in a savings for the group.

Keeseville Group: Dale F- Attendance is up! Coolest group during the summer and the warmest group during the winter! Best cookies in the district!!!

Motion to Close the meeting Tonya M. 2nd Paul

7th Tradition

Responsibility Pledge

