

Traditions: Dale F.

Secretary Report: Amy M. (Carrie H. not present) read the July minutes. There was some discussion regarding the motion Peter Y brought to order 2 meetings prior. That motion to conduct district meetings via Zoom for the next 6 months was voted on and passed .Motion to accept: Amy M. 2nd Walter M.

Treasurer's Report: Amy M.- Previous Balance \$3621.29, with contributions from the Saranac Lake ODAAT group and the Cadyville group totaling \$135. Expenses for the month of July were \$132.74 which included Contact Communications and Verizon. This left us with an ending balance of \$3623.55 in the checking account. Motion to accept report: Peter Y. 2nd by John R.

DCM Report: Mike R. - A couple of comments, we will need to establish a new Zoom account since I will be leaving the area soon and have the current district meeting zoom account. Our area chairwoman, Tammy E. would like to attend our next district meeting on 9/8/20. There is a monthly HMB area check-in meeting the 1st Wednesday of every month at 6:30. You can find a list of all upcoming area events at aahmbny.org. Dale F. attended the online NYSIW which he will talk about in a minute. There will be a traditions workshop that will be happening in September. Please email dstrachan@twcny.rr.com if you are interested in joining this. 12T - An In Depth Study of AA's 12 Traditions Beginning Wednesday August 26, 2020 7:30 – 9:00 pm This group is to study the 12 Traditions. We will use a few different tools to better understand the practical applications and spiritual growth as they apply to our three legacies of service, recovery and unity of each Tradition.

**Also, NERAASA 2021 in Pittsburgh has been cancelled. The HMB Annual Convention scheduled for November has also been cancelled.**

Dale F- Attended the NYS Informational Workshop online Aug 1-2. Essentially it was a meeting of panels of service committees. It was a bit long and tedious- everything came back to how online meetings are here to stay. Panel 1 was the Grapevine, they have a youtube.com channel. Panel 2 was Treatment- how they are trying to bring Zoom meetings/speakers to the treatment facilities. There are multiple issues but especially anonymity and HIPAA compliance with that route. Panel 3 was CPC- all committees have been having workshops to keep people connected. Panel 4 was Corrections. Currently there are no NYS correctional facilities that are enabling AA volunteers to enter the facilities. There has been a little discussion of getting a zoom meeting into facilities but that seems like it's going nowhere with very little cooperation from the local administrators. Panel 5 was PI (Public Information) where they stated there was not much going on except some workshops. Panel 6 was Accessibilities- they have been doing a hearing impaired meeting with success. Panel 7 was Archives. They have been able to stay active with physical filing, sorting, and organizing of the archival material. At the end of NYSIW was a delegate discussion with some topics being the creation of a "virtual" district for all of the AA Zoom meetings occurring in our area, and how to register virtual groups. Suggestion that

remote groups operate as a traditional AA group with appropriate service positions and structure. Also discussed was maintaining anonymity on Zoom and how to evolve into a hybrid meeting structure.

### Committee Reports

Answering Service & AA Hotline- Sharon S. not present

Accessibilities- No Current Chair

Bridging the Gap- Stephen B. not present

CPC- No current Chair

Grapevine- Carrie H. not present

Newsletter- Peter Y sent out the newsletter. If you have any content or questions please email peter at [9fingerpete@charter.net](mailto:9fingerpete@charter.net)

Treatment- Matt I not present

PI- Doug P.- Would like attendees to take Doug's email and discuss at our homegroups how to get information out to the public. Email doug at [District10PI@aahmbny.org](mailto:District10PI@aahmbny.org). Doug's suggestion was that every meeting has old grapevine magazines hanging around. Group members could take them to their doctors offices, etc. Also we need a way to track where these items are being dropped off somehow. People need to be guided into service work- we need to encourage them.

Records- Sue W.- She sent out an updated zoom meeting list and also an updated list of those meetings who have reopened physically with their respective requirements. If you are opening a meeting back up, please contact Sue at [District10records@aahmbny.org](mailto:District10records@aahmbny.org) to give the details of the meeting opening. If there is contact tracing, mask requirements, or any other requirement, this can be listed with the meeting listing. Sue emailed David K. to obtain the template for our physical meeting schedule list but has been unsuccessful in getting any response. Walter M. indicated that he had an old template and would email it to Sue.

Website- Walter M. - He emailed David (our former website chair) and Hawk ( Area Committee) about gaining access to our current district 10 website. He is currently unable to update the information. He would like to build a more user friendly site.

Old Business: None                      Amy M. Withdrew her proposal for google pay

New Business: Mike R.- The HMB Convention is looking for help in the technology arena if you're interested in being of service to the convention.

There was a nomination and vote to have Pete M. become our new district corrections chairperson (as Mike is relocating) and this was passed.

Peter Y. drafted a proposal which was distributed via the district email list, requesting that our district contact the Area personnel and request a postponement of the vote to increase the area's prudent reserve for a year. There was discussion that followed. Amy M. sent out via email Peter Y's proposal and also the proposal for the increase to the area prudent reserve so that all groups could discuss this very important issue before the October 27th Area voting assembly. Each GSR has one vote to cast at this assembly to vote for or against all proposals. Zoom meeting ID for the voting assembly is 812 1468 3507 password Assembly.

## **GSR Reports**

Spiritual Foundations: Tonya W. meetings are all on zoom and are Tuesday, Friday, Saturday, & Sunday at 6pm. Various Formats.

High Peaks Keene Group: Doug P- Doing only Zoom meetings. There is no set date for reopening.

Plattsburgh KISS Group: Amy M.- We lost one of our core homegroup members, Giles D. last month. It has been a very difficult time for our group but we are committed to carrying the message just as he did for the newcomer who is still sick and suffering. Meetings are Monday, Wednesday, Friday, Saturday at noon Thursday nights at 6pm. We have 2 big book meetings per week, a living sober meeting, newcomers meeting, and grapevine/discussion meeting. In person and meets at MHAB Recovery Community at 14 Dormitory Drive in Plattsburgh. Large space and socially distanced tables and chairs. You may bring your own beverage. Please use a mask if you are uncomfortable not using one.

Awakenings Group: Ed P- The rectory is being remodeled so they are using the meeting room temporarily. The meeting is still closed.

We Agnostics: Walter M. & Josh B.- This meeting is a hybrid meeting both Zoom and at Club 12 in Plattsburgh. There is an occupancy of 20 people. The meeting ID and passcode for this meeting will be available after it is sent to records.

SL ODAAT Group: Sue W.- They are keeping the zoom meetings which are daily at 10:30 and 7pm. Wednesdays at 5:30 pm there is a weekly in-person meeting. This meeting meets at the Methodist Church in Saranac Lake in the Sanctuary. There is no food or drinks allowed at this meeting. Masks are mandatory and contact tracing is required. Location is 63 Church St.

Elizabethtown Group: Pete M- Meeting is open in person, requires masks and they have coffee!!! Room is sanitized before and after the meeting. Very well attended.

Bloomington KISS Group: Renee H.- This group is still on zoom, and they are currently discussing having in-person meetings.

Keeseville Group: Dale F.- Masks are required. The meeting is doing well averaging about 6 per meeting. Meets Wednesdays at 7pm at the Town of Chesterfield town hall on Vine Street.

Ausable Forks: Peter Y- Meeting will be on zoom for the foreseeable future.

Westport Group: Bill S.- Mondays at 7:30 on zoom. Averaging 7-9 people. The last time Bill was at district Bill G. was the DCM! WELCOME BACK BILL!!!!

Placid Paradox Group: John R.- Reopened in person on August 1st. There will no longer be any zoom meetings. 5 meetings a week. Bring your own beverage. All meeting information has been updated with District 10 records and on the meeting guide app. Light attendance thus far, but will certainly pick up as word gets around.

Close meeting with the responsibility pledge