

Area 48 (North East New York)
District 8 Committee Meeting (hybrid)
April 7, 2024, 3:30 p.m.

Present: J.R., Matt, Gail, Sandy, Lisa, Jeannie, Tammy, Deb, Tony Paul, Jack Debbie, Dennie, Jayne, Al, Sherrie

Call to Order: J.R. called the meeting to order at 3:30 PM, opening with the Unity Declaration.

GSR Reports:

Morning Reflections Group-Jack: Doing well, 7-18 people daily; finances good, contributions sent to service structure; 3 anniversaries this month. The party for the retiring St. Jame's priest and deacon was well attended and heartfelt thanks was expressed for their support of AA.

449 Group & Serenity Group-Tony: Attendance stable at 449 Sat group, 40 people attended anniversary for 6 celebrants; Serenity group attendance not as strong, at times no chair, volunteer from the floor steps in.

Saturday Night Live Group-Matt: Good attendance, collections, speakers and new comers.

Covered Bridge Group-Debbie: Attendance good but numbers smaller; many new comers now have one year. Note: Debbie has not been able to attend the jail meeting this past month.

Cobleskill Group Big Book-Tammy: into her GSR 2nd year term; meeting attendance good with quite a few newcomers.

Delhi Group-Deb: Attendance steady; good mix of long timers and new comers; treasury stable.

Downsville Group-Jeannie: Both meetings doing well; getting ready for AA July canoe regatta. Mark your calendars.

Otego Group -Denny: Doing well, Denny will be celebrating 47 years this month-Congrats!

Serenity Sisters (virtual)-Jayne: Attendance good, 8-9 people on zoom; have \$150 in prudent reserve.

Lunch Bunch Group-Lisa: Celebrated group anniversary (51 years); full room; Sherrie spoke.

Committee Reports:

CORRECTIONS-Al-Waiting for approvals from PRIA for 12 potential jail meeting volunteers.

Otsego is currently without a volunteer. Schoharie has 3-4 volunteers for 2 meetings a week with 8 to 10 at each meeting. Delhi is being covered by George and discussion is ongoing as to whether a CO should be in the room during the meeting. If there is security risk it will have to be. Groups asked to keep literature donations coming in.

WEB MASTER -Deb-Still learning; Postings on the area website don't have to be posted on the district website; The secretary minutes and treasury report are to be posted. Lisa has been posting speaker exchange info. Facebook is covered. Need password for to access Web Master e-mail. J. R. will follow up.

CALL CENTER-Matt-Cary continues to work with ACC to resolve the credit error on the phone account. He has a contact person who has identified the mis-application of payment and will

rectify. No bills have been paid by the district since August 2023 and \$384.65 is still carried as a credit.

SECRETARY-Sherrie-no report.

TREASURER-Gail-Contributions for month \$475, expenses \$371, End balance is \$2324 with \$757 in prudent reserve. A new zoom account was set up due to changeover of DCM. Gail and Sandy need a pass word to access the treasurer e-mail. J.R. will follow up.

DSM-J.R.:

FELLOWHIP DAY: Districts 4, 8, and 14 are hosting this event on 4/20/24 in Amsterdam, NY (also virtual). We are supplying desserts and snacks. Sandy and Matt are going and have room for 5 more.

VOTING ASSEMBLY: Being held in Nassau on 5/18/24 (also virtual). The area budget will be presented and the delegate will report on the general service conference. Not much was voted on but many issues were considered.

DISTRICT MEETING SITE ROTATION: No comments from the floor. J.R. will begin to visit groups and invite them to the district meeting.

COMMITTEE CHAIR VACANCIES: Several positions are vacant including alternates for officers. J.R. will develop a list of vacancies and send out to district GSR's who are encouraged to ask for service volunteers to chair or to participate in the committees.

DISTRICT OFFICER E-MAIL: Officers & chairs are asked not to use their personal e-mails for District business. The district has e-mails set up by service title. A password is needed to access. J.R. will follow up with each chair and officer.

DISTRICT LIST SERVE: The e-mail list serve for the district needs to be updated. Currently there are 70 on the list serve and only 20 have responded that they want to stay on the list serve. A few new service volunteers aren't listed so they put their e-mails in the chat and will be added by J.R. J.R. will follow up on updating distribution list.

Meeting Adjourned: J.R. closed the meeting at 4:38 pm with the Responsibility Pledge.

Respectfully submitted:

Sherrie G