

**Minutes of the Regular Monthly Meeting of NYCMA
February 25, 2009
GMHC, 12th Floor Cafeteria**

Attendees: Carmine N, Conan C, Michael, Tommy, Eddie S (GSR GMHP), Jim R (GSR Constant Contact), John (Alt. GSR Agnostics), Mike M., Robert (alt for O'Toole), Gavin W (GSR Tues Beginners), John (H&I Chair), Steven I (GSR Sunday afternoon getting it), Kevin (GSR Sat Solutions), Harley M (public info), Robert (Sat Sex, intimacy, relationships), Bruce C (Lit), Petr, Billy (living with HIV), Richard (treasurer); Joe D; Richard V (Sun morning meeting), Jim F (Structure and Finance).

**Carmine N Chair called meeting to order at 7:47pm.
Quorum Determined.**

January Minutes Amended. Bruce C – corrected motion: Allow Lit Committee to post scripts of existing meetings, generic sample scripts, and readings.

Motion Passes (1 abstention).

Treasurers Report (Richard). No printed report prepared as he just returned from abroad.

1. PO Box is closed for non-payment.
 - a. Every check over \$50 must be approved by the board, making PO bill too high to pay without approval.
2. \$500 for HX paid.
 - a. \$200 still owed for rest of 2009 (see new business).
3. Treasurer's report tabled.

Structure and Finance Report (Jim F). Article 15 of NYCMA Bylaws: each year all principal officers must sign that they have

1. Have read, will comply with policies.
2. Will not benefit from being on board, financially or otherwise.

Public Information Report (Harley M):

1. a few emails regarding meetings in various cities
2. email from "Craig H" in Vancouver, wanted to know how to start from ground up a local intergroup. Harley referred him to CMA World site.
3. Sean S from new Ft. Lauderdale Intergroup requested info on duties of Public Info Chair.
4. A few media-related calls.

H & I Report (John): HI world starting a monthly conference call. Includes H&I from L.A., San Francisco, Seattle, NYC, Tuscan, Phoenix.

1. Goal is to use members from other fellowships with crystal in their stories to fill commitments at hospitals, jails, halfway houses, etc.

Literature Committee: (Bruce and Petr):

1. First Facebook meeting!
2. Go to web site, new feature is meeting scripts.
 - a. Scripts can be submitted to literature@nycma.org
 - b. Also includes links to world lit, how to start meetings.
 - c. Other click is on "existing meetings." None yet, waiting for meetings to submit scripts to Bruce.
3. Working on pamphlet production which is slow, hoping for a graphic designer to step up
4. CMA World pamphlets being printed
5. Petr is looking for contributions and a designer for "Crystal Clear".
 - a. Bruce points out there is no allocated money at this juncture to pay graphic designer, and we need volunteer.

GSR Coordinator: (Tommy) Compiling GSR contact list

Ken reports that he/Tommy has been aggressively pursuing GSRs to increase attendance at NYCMA.

Literature Coordinator: (Eddie) all stocked up

Activities Committee:

1. March 7, 7:15 at center, \$5 for the original version of "The Women"
2. Spring dance "white chip wonder" march 28th; weekend after black party *ha ha*. They have space and DJ already.

GSO: Conan C

1. last month voted to put small committee together to see if we can apply to host next CMA World conference
 - a. Committee decided it is feasible.
 - b. Sample bid handed out for Feb 2010 or Feb 2011.
 - c. CMA World seems very psyched about possible NY Conference, approx. attendees: 240 people from 17 states.
 - d. More details to follow next meeting, after Bid submitted

OLD BUSINESS

Jim F: motion to allocate \$200 to finish paying HX bill.
Motion Passes.

Bruce C: passes out minutes from NYCMA Board of Director's meeting held Feb 4, 2009 in accordance with bylaws.

** Board of directors suggests the following:

1. Intergroup should consider reviving committee looking into alt spaces if GMHC closes.
2. Remind NYCMA members to use tax exempt forms. Last year cost us hundreds in sales tax.
3. Board suggests that "voting members" (which are undefined in bylaws) be defined as the elected officers of NYCMA plus any GSR who shows up.
 - a. Discussion ensues. Richard suggests codify number based on January attendees.
 - b. Harley points out that GSRs reelected half way through the year.
 - c. Bruce suggests sending this to structure and finance to define this grey area.
 - d. Petr points out that we suggest GSRs be a one year commitment, please take that info back to individual meetings so we don't face the usual mid-year confusion.
4. October 2009 board members need to be elected.

Motion to refer to committee, seconded, passes.

NEW BUSINESS

Election of PI chair. Carmine reads responsibilities. Calls for nominations. Tommy nominated, second, motion to close. Tommy elected.

Harley: no annual fee for the chat room on the web site. All we have to do is pay a \$200.

Motion: allocated \$200 from last year carry over to this year to pay for chat room.

Motion passes.

Harley: Webmaster wants to revamp layout of site. He will send sample to Harley, if Harley likes it he will approve for launch.

Conan: motion on to accept NYCMA World conf bid in 2010 or 2011.
Motion Passes.

John S: motion to set aside for maximum of \$50 for room rent for annual H&I kickoff meeting. Motion passes.

Michael (Activities Committee):

1. Motion for \$1000 to activities committee to pay for dance costs.
Seconded. Motion passes.
2. Motion: \$150 for 10 remaining meetings left this year rent.
Second. Passes.

Jim H elected as Share-a-Day Chair.

Richard: motion to pay for po box (approx \$70), second, passes. Exact figures to be provided next meeting.

Motion to close at 8:56. Second. Passes.