

Minutes of the Regular Monthly Meeting of NYCMA... June 24, 2009

GMHC, 11th Floor

Attendees: Jason T. (Agnostics GSR), Jeremiah, Jim H. (GSR BBTL), Rey A. (alt GSR Tuesday beginners), Robert B. (alt GSR O'Toole), Lorenzo V. (GSR Crystal Clear), Ken D. (GSR Coordinator), Bertis S. (alt. GSR Astoria), Richard H. (treasurer), Billy U. (GSR HIV meeting), Conan C. (GSO), Harley M. (PI Officer), James F. (Structure & Finance), Michael A. (Activities committee chair), Carmine N. (NYCMA Chair), John T. (trustee GSO), David H. (GSR Promises), John H. (GSR agnostics), Jim R. (conscious contact), Bruce C. (lit chair), Eddie S (GSR M-F morning)

Carmine N Chair called meeting to order at 7:45pm.

Quorum determined (at 7:53)

May Minutes reviewed and approved.

Treasurer's Report: Richard – distributes treasurer's report.

- New Format for report
- Explains format, funds that went out and received, balance
- Big difference between estimated budget at this time and where we actually are
- We've received more than we've spent

Motion to accept, passes

Public Information: Harley

- Folsom Street East went well, set out pamphlets that were taken
- Bruce explains some conversations he had. Not lots of people came to table but we were visible to everyone
- A few calls but pretty quiet
- World asks when our first meeting was in New York
- Ken suggests that we investigate table for Pride for next year (put it on next year's calendar). Also investigate presence at the pier dance itself

H&I Report: Ken does not give a report, but as he was there he gave us an on the spot synopsis in the absence of the chair.

Literature Report: Bruce – not a lot to report

- Moving toward putting together Crystal Clear
- Pamphlets not being distributed because volunteers all vanished
- Jason's grandma has print shop and would love to participate

GSR: Ken – Asks GSRs to put contact info next to their meeting on a sheet.

- This way he can go to groups that don't seem to have a GSR , or one that's attending.
- Important that NYCMA has some representation for every meeting if possible.
- Ken asks if there are suggestions for more efficient system to get GSRs to attend.

Activities Committee: Michael

- Picnic rained out
- September is 6 flags great adventure (sat at 2)

- Michael could use help on the committee
- Has events for remainder of year planned already, but there will not be an August event as he is not in town
- Ken recommends snazzy fliers to attract more people to sub committees like the activities committee
- Mid-year elections mean we don't know GSRs for many meetings because they just started in June. Asks for discreet help at meetings to get the names without harassing anyone as the "GSR Police"

GSO: Conan C.

- July 18th Mid Atlantic CMA Meeting, he will put together a flyer
- Discussion regarding bus vs. car and related costs
- Conan will not be there so he needs help signing up for rentals
- Bruce points out that we should spend more if necessary to do what works best. That's what the money is for
- Jason could probably get us a great deal on air shuttle as he works for an airline
- We need a speaker for the 3 speaker meeting (one speaker from each city in Mid Atlantic)
- Putting together an itty-bitty committee to work it all out with Conan

Structure and Finance Jim – regarding insurance

- General liability
- Board of Directors insurance
- Cyber coverage (especially with chat room up and running)
- Still not at a point to recommend to NYCMA coverage, but are actively investigating
- Extreme expense of insurance discussed
- Discussion ensues regarding which 12 step groups have it, what they have, their membership size (compared to NYCMA)
- John explains how CMA World is covered and why
- Hosting world conference makes it necessary, says Richard

CMA World Conference Committee:

- World's response to our proposal was that we were too over budget with food and beverages, need to renegotiate, look into outside venues to hold the meetings
- So contract not signed yet, our deadline is Monday

Share a day: Jim H.

- Committee selected someone to create theme and logos, etc
- Billy made terrific ads that went out in DC

OLD BIZ: NONE

NEW BIZ

Michael needs deposit for 6 flags travel

Motion to close passes at 8:54pm.