

NYCMA Intergroup Regular Monthly Meeting Minutes.
December 2, 2009

GMHC 3rd Floor

Attendees: Carmine N. (NYCMA Chair) Jim H. (GSR BBTL) Conan C. (GSO) Billy U. (Living with HIV) Jamie M. (GSR O'Toole) John S. (H&I Chair) John T. (GSO Trustee) Eddie S. (GSR GMHP) Horace M. (GSR Solutions in Recovery) Tommy R. (PI Chair) Bruce C. (Literature Chair) Colleen V. (Alt. GSR Tue. Beg.) Kevin C. (Alt GSR Tue. Beg.) Anthony L. (Board Member) Ryan G. Michael A. (Activities Chair, GSR Step Mtg.) Ross H. (GSR Tues. Beg.) Harley M. (PI Officer) David C., (Alt. GSR Sunday Step) Jim R. (GSR CC) Petr P. (Lit. Co Chair) John H. (GSR Agnostics) Eddie P. (Lit. Coord.) Jim F. (Structure & Finance) Richard H. (Treasurer) Rob M. (GSR S.I.R.) Ken D. (GSR Coord.) Bill B. (Alt. GSR Crystal Clear)

Carmine N. called meeting to order at 7:47pm.
Quorum determined at 7:50pm.

October Minutes reviewed. MOTION to accept October Minutes with no amendments; seconded and passed.

Treasurer's Report: Richard H.

- Report Distributed
- Richard points out YTD there is more money out than coming in
- Jim questions the Literature committee expenses.
- Question to how revenue is accrued on report.
- Richard explains that all December transactions will post on the next report as far as YTD expenses. This will be distributed in January's monthly meeting.
- Each chair and committee head will do a projected budget for 2010.
- These budget requests will be reviewed by NYCMA at the January or February monthly meeting.
- Richard will be available to assist the chairs/committee heads with budget planning for 2010.
- Carmine points out the overall TD Bank account balances and says we are in good shape and on track.
- Richard asks GSR's to check their meeting contributions. If there is a question or discrepancy, go back to the meeting and request a treasurer's report at the next business meeting.
- Richard asks that if anyone rents a room for any committee meeting, please get a receipt or invoice and provide him with a list for accounting purposes.

MOTION to accept Treasurer's report; seconded and passed.

MOTION to table Old Business/New Business until after the NYCMA elections; seconded and passed.

2010 NYCMA Officer Elections

- Bruce C. proposes to all attendees, that if they are nominated for a NYCMA position, they should ask themselves, "Do I say yes to service?" He asks all

attendees to assess if they can fulfill the necessary responsibilities that come along with the position. He reminds all that they can respectfully decline.

- Conan asks if people may nominate themselves for a position. YES is the answer.
- Jim H. agrees to do budget for 2010 Share-a Day event.

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| NYCMA Chair | Harley M. |
| Secretary | Ross H. |
| Structure & Finance | Kevin C. |
| Treasurer | Richard H. |
| Public Information Chair | Anthony L. |
| Public Information Officer | Billy U. |
| Literature Chair | Colleen V. |
| Literature Co-Chair | Horace M. |
| H&I Chair | John S. |
| Literature Coordinator | Eddie P. |
| GSO to World | Rob M. |
| GSR Coordinator | Jim H. |
| Activities Committee Chair | Tommy R. |

MOTION to waive time requirements for Activities Committee Chair; seconded then discussion:

- Harley M. points out this has always been a problem in the past when exceptions are made regarding time requirements for service positions.

MOTION fails.

MOTION to suspend NYCMA meeting to conduct a brief area meeting

MOTION passes

MEETING SUSPENDED

At this point in the meeting, various attendees proceeded and insisted on having an open discussion regarding area delegate and area trustee nominations and elections for the CMA Mid-Atlantic region. Some members thought these elections should be held in conjunction with the 2010 NYCMA Officer Elections. Since these positions are not officially part of the NYCMA officers and a NYCMA specific issue, Carmine N. suggested suspending the monthly meeting for 10 minutes so these issues could be resolved.

MOTION to resume NYCMA meeting

MOTION passes.

NYCMA MEETING RESUMES

MOTION to elect 2 positions, Area Delegate (2 year commitment) and Trustee (4 year commitment) for CMA Mid-Atlantic Region; seconded and does not pass.

World Conference Hosting Committee: Tommy R. reporting for Fernan R.

- The world conference logo has been designed and approved by CMA World.
- It is important to register early for the conference so the planning committee has a good idea as to how many plan to attend.
- The Saturday night event is costly.
- Breakfast is included in the registration cost.
- The Saturday night dinner dance is at Lucky Strike.

Structure and Finance: Jim F.

- Nothing to report

Public Information: Harley M.

- Inquired with the Village Voice regarding advertising.
- Reviewed old NYCMA ads from other publications.
- 1/16th page ad for 52 weeks would cost \$223
- Sent copy to the Village Voice.
- Have not explored other ad size options.
- How much would a back page placement ad cost?
- Tommy R. advised that he inquired into a back page ad earlier in the year and it was determined that it would be cost prohibitive.
- Richard advises that \$1300 has been spent in the advertising budget and that there is money available for advertising.
- Harley M. says no new emails were received via the website for the month of November just as in September.

Hospitals and Institutions: John S.

- John S. sat in on the World H&I conference call.
- World H&I committee is trying to get more voting members at the world conference level.
- H&I committee is still making calls to rehabs in NYC.
- Carmine N. is the new Jail Liaison for the H&I committee.
- Next H&I meeting will be 12/13/09 at 5pm at the LGBTC Center.

Literature: Bruce C.

- The committee did meet this month.
- 2 new pamphlets are being printed.
- The Crystal Clear newsletter needs direction and volunteers.
- Next meeting is scheduled for 12/19/09 at 4pm at the Manhattan Plaza Health Club.

General Service Officer: Conan C.

- Nothing to report.

Literature Coordinator: Eddie P.

- Nothing to report.

Activities Committee: Michael A.

- CMA movie night for “Blazing Saddles” was not a success, at least financially.
- The next movie night is scheduled for January. The movie will be “Mommie Dearest”.
- Michael will make a request for a Thanksgiving Dinner reimbursement for Bruce C. when we take new business.

GSR Coordinator: Ken D.

- Ken has everything prepared and ready to pass onto the new GSR coordinator.
- Ken was able to contact a lot of people listed as GSR’s for tonight’s meeting.
- No GSR flyer was created or printed out for reminding GSR’s and all members of the monthly Intergroup meeting.
- Ken attended many CMA business meetings in November and made a grassroots effort by suggesting each group consider electing a GSR in order to have representation at Intergroup.

Old Business:

- NYCMA Literature and Chips Inventory report distributed.
- Eddie points out that there is probably less inventory available now as this inventory was performed on 10/26/2009.
- Going forward a spreadsheet will be created to easily track current inventory and asses any needs.
- This is a good start and foundation for going forward. We now have a much better idea where we stand.

New Business:

- Harley M. requests \$500 for placing the Village Voice ad.
- MOTION to approve \$500 from the advertising budget for the Village Voice ad; seconded and passed.
- Bruce C. offers the \$40 contribution that was collected at his home on the night of Thanksgiving during the CMA meeting.
- MOTION to reimburse Bruce C. \$50 for his generosity for food and expenses for hosting Thanksgiving night for the CMA fellowship; seconded and passed.
- Colleen informs that the Space Committee was investigating the Foreign Legion for a new space location for NYCMA.
- Colleen was to obtain a fax list of NY locations for the Foreign Legion.
- Carmine N. points out that finding a new space is not a priority as of now since it appears that GMHC is not closing its Manhattan location.
- MOTION to suspend and put on hold the Space Committee search until further notice; seconded and passed.
- Regarding previous advertising efforts, Ken inquires to the number of calls or lack thereof, and the amount of emails that the previous advertising efforts produced.
- Tommy R. says most calls and emails received via NYCMA came from Google searches.
- Harley once again points out that there have been no emails since the last Intergroup meeting in October, but the website is getting hits.
- Carmine N. inquires as to the NYCMA chat room activity. Says he has noticed some activity.
- The possibility of doing an online website banner ad is being explored for 2010.

- Anthony will address this in the new year.
- Harley proposes the idea of creating a scholarship fund for the world conference in order to help fellows attend the conference.
- It is pointed out that if NYCMA goes ahead and pre-purchases a block of registrations; this money will be immediately available and help world with budget concerns.
- Carmine points out there is plenty of money available in this years budget and the scholarship donation should come out of this years budget.
- It is suggested that Fernan can monitor the scholarship funds.
- MOTION for NYCMA to donate \$1050 for 14 scholarships for NYCMA fellows; seconded and passed.
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MOTION to adjourn; seconded and passed.

Meeting adjourned at 9:15pm

Minutes submitted by Bill B.