

NYCMA Intergroup Regular Monthly Meeting Minutes January 27, 2010

Location: GMHC 3rd Floor

Attendees: Andrew S. (GSR – Big Book), Anthony L. (PI Chair), Bill B. (GSR – Living with HIV), Billy U. (PI Officer), Carmine N., Colleen V. (Lit. Chair), Eddie P. (Lit. Coordinator), Fernan R. (World Conference Hosting Chair), Harley M. (NYCMA Chair), Jeff S. (GSR – Step Writing Workshop, Alt. GSR – GMHP), Jim F. (GSR – Relapse Prevention), John H. (GSR – Astoria Meeting), John T. (Trustee, GSO), Luigi C. (GSR – Tue. Night Beginner's), Richard H. (Treasurer), Rob M. (GSO), Robert B (GSR – Sunday Steps), Ross H. (Secretary), Ryan G (Activities Committee, GSR – Sun. Beg. Basics), Stephen L.(GSR – Promises Meeting), Woody (GSR – Conscious Contact)

Harley M. called meeting to order at 7:45pm
Reading of “What is CMA”, Purpose Statement and 12 Traditions

Quorum determined at 7:50pm. – 17 voting members
Quorum for 2010 NYCMA Intergroup Meetings= 8 voting members (one half of voting members present at first meeting)

Reading of “About NYCMA”

December Minutes reviewed. MOTION to accept October Minutes with one amendment; seconded and passed.

Treasurer's Report: Richard H.

- Report Distributed
- Each chair should make estimates based on 2009 for 2010 and send them to Richard H via email. Until 2010 budget is approved they will follow 2009 budget
- Signature changes needed for Kevin C.
- Colleen questioned service (bank) charges for literature committee
- Woody suggests we move account to free account.

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

Structure and Finance: Kevin C. (not present)

- Nothing to report

Public Information: Anthony L., Billy U.

- Decided not to do Village Voice ad due to high cost.
- “Next” ad (\$600.00 for ¼ page 52 issues)
- Outreach postcards: 4x6 postcard with CMA ad (1000 postcards - \$150)
- Black Party Expo – March 20 from 12-8 (\$495 for a booth)
- Folsom Street East. - TBD
- Manhunt Public Health Ad/Profile (\$100 per year)
- Need strategies to increase hits on website

Hospitals and Institutions: John S. (via memo)

- Finally sending out our first mailing packets to about 6 institutions around the city. We are hopeful this will start a dialogue and get our foot in the door at some of these places.
- Committee members are having conversations with the directors of Roosevelt Hospital’s inpatient facility to determine possibility of our bringing a meeting in.
- Jail Liaison has made contact with the AA GSO “Corrections Assignment” person, who was helpful in providing us with some avenues by which we can make contact with local jails and correction facilities. He gave us the names of 2 people at Bayview and Lincoln facilities. We will try to get through.

Literature: Colleen V.

- “Crystal Clear” is being edited and is almost finished.
- Working on next issue: “Back to Basics”, based on “Tools of Recovery”, which will hopefully be ready by Spring Clearance in April.
- Lit. Committee is deciding whether or not to print 1,000 “Alcohol and Other Drugs” and “Sex and Sobriety” pamphlets.
- Looking at creating a bookmark with the subject: “What is Crosstalk?”
- Working on making “Crystal Clear” a more regular publication.

Literature Coordinator: Eddie P.

- New mini-copies literature now available.
- John W. suggested having extra copies of literature for World Conference in March.
- We need to get approval from World re: what literature is being put out at the World Conference.
- Looking to recover and reprint “Expressions of Hope”.

Activities Committee: Tommy R./Brian G.

- Future Events:
 - March – “Sober Family Feud”
 - April – CMA Dance

GSR Coordinator:

- Jim H. had to step down as GSR Coordinator.

GSO Rep.: John T.

- Getting up to speed re: Philly's regional meeting.

World Conference Hosting Committee: Fernan R.

- 60 people registered so far, 5 from NYC. Need to increase registrations from NYC.
- A new announcement (distributed) to be read at all meetings by Conference committee members or by GSRs.
- Format of Conference:
 - Thursday: Opening of Committee Meetings, Speaker Meeting – Tom L.
 - Friday: Committee Meetings, Five-Speaker Meeting in evening.
 - Saturday: General Assembly, Speaker Meeting, Party at Elmo Lounge.
 - Sunday: Closing of General Committee.
- Host hotel is Gem Hotel.
- John P. is volunteer coordinator.
- \$2,000 allocated to World Conference Planning Committee by NYCMA will most likely be returned.
- We are coming in under budget.

Old Business:

- No Old Business.

New Business:

- Anthony L. requested monies for PI.
- MOTION to approve \$745 from the advertising budget for postcard, black party event and manhunt profile; seconded and passed.
- Colleen suggested we move bank account to stop incurring charges.
- Jim F. said he would investigate other options for bank accounts.
- Discussion re: whether to segregate distribution and publication bank accounts.
- Stephen L. nominated and elected as new GSR Coordinator.

MOTION to adjourn; seconded and passed.

Meeting adjourned at 9:15 pm.

Minutes submitted by Ross H.