

New York Crystal Meth Anonymous-- Intergroup Monthly Meeting

Date: Wednesday, July 25, 2012

Location: GMHC

Attendees:

Intergroup- Nadir W (Chair), David H. (GSO), Conor M (GSR Coordinator), Bill B. (Activities Chair), Edward P (PI & O Chair), Stephen L (Share-A-Day), Fernan (Structure & Finance)

Group Representatives- Mark G (GSR- Tuesday Beginners), Daniel O (GSR- Agnostics), Edward C (GSR- NA Basic Text), Chet K (GSR- Sunday Step Meeting), Adam P (co-chair- Sunday Beginners), Bruce W (GSR- Saturday Solutions), Jim R (GSR- Promises), Daniel L (GSR- Harlem), Roger S (GSR- Astoria), Brett S (GSR- Meditation)

Minutes:

Nadir opened the meeting with the reading defining NYCMA, its history, and the NYCMA Intergroup purpose and responsibilities as aligned to CMA traditions..

David H read the 12 traditions.

As always a reminder was given that all NYCMA members can attend and participate in the meetings, although only delegates, GSRs, and officers may vote.

Sixteen (16) voting members identified themselves at the time quorum was called, and the meeting proceeded.

The outgoing secretary serving from January through June was not in attendance at the July meeting and as of the meeting date had not submitted June minutes. It was stated that the June minutes draft would be offered to the committee members via email for correction.

The **Treasurers Report** was delivered. In the fiscal Year To Date, NYCMA has **\$ 8,369.45 in Revenue—** \$ 7,401.45 from 7th Tradition contributions. That is only \$99 shy of the total anticipated revenue from individual meetings for the entire 2012 fiscal year).

Although there have been **\$ 8,715.29 of Expenses** to date, we are still **cash positive in the amount of \$ 3,885.02** at the moment based on the roll-over with which we started the year.

We have put an \$800 deposit down on the Friends Seminary Meeting Hall space for Share-a-Day and made our second payment on our storage space (\$1825.00 YTD). Clarifying questions were asked about the storage locker's level of usage, our portion of anticipated expenditures

made to date (just less than 2/3), and the ledgering of the Anniversary meeting.

A vote was held to accept the budget- 1 abstention, and the rest were affirmative.

Structure and Finance committee had no report. Fernan did give an update that he had referred to World CMA, the issue of **Queer & Sober's** refusal to desist in promoting themselves with references to CMA and AA on their website and documents, along with the assertion that they have donated money to these fellowships. He reported that World indicated that they would never accept such funds and will address the issue.

Edward gave a **Public Information & Outreach** report for himself and Bill U. He reports that Billy U participated the previous Saturday in the **world PI & O conference call**.

He also indicates that PI & O responded to **14 helpline calls and 11 emails** at the NYCMA.org address. The effort to **purchase nycma.com** will be renewed in August, with an offer to purchase being explored.

Nadir asked whether the working relationship with the Webmaster improved, and the PI & O team indicated that in recent months he has been more responsive.

H & I Committee did not present a report.

Mark L was not available to give a report on the **Literature committee**, but David H shared the following:

- 300 copies of **Crystal Clear** had been printed with 285 distributed to meetings with literature tables.
- 164 pages of content or a total projected 180 has been laid out for **Expressions of Hope**, and a print run of approximately 500 copies is currently being priced with an expected cost of \$ 1,650 to be produced and an expected price tag of \$8-\$10 for fellows that wish to buy a copy.
- Mark L continues to work on an **NYCMA brochure on Anonymity** with an eye toward issues of social media and there is a scheduled mid-August policy brainstorm meeting for this brochure.

Connor indicated that there were no **GSR** issues to report.

Bill B. of the **Activities Committee** indicated there was nothing to report

Fernan R offered details of the **Anniversary Meeting**—the last meeting collected increasing revenue and **July had 9 celebrants, with 13 celebrants scheduled for the August** meeting. It was noted that members of the fellowship from a decade ago were being drawn back to meetings

through these celebrations—with many complimenting that this programming is a great idea. Nadir asked if there was any need to explore larger spaces at the Center, but the meeting team indicated that center space issues prevent this from being viable.

David offered the **GSO to World** report, complimenting the Mid-Atlantic Regional CMA (**MARCMA**) conference this June in Washington, D.C. for its strong workshops. Nadir thanked David for the **State of NYCMA** report for which he provided information, and David thanked Nadir for giving an engaging presentation of the report.

Stephen L reported on **Share-A-Day** planning and its sub-committees. He indicated that great progress had been made through the committee's regular meetings. He reported that:

- Bill B and the workshop team had put together **5 workshops sessions** with fresh-faced facilitators that would be **offered in both morning and afternoon** sessions
- A training of trainers' session by Bruce C will be held in advance of the event to support excellent facilitation skills
- David H and the Speaker's sub-committee had **outreached to its non-local speakers** and was still **seeking suggestions** for one of its two **local** speakers slots—someone with a 1 or 2 year anniversary. There will be 1 45-minute out-of-town speaker in the a.m. and 2 20 minute local speakers in the p.m.
- A new **sobriety countdown facilitator** was being sought
- Rob D and Michael S are working on **Marketing** developing logos, tickets, and premiums. A promo will occur at the August anniversary meeting and the **ticket sales will begin** at the **Labor Day Anniversary Meeting**
- **Lorenzo** is working on outreaching for **volunteers**. Please let him know if you are interested in helping out at the event.
- The Registration committee (Brett S and Gregg K) will be offering **online ticket sales** for the event.
- A **HALT Lounge** (Hungry, Angry, Lonely, Tired) will be offered during the event and immediately afterwards to provide a safe-space for attendees. Brett S will be outreaching for people to volunteer service in this space.
- The event has a **\$10 ticket price** with scholarships provided as needed.
- Anthony L will be **catering** the event with discounted Starbucks coffee purchased with Richard K's help.

The committee has officially **requested \$ 6,370** to support the event, but **expects \$ 1,500 refunded in Revenue** which will mean NYCMA is expected to be liable for **\$ 4,870**. PI & O offered to move some of their committee's funds to Share-A-Day if needed.

Ed C asked if charging for the event was needed and Stephen indicated that the committee would be happy to make the event free if NYCMA wanted to fund the entire cost. Fernan indicated that the additional expense would overextend NYCMA by counting on additional revenue that may or may not come in before it needs to be expended.

Old Business

Eduardo V resigned as NYCMA secretary. Nadir indicated Brett S was willing to take on the position and the room so elected for the remainder of the term.

New Business

A motion was made to increase the NYCMA Share-A-Day budget to match the above detailed figures. The vote was unanimously affirmed this change.

A question was raised about whether the \$ 1,850 already spent on the NYCMA storage locker was an effective expense when little or nothing has been placed in the locker, and the anticipated value of items still stored at Rainbows & Triangles only amounts to \$400 in Activities supplies.

David H indicated that hundreds of pounds of Expressions of Hope books require a storage location, although a fellow offered his basement. It was suggested that we explore collaborating with Spring Clearance or another fellowship to support the locker in 2013. As the storage space is paid for through the end of 2012, no motion was made.

The group was reminded that the original belief was that the storage space would be a healthy expression of NYCMA's increasing growth and stability as an organization. Committees that might be able to store items in the space were reminded to do so, and investigation will be made during the remainder of this year to determine whether a smaller locker will do.

Brief comments were offered on the French Church Friday's meeting continued search for space and the debut of a new Noontime meeting on Wednesdays with 10-12 attendees on average.

No other new business was presented.

By unanimous decree a motion to close was passed.

See Attached reference documents:

1. NYCMA Budget vs. Actuals 2012 as of 7/25/12
2. 2012 Treasurer's Report Cash by month as of 7/25/12
3. NYCMA Share A Day 2012 Line Item Budget