

New York Crystal Meth Anonymous-- Intergroup Monthly Meeting

Date: November 12, 2012 (October Meeting Make-Up)

Location: GMHC

Sign In:

| Name | Representing |
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| 1) Christopher E. | GSR- Friday Beginner's Meeting |
| 2) Richard K | GSR- xx Meeting |
| 3) Stephen L | Share A Day |
| 4) Daniel L | GSR- Harlem Renaissance Mtg |
| 5) Conor M | NYCMA GSR Coord |
| 6) Jim R | GSR- Promises Mtg |
| 7) Kemett T | Alt GSR- Harlem Mtg |
| 8) Hassan | GSR- Sunday 6 p.m. |
| 9) Carlos V | GSR-Long Term Sobriety Meeting |
| 10) Nadir W | NYCMA Chair |
| 11) Ray R | NYCMA Literature Coordinator |
| 12) Freeze | NYCMA H&I Chair |
| 13) Fernan R | NYCMA Structure & Finance |
| 14) Edward P | NYCMA PI&O Chair |
| 15) David H | NYCMA GSO |
| 16) John H | NYCMA Treasurer |
| 17) Carmine N | |
| 18) Jeff P | GSR- Sunday Beginner's Meeting |
| 19) Brett S | NYCMA Secretary |
| 20) Bill B | NYCMA Activities Committee |
| 21) Conrad | |

Christopher E read "What is CMA?"

Kemett T read "The 12 Traditions."

Nadir W read the Serenity Prayer, reviewed the history of NYCMA and its Intergroup, indicated the meeting format, and stated the alignment of Intergroup purpose to the 12 Traditions.

The secretary called for voting members, 12 were in attendance at the start of the meeting. **Quorum was achieved.**

Conor, Stephen L, Edward P, and Bill B joined the Budget and Structure and Finance report portions of the meeting respectively. Conrad joined the meeting later.

Brett S presented attendees a printed draft of the September Meeting's minutes for review, and they **unanimously voted into record.**

John H. presented the **Treasurer's Report.**

The 2012 Share-a-Day brought in revenue of \$2,213.23, with total expenses of \$ 5,552.00.

Expressions of Hope literature sales brought in \$355 of revenue with \$ 599.94 of revenues coming from CMA meetings 7th Tradition contributions during November. In October we had \$ 903.78 above our Prudent Reserve, but with recent November revenue we are up to \$ 1708.52 about the reserve.

NYCMA Intergroup has paid the Anniversary Meeting room expenses.

John H noted that \$1841.15 of expenses was adjusted to October based on when checks were cut.

John also asked led us through a review of Fiscal Year 2012 year-to-date figures—
\$ 17, 756.73 of Revenue *(includes \$4,230.86 FY 2011 carry-over)
\$ 16,048.21 of Expenses.

John also indicated that literature expenditures might be required to compensate for Literature committee materials destroyed by sewage sent flooding into the 21st Street/11th Avenue storage facility Hurricane Sandy's destruction of our Storage Facility unit contents. As all but the clay chip coins were destroyed including many copies of *Expressions of Hope*, the Literature Committee may need financial support. After John and David reviewed the contents, David H took a picture, and Ray signed a release, ending our contract with the facility. We will receive back \$629 from storage unit company as a courtesy for the November/December rent and security, given that we had no insurance and the damage is considered *force majeure*.

John indicated that in addition to its use during the Share-A-Day ticket sales, the NYCMA PayPal account set up by Brett S is now being used for *Expressions of Hope* sales. David H worked with Brett and the webmaster to insure local meetings and out-of-state individuals can have books purchased and shipped to them.

John H. also indicated that there is \$603 that has been sitting in a separate Literature bank account from a previous Fiscal Year that is holding the account open.

Fernan raised three financial concerns:

- 1) he suggested committees clearly consider ticket sales part of event budgets and not add-ons
- 2) he inquired whether committees had lowered or eliminated unspent approvals on the budget in light of end of the year financial need
- 3) he indicated that the August adjustment vote increasing Share-A-Day 2012's budget by \$1,100 was not made on the Budget vs. Actuals chart (*(John indicated that he missed the August meeting and would now make the change on the budget)

A motion to approve the budget was made and it was unanimously accepted with 17 votes.

Committee Reports

Fernan reported on **Structure and Finance** indicating that there were two issues under consideration by the committee:

- 1) the elections for Intergrroup 2013 positions at the next meeting should involve the use of a table where all interested candidates can write their names up at once for collective review
- 2) based on another fellowship's recent financial issues around embezzlement, Fernan suggested a formal monthly bank statement review by Structure and Finance and the Chair to insure that funds exist to back up financial reports

Edward gave the **PI&O** report indicating that the committee performed the **continued monitoring** of the voicemail and website email.

Jeffrey F offered the **H&I committee** report, announcing the committee's formal commitment as the **St. Christopher's Inn** in Garrison, N.Y. with Richard K serving as the panel leader every month's **2nd Sunday**. He also indicated that we are in **negotiations to speak at Beth Israel's** inpatient facility, and are currently working on meetings with Phoenix House and the New York City Department of Corrections.

He indicated that the H&I committee is currently working to set up several **positions for coordinating these "panel" events** at locked facilities including:

Panel Coordinator (requires 2 years sobriety)- *Coordinates and invites panel participants*

Panel Leaders (requires 1 year sobriety)- *Commits to specific meetings*

Panel Speakers (requires 6 months sobriety)

Panel Participants (requires 90 days sobriety)

He indicated that the **committee would work to fill these positions** and develop **curriculum and an orientation day** to get the program off the ground.

Jeffrey F also indicated that the committee will **ask fellows to pass on information about rehab and jail /institutions info via NYCMA email** to help us grow our points of contact. Stephen L complimented the efforts.

David H gave the **Literature report** filling in for Mark L. He passed around the **anonymity pamphlet** booklet, indicating that revisions had been made after planning and review meetings. He indicated that further suggestions or comments could be given to Mark L or himself.

David indicated that he and Mark L each **have about 60 copies of Expressions of Hope available for sale** that they had pulled from storage before the storm. These copies are being sold via the web and directly at events. **To date, 71 copies have been sold face-to-face**, the H&I committee currently has 10 copies and additional online orders have been placed in recent weeks.

David indicated that the **committee's 1st priority is to replenish destroyed pamphlets**, with a goal of making 5,000 copies. The **anonymity brochure in particular would cost \$ 350 for a 1000 copy print run**. David indicated that he and Mark would identify the order of

replication importance given whatever funding they received from NYCMA, with “What is CMA?” as one of the first to be reproduced.

David also indicated that the new **newsletter might be taken over** by world at their expense.

Ray provided a **Literature Coordinator** report, indicating that John H had summarized the state of the storage and literature committee. He also shared that at least 500 or 1000 chips are safe as he was holding them at home.

He also indicated that:

- 1) he has approximately **\$45 in Revenue** from meetings that purchased chips
- 2) several **CMA meeting literature chairs** had arranged for chips or literature to be purchased via Ray but **did not show up with the funds**—he gave them the items on expectation of payment and is awaiting the funds. Intergroup attendees suggested the items not be turned over in such cases in the future.

Conor gave the **GSR Coordinator** report, asking only whether everyone received his online reports each month highlighting **Intergroup action minutes** and inquiring whether people found the reports useful. Richard K, Carlos V, and Jeffrey P complimented the reports as **incredibly appreciated and useful**.

Bill B gave the **Activities Committee** report indicating that chance efforts at aligning the **Holiday Party** and Anniversary meeting had actually resulted in a small window decision to **book Room 301 at the Center for Saturday, December 8 from 4 to 9 p.m.** for \$500 (party from 6-9 pm).

Based on the limited planning time and the smaller budget than past years, Bill indicated that discussion had occurred regarding the possibilities of the event serving **Pot Luck** to avoid complex food costs and the event **fundraising for the Literature Committee’s losses** through a suggested donation. He asked for volunteers, suggesting that the 3-week turn around time could be helped by the above suggestions and having 3-4 members serving as performers for the event, avoiding complex staging.

Fernan complimented the fundraising idea and indicated that readings of *Expressions of Hope* selections could also be part of the event.

Richard K indicated that Bill should feel free to make decisions within the Activities Committee regarding the event and that there would only be a need to vote if an adjustment of funding was needed.

John H indicated that other committees like Public Information had budgeted expenses that, if they were not going to be used, could be ceded over to the Holiday Party and the Literature Committee to afford the event and the pamphlets.

As a point of clarification, it was confirmed that **collecting donations and fundraising for one of the committees within the fellowships activities was in alignment with the Traditions** and was permissible because it was self-sustaining.

Fernan gave the Vice Chair report for Mark who had broken his foot and was on crutches. He indicated that the Anniversary Meeting needed to be listed on the website. He also reported that \$95 had been collected at the last Anniversary meeting with \$22 expended on the cake by Stephen L. Money brought in from meetings is funneled to cake and chips costs, with quarterly contributions made.

David H gave the GSO World Report indicating that a joint committee of PI&O and Communications will very shortly release the survey forms for the 1st CMA survey. The survey is now completely anonymous and will be provided to Meeting GSRs with a protocol suggested for choosing a date via a Business Meeting and having attendees fill out a survey form on only one occasion.

Questions were raised as points of order about Old Business.

Brett inquired whether a viewing of the World Public Service Announcement was going to happen, as it had been announced to occur already for review and decisions on potential usage. No further information on the showing was available about this as Billy U was not in attendance.

Edward inquired about the previously planned vote regarding NYCMA's return to serving as a Clearinghouse for NA/AA Literature, raised by John H's motion (friendly amendment to Roger's motion) at the previous meeting.

A small debate ensued about whether a vote of any kind needed to occur given that by-laws were not properly changed when the Literature Committee requested approval to stop connecting meetings with AA and NA literature.

A point of order was raised reiterating that the September attendees had agreed to vote at the October meeting as a matter of showing meetings respect for having not previously consulted them. A compromise to share with meetings that the reversal had been approved based on their inquiries because it was agreed that the original decision had overstepped bounds.

Ray reminded us that we would have to purchase Literature again if this was the case.

Under New Business, we examined the needs that the Literature Committee had for replenishing its stock.

Given the current limited operating budget beyond the Prudent Reserve, a discussion ensued to figure out whether a request to dip into the Prudent Reserve was needed while awaiting some additional revenue, or whether a staggered expenditure for literature could occur.

One option offered was to close the separate literature account emptying the \$603 and combining it with the \$629 returned from the Storage Unit and use these with the existing operating budget to afford Literature and Holiday Party expenses along with using all of our operating budget and some of our Prudent Reserve.

This premise argued that new revenues would come in from the \$10 per ticket Holiday Party donation, the Literature revenue funds, the \$600 of *Expressions of Hope* sales, and other holiday party funds.

Edward opened a discussion about how much we would consider tapping into the Prudent Reserve that opened a debate with \$1,300 and \$1,700 figures under discussion. Stephen L argued that the new revenue could be a mandatory part of the immediately replenishing the reserve funds.

David H made a motion that we should tap into the Prudent Reserve by \$1,300 and John H seconded this motion, indicating that the current situation best represented the “if ever there was a reason” argument.

Fernan raised concerns about tapping into the Prudent Reserve, fearing that we could end up left with only \$500 to enter FY 2013 and struggling to have enough January 7th Tradition contributions to fund spring events.

Given the available book funds and upcoming revenues, and the optimistic expectations for the Holiday party, a friendly amendment was made to allot \$1,700 to literature.

A vote was called with 20 for, 0 against, and 1 abstention.

In other business, an invitation was made to continue to store items at Rainbows and Triangles in the basement for the time being.

Finally, John H suggested that the Secretary of the body could maintain archives and reconcile old bank statements and Treasurer’s reports in an online archive.

Jeff Freeze indicated that a digital archive space exists in the website cloud originally made for H & I. It was determined that no vote was needed to execute this, and Brett offered to work on a digital archive project in late December.

Carlos announced that he is work on a draft of a Traditions Chair position with Patrick and Ava based on the by-laws to be presented at the next meeting.

It was decided for the purposes of having a “November/December” meeting for elections voting that we would gather on Wednesday, December 12, 2012, with GSRs promoting the election meeting at their own meetings. This decision was a formal motion with 14 in favor and 1 against.

John raised a question about who could coordinate requesting a bigger space from GMHC for future meetings. Nadir agreed to work with GMHC staffer Ashleigh to resolve the issue.

A motion to close the meeting was approved.