

**New York Crystal Meth Anonymous  
Intergroup Monthly Meeting  
Wednesday, January 30th, 2013**

**Attendees:** Mark V (Chair), Brett S (Treasurer), Jeff S (Secretary), Adam P (GSR Fri Beginners/SIR Sat. 9:30), David H (GSO), Ricardo C (GSR Harlem Ren.), Kemett T (GSR Coordinator), Richard K. (GRS Tue 7:30/Share-A-Day Chair), Roger S. (GSR Astoria), Christopher E (Lit. Chair), Billy U (PI&O Chair), Woody E (GSR Relapse Prevention), Fernan R (Structure and Finance), Carlos V (GSR Sun 6:15 Step), Jim R (GSR LTS), Bob O (GSR GMHP), Nadir H (PI&O Officer), Carmine N (Lit. Coordinator), Edward P (Activities Chair), Christopher C (GSR Fri 6:15), Andrew C (GSR New Tools), Bill B (Vice Chair), Freeze (H&I)

Mark V called meeting to order at 7:30 pm.  
Reading of "About CMA".  
Reading of "What is CMA".  
Reading of 12 Traditions and Purpose Statement.

Quorum was confirmed.

I. **Minutes:** Corrections - Nadir W. added as Public Information Officer

**MOTION** to approve December. Minutes were *approved*.

II. **Treasurers Report - John H**

Total revenue for 2012:	\$26,648.69
Total expenses	<u>\$18,282.26</u>
Cash Carry Forward	\$ 8,282.26

**MOTION** to approve Treasurer's Report. **MOTION passed** with 1 abstention

III. **Structure and Finance - Fernan R**

- The Structure and Finance report matches the Treasury report to the penny.
- ***Budgets need to be presented as soon as possible.***
- Deadline for proposed budgets should come to him by the March meeting at the latest. Budgets are approved individually and are generally approved for funding as they come in, so the sooner your budget is approved, the sooner monies can be paid out for expenses.
- Heads of Committee should have copies of budgets, look at what was spent last year, and see if you need to request more funds.
- **NOTE:** GMHC is cheaper to rent, so if there are extra meetings scheduled by committees, please consider using GMHC over the Center whenever possible.

IV. **Public Information & Outreach - Billy U**

- Committee met on Jan 17th to discuss what P&I have done in the past, is doing now, and hopes to do in 2013, including outreach booths at Gay Pride and Folsom East.
- Postcards were distributed to members; they were left at LGBT Center.
- There were a few calls to the help line.

- A proposed Amendment signed by 3 voting members was submitted to change by-laws to be comprehensive of Public Information & Outreach possibilities. Copies were distributed. Proposed Amendment will be voted on at February meeting.
- Looking at free publications where we could advertise, and also exploring free website banners.

V. **Public Information & Outreach Officer Report - Nadir H**

Billy has been getting him up to speed to respond to the help line. Should be taking over the responsibility soon.

VI. **Hospitals and Institutions – Freeze**

- Have been no meetings yet this year.
- Decided they will do an **H&I Orientation Day** either Feb 23<sup>rd</sup> or Feb 24<sup>th</sup>. Announcements will be sent out to GSR's for anyone who would like to participate as speaker, chair, volunteer or for information. Topics include: how to speak at a jail vs. rehab vs. therapeutic communities; orientation of people as to structure and process of getting a meeting into an Institution; mobile meetings. Panel leader will get a speaker and bring people along to get used to facility. More people in the fellowship who find a level of interest in H&I will be shown the complexities of how they can participate and what it is about.
- There is a meeting at St. Christopher's Inn on the second Sunday of every month.
- First ever Phoenix House CMA meeting in LI City had over 100 attendees. Beth Israel not operational yet. Brought H&I business cards to counselors so that they knew whom to contact. Suggestion was made to bring pamphlets and meeting lists in future.

VII. **Literature Chair – Christopher E.**

Working on transition issues. Meeting with former chairs to make an assessment of last year.

VIII. **Literature Coordinator - Carmine N**

- New Space for Literature - Manhattan Mini-Storage, 520 West 17th (cross 11<sup>th</sup>) has been secured (on the 9<sup>th</sup> floor).
- AA Program literature, NA Program Literature, World CMA *Crystal Clear*, NYCMA *Expressions of Hope*, NYCMA and World Pamphlets, and Chips are available
- Replacement expenses after Hurricane Sandy
 

AA	\$712.50
NA	\$420
Chips	\$598.50
CMA World	\$633.29 (Bronze CMA medallions and <i>Crystal Clear</i> Books)
Storage	\$351.00 including security deposit. (Rent and 3K insurance = \$175/mo.)
- Hours for literature pick up are Friday 5pm-6pm; please contact Carmine N, Literature Coordinator at [clearinghouse@nycma.org](mailto:clearinghouse@nycma.org).
- Chips went up from .35 to .36 per chip.
- Bookstore “Choices” located at 220 E. 78th St.(between 2nd and 3rd), New York, NY 10021 is interested in carry *Expressions of Hope*
- There was discussion regarding creating CMA 12 Step and Tradition banners that could also be sold through the clearinghouse.

**IX. GSR Coordinator - Kemett T**

Compile a list of emails from sign-in sheet and abbreviated minutes sent to GSR's. GSR minutes do not need to be details, just what is reported to group.

**X. Activities Committee - Edward P**

- 3 members expressed interest in joining committee thus far.
- They will be bringing some past events, e.g., Holiday Party and are open to new events.
- They are looking to produce 3 to 5 events this year.
- Holiday decorations are in new storage locker.
- Any new ideas (some are in development) are welcome; please see Edward. The committee is there to serve the fellowship.

**XI. Vice Chair Report - Bill B**

- 130 people were at the Anniversary meeting. Over \$100 was raised in 7th tradition.
- Do we want to turn money to Treasurer monthly or quarterly?
- There are 23 people celebrating anniversaries from January, from 1 to 23 years. We are booked in Rm. 101.
- There is a new team working on the meeting: Bill B, Mark M (Secretary), and Mark L (Chair).
- Will be selling *Expressions of Hope* at the meeting.
- Time to share will be limited from 2.5 to 3 minutes.
- Discussion on extending meeting until 9:15 due to amount of celebrants. Bill B will check; it was *recommended* that we keep to our time.

**XII. General Service Officer – David H**

- CMA Membership Survey was released and need GSR's to help to distribute and collect completed surveys.
- Procedure - GSR will explain the survey in their next business meeting, decide on date and then administer the survey. GSR's please announce in advance when the survey will take place. The survey can be taken after the meeting or during the business meeting. All surveys must be collected from all participants on the date administered; to not do so would break anonymity. If GSR's are not comfortable administering the survey please contact Conor M, Billy U or David H. GSR's will be responsible for distributing survey and returning them to David H - GSO; survey deadline: March 31st.

**XIII. Share-A-Day - Richard K**

- **This event and its volunteerism are open to the entire fellowship.**
- Not met yet as members who are interested are also busy with other events. Steering Committee will be formed to look at the finances. Verbally contacted some key players to help formulate a vision.
- Looking at the first weekend in October again. Should be able to formulate something significant by March.
- Richard will use events email: [events@cma.org](mailto:events@cma.org).
- Fernan R suggested that there be a fellowship event that evening.
- Recruiting people from out of town for the event. The Steering Committee would be a group of people who have special talents in order to help facilitate the event (finance, PR, etc.).
- Suggestion to work closely with the Treasurer to eliminate any budgeting confusion.

#### XIV. Old Business

##### 1) HOLIDAY PARTY

**MOTION** was made to utilize the holiday party event as an annual fundraiser for CMA. Pros and Cons were discussed, including the fact that by virtue of charging admission it historically IS a fundraiser. 8 in favor, 10 opposed, 3 abstentions. **MOTION** fails.

##### 2) BOARD TERM EXPIRATION

Noting that our governing Board of Directors has not been re-elected or had a meeting in accordance with our By-Laws, Billy U suggested Fernan R (Structure and Finance) coordinate its adherence. Fernan is going to be out of commission for a short while and requested assistance or an ad hoc committee to address this. Billy and Bill B will work with Fernan. As the Board of Directors is responsible for maintaining our 501(c)(3) status compliance, this is an **Urgent issue**.

##### 3) TRADITIONS CHAIR

Carlos V. submitted a proposal adding a new officer in the position of “Traditions Chair” so that there is someone to advise that all decisions that are made are in line with the 12 traditions. This is an advisory position and would require an amendment to the by-laws. Copies were not available for distribution, so it will be sent to Secretary to distribute for discussion under Old Business next month.

#### XV. New Business

1) Was requested that the Survey be brought to our Anniversary meeting, however, since it is a Special Open Meeting attended by non-addicts, it was not recommended.

2) David H made **MOTION** to allocate @1,200 for travel expenses for our two representatives attending CMA World Conference in Minneapolis from Feb. 28 – March 3. **MOTION** passes unanimously.

3) Mark V brought to our attention that the By-Laws posted on our website need to be updated with all of the amendments that have been previously approved; he has some updates in his binder that are not reflected on the website. Structure and Finance will meet and go through that.

**MOTION** to adjourn at 9:00pm.