

**New York Crystal Meth Anonymous
Intergroup Monthly Meeting
Wednesday, March 26, 2014**

Attendees: Andre R (GSR Good Morning HP), Bernard B (GSR Promises), Billy U (PI&O), Bob O (Co-chair), Brett S (Treas.), Carlos V (Structure and Finance), Christian P (GSR Tuesday Beginners), Danny O (Activities), Dan R (GSR A1), Eddie M, Frankie E (Share-a-Day), Freeze (Sec), George T (GSR New Tooles), Jeff S (Lit. Co.), Jono M (Lit Chair), Mark G (GSR Solutions), Michael C (GSR Crystal Clear), Norm I (GSR Coordinator), Patrick T (GSR Bridge Back to Life) Richard Q (GSR Long term Sobriety), Rishi M (Alt. GSR Big Book), Ross H (GSO), Roger S (PI&O Officer)

A Quorum was established with 10 Voting Members.

Minutes: March minutes were *approved, unanimously, with 7 corrections.*

I. Treasurers Report –Brett S

- End February bank balance \$6,148.87
- This does include an \$1,800.00 prudent reserve
- To bring up in new business:
 - Financial proposals to create checks & balances on Treasury processes.

Treasurers Report *approved unanimously*

II. Structure and Finance – Carlos V.

- Had a wonderful meeting of the sub-Structure & Finance Budget Guideline Committee
- As Brett said we have devised some recommendations, which will be presented in new business.

III. Public Information –Billy U.

- Monitor helpline, responded to emails and maintain website.
- Attended CMA World General Services Conference.
- Had a meeting with PI&O Officer March 20, 2014.

IV. Public Officer Report – Roger S.

- Meet with Billy U.

V. Hospitals and Institutions – Vaughn B. (Not in Attendance)

VI. Literature Chair – Jono M

- Need only half of the money budgeted for printing of Crystal Clear Newsletter for Spring 2014 (\$700.00 for next printing as opposed to \$1,400.00).
- Thanks David H, Mark L. and Alex.

VII. Literature Coordinator – Jeff S.

- Selling a lot of Expressions of Hope.
- Things are going well.

VIII. GSR Coordinator – Norm I

- No report
- (Billy U) GSR report should be sent to NYCMA officers, via the NYCMA GSR Coordinator email address.
- (Norm I) Let's chat off line to get that set up.

IX. Activities Committee – Danny O.

- Potluck Game Day this Sunday 2:30-5:30 at the center.
- I am approved to make reservations for rooms at the center but can I reserve a room; for example; for another committee chair and does this body needs to pay for the room before the event?
- (Brett S) (Point of Clarification) You as Activities Chair can reserve a room with the Center without having to go through either NYCMA Treasurer or Chair of Structure & Finance but only for activities. If another committee chair needs to reserve a room they need to contact one of the aforementioned officers to get 'approval'. As far payment, the Center will bill the Treasurer of NYCMA after the event for payment.
- (Danny O) If any committee of NYCMA wants to set up a table during the 'Pot Luck/Game Day' so the fellowship can learn about your committee please talk to me after meeting.
- An Activities sub-committee is meeting monthly.
- Requested at last NYCMA meeting a budget of \$405.00 for the 'Pot Luck/Game Day' but spent \$25.00 for flyers, which was not a line item of that approved budget.
- (Brett S) (Point of Clarification) If budgets are approved the cost of this item will be embedded in that budget. If this is a request for addition funds that request should be made in new business.
- (Danny O) Can we have a Facebook page to announce events?
 - (Carlos V) Anonymity is a concern and we have had issues in the past with anonymity being broken via Facebook.
 - (Billy U) We have an Activities tab on the NYCMA website. Talk off line to add committee activities to NYCMA's website.
- (Danny O) We want to have a cookout in a city park in the summer with volleyball, or baseball but we would need to apply with city and there is a \$25.00 application fee plus another \$25.00 application fee for the rain date. I will request these funds in new business.
- Halloween dance and Holiday party might be at different venue than LGBT Center because of the Center's new rules (due to the construction) that they only tell you if you have a requested room a month before the event. I feel we cannot risk this at the Center; we have to plan for these large events and be assured that we have the space needed to host them.
 - (Brett) Maybe I should email Orie at the Center and see if we can lock down Halloween and Christmas dates. She may make an exception to the

rule for those dates since they are such big events and represent a sizable income to the Center in rent.

- (Danny O) Lastly, if we as committee want to add an activity, after looking at budgets and seeing that prior events broke even or created revenue, may we request to add activities and create budgets for them from NYCMA Intergroup?
- (Brett S) Absolutely, events can be added during the year as long as funds are available to cover them.
- (Jono M) Thank you for your report! This represents a lot of phone call and hard work.
- (Christian P) (Point) Halloween-night (October 31) has 3 sober events happening in NYC by other sober organizations.
 - (Danny O) As these are not CMA-related events, that is not a concern.

X. Vice Chair Report - Bob O.

- Anniversary meeting for February went well.
- Orie from the Center called and said because of construction the two big rooms are not available for next few months (April & May).
- The meeting could convene at church across the street from Center which has been done before; Bob will check on that tomorrow.
- We will need to send the GSR's a notice to announce new venue for the anniversary meeting.
- I have cut the anniversary meeting budget by half.

XI. General Service Officer - Ross H.

- NYCMA sent two delegates to the World CMA Service Conference: Freeze and Ross.
- Several people from NY attended and sat in on committees: Billy U. on PI&O, Freeze on H&I, David H. on Lit. committee, John T. on Executive Board; John T was honored for his 2 terms of service as a Regional Trustee.
- Billy U was nominated as mid-Atlantic regional Trustee at the CMA World Service Conference. His nomination will be confirmed by the current Trustees at their annual meeting in Los Angeles, July 2014.
- Voted by delegates: Not to consider the motion to change the language of the steps.
- Delegate from the UK and Australia were present, and were granted voting privileges at CMA World, via a unanimous vote from voting members.
- We have a growing fellowship and we need funds on the world level. To do this they put forward that the suggested 7th Tradition donation be \$2.00 instead of \$1.00, and to encourage groups in our area to donate part of their 7th Tradition to CMA World.
- Current GSR's should resister their meeting on the CMA World website, so CMA World has a current contact person for that meeting.
- World H&I is looking for stories about getting sober while incarcerated. Suggested script for announcement:
 - **Have you been incarcerated?**

**Have you found recovery through working the 12 steps?
We want your story.**

The CMA Hospitals and Institutions World Committee is looking for submissions from crystal meth addicts who have found recovery while incarcerated. These stories are being compiled for a new pamphlet titled, “Inside Looking Out: A Sober Cell”.

- Snail Mail Submissions: Please submit submissions with a release form to Attn: H&I Committee CMA General Services. 4470 W Sunset Blvd Ste 107 PMB 555. Los Angeles CA 90027-6302; release form available is at: <http://www.crystalmeth.org/print.php>
- Electronic submission: <http://crystalmeth.org/fellowship/hospitals-institutions-committee/submit-your-h-i-story.html>
- All submissions must have a release form which gives CMA permission to reproduce these stories.
- Baltimore is now part of mid-Atlantic Region and will host MARCMA next year.
- MARCMA date July 12 possibly at LGBT Center (301). But the issue of room request not guaranteed till a month before an event is of great concern in planning an event like MARCMA. It was requested that Brett discuss this date with Orié when he discusses Activities Committee’s dates.
- (Brett S) Yes.
- (Ross H) I will look at other spaces as well.

XII. Share-A-Day - Frankie E

- I have submitted a budget to Brett.
- The budget reflects an increase from last year’s budget due to:
 - There will not have a free venue this year.
 - Renting space for committee meetings (10 days) at GMHC
 - And projected rise in food cost
- We are looking at school where the event was held last year.
- We have two potential main speakers.
- We are looking for a theme for share-a-day.
 - (Billy U) Going back to the issue of venue rental, we (NYCMA) made a donation to last year’s venue. As part of our traditions we cannot accept donations from outside enterprises. I do not recall the figure. Brett S. stated it was \$164.00
 - (Brett S) At our last NYCMA meeting we passed a motion to cut each committees budgets by 30%, requiring greater prudence in our budgeting.
 - (Frankie E) Looking at venues & food cost; Costs can be cut in venue and food line items, but will need to research the options and come back with a revised budget.
 - (Roger S) Are we keeping ticket pricing same?
 - (Frankie E) We will most likely have to raise ticket prices to cover

cost and reduce any losses via this event.

- (Brett S) Last year (2013) the event (Share-a-Day) cost NYCMA \$5981.00 which was an increase of \$400.00 from year before (2012); last year Share-a-Day's revenue was \$2386.68 (2013) leaving NYCMA a cost over-run of \$3,594.32. This year's (2014) proposed budget is increase of \$2000.00 over last year's budget. This proposed budget, for this one activity, could if approved, threaten our organizations financial solubility.
- (Richard Q) We need to decide, as a governing body, how much we want or can afford to lose on this event this year.
- (Jono M) Now that Frankie knows the issues with budget and our concerns of budget and cost. We should let him and his committee, go back and do the work to resolve these issues.
- (Brett S) NYCMA might not be able to vote on the other committee budgets or an overall NYCMA budget for 2014 until this is resolved.
- (Christian P) Can we even afford to do Share-A-Day this year at all?
- (Ross H) NYCMA's Share-a-Day is not an AA or NA sponsor event, it is our fellowship and it is important to the new comer that NYCMA host its own Share-a-Day.

XIII. Old Business

- No old business

XIV. New Business

- Financial Proposals
 - **Motion 1:** NYCMA expenditure procedure requires both of the following to be true to avoid refusal of payment:
 - All committee chairs or deputized designees must first attempt to use vendors who generate a bill that is given to the treasurer to be paid in advance of services/goods being rendered and
 - After research, when a fellow believe this to be not possible, they must report this information to the Treasurer and gain email/written approval from the Treasurer to make any and ALL personal expenditures over \$100.00 before they are placed.
 - ***Motion Passes***
 - **Motion 2:** No committee can run costs over preapproved budget amounts without signed approval of two of the three of the following officers: the NYCMA Intergroup Chair, the NYCMA Intergroup Treasurer, the NYCMA Intergroup Structure & Finance Officer.
 - Friendly Amendment (Jeff S): Exceptions being if vital expenditure occurs in between NYCMA Intergroup meeting (i.e. a need for literature or chips for the fellowship) and does not exceed \$250.00.

- ***Motion Passes***
- **Motion 3:** NYCMA should indicate to its banking agents that no cash maybe withdrawn through the organization's debt card.
 - ***Motion Passes***
- **Motion 4:** That the Treasurer writes a check that removes the \$1,800.00 Prudent Reserve from the checking account and turns it over for TD Bank to establish a savings account whose two signatories do not include the Treasurer.
 - Friendly Amendment: That the two signatories be the NYCMA Intergroup Chair and the NYCMA Intergroup Structure & Finance Chair.
 - ***Motion Passes***
- **Budget Request:** (Danny O) Activities Committee request a total of \$75.00; \$50.00 for the 2 applications to the city of NY and \$25.00 for flyers for the potluck events.
 - ***Budget Items Approved***
- **Motion 5:** To table all committee budgets till April NYCMA Intergroup meeting.
 - ***Motion Passes***

Motion to Adjourn at 9:01