

# NYCMA INTERGROUP



Location: GMHC  
Date: 7/31/2019  
Time: 7:00PM

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SECRETARY: HONORABLE DARREN M

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## I. Call to order

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### *In Attendance:*

*Michael C (Chair), Hernando C (Vice Chair), Darren M (Secretary), Ross H (Treasurer), Freddy P (Activities Chair), Brett S (Share-A-Day Chair), Gustavo G (GSO), Dirk D (GSR Coordinator), Hernan V (Literature Coordinator), Leo S (PI&O Chair), Andrew S (Public Information Officer), and Gerry P (Literature Chair) Bruce W (Structure & Finance Chair).*

*GSR's Present: Damian J (Sunday Step), Fernan R (CMS En Espanol), Phil B (Clean & Queer NJ), Bob O (New Tooles), Andrew C (Sex Intimacy Relationships), Roger S (Harlem Renaissance), Bill S (Good Morning Higher Power), Marc L (Westchester CMA), and Ken D (Big Book).*

*Other Fellows in Attendance: Robert B, Marvin A, Mark M, Roman S*

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Michael C called the meeting to order at 7:00PM and readings were completed by Roman S (What is CMA?) and Phil B (12 Traditions). Secretary then confirmed attendance and Quorum (9) was met with 21 voting members.

## II. Approval of minutes from prior meetings.

Motion to approve minutes from June 26<sup>th</sup> with edits passed.

## III. Treasurer's Report – Ross H

### a) Bank Account Details

- i) TD Bank Balance: \$14,541.18
- ii) Prudent Reserve: \$2,000
- iii) Total Current Assets: \$12,541.18

- b) Ross H also informed that rent for the anniversary meeting is paid 2 months in advance and the post office box is paid through year end, and go daddy paid 1 year in advance. Those numbers are not reflected in report.

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- c) Fernan R had a question about donations and if we had the number from last year at this time to compare. Ross H will get and report next month but was also pointed out that if you look at the last years number (8k) and our donations as of July 31<sup>st</sup> (6k), we are on a good track.
- d) Brett S (Share – A – Day chair) wanted to make a clarification and potential budget change as it projects \$3500 in ticket revenue and this number has never been matched in the past and a more realistic goal for ticket sales is \$2500.
- e) Ken D had asked a question about how much money is idling for sub committees to use and it was clarified that these budgets were created already.
- f) Gerry P had asked if the account accrues interest but being that it is a checking account the answer is no.
- g) Motion to approve treasurers report passed.

## **IV. Structure & Finance Chair - Bruce W**

- a) Subcommittee that had been formed previously has been depleted for the bylaws committee. Bruce inquired about getting new volunteers and a few members of Intergroup offered assistance but others are welcome and should out to Bruce.
- b) Bruce also wanted it stated in the record that he assisted Ross H in reconciling the books.

## **V. PI&O – Leo S**

- a) Update on website. Meetings, minutes and event updates have been consistently updated.
- b) Discussion ensued about an NYCMA Bulletin. Goals are to have it sent out monthly on the second Wednesday. The thought behind this is that Intergroup occurs last Wednesday and it would give one week for attendees to submit the content to Leo and then one week for Leo S to put together and set up. Bulletin will include NYCMA related activities, GSR announcements, link to sound cloud for online qualifications, big events, etc. Will be set up using MailChimp which is the service currently being used by Freddy P for activities. Concerns about using names and anonymity were brought up, users can create anonymous Gmail accounts if their current one has their name and, in the form, you fill out online you can put in whatever you prefer (i.e. Princess Banana Hammack) to protect real names.
- c) Leo will put together a SMALL subcommittee to proof and such.

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- d) Consensus was made as a group that no motion needed to be filed, Leo is free to start and report back later on success or areas of opportunity, MailChimp is free for up to 2000 subscribers so no budget would be affected.
- e) Ken D had inquired if there will be a broader public outreach for this mailing list and Leo S said not as of now but we can address that later when we feel the Bulletin is working.

## **VI. Public Information Officer – Andrew S**

- We received 2 phone calls. One was from a mother looking for information for her son regarding what is CMA and if we do recover from Crystal Meth Addiction, and another from someone looking for a meeting in the Bronx.
- Andrew shared his recovery story and how the 12-step fellowship works as well as NYCMA anniversary meeting. Also referred to the website for the meeting schedule.
- Andrew offered to meet the fellow at Agnostics meeting on Thu since NYCMA doesn't have a meeting in The Bronx.
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## **VII. Hospitals & Institutions Chair – Richard L (Not Present, Report Sent to Darren M)**

- i) My expenditures for the past month were zero, but I gave \$200 from my budget to help the MARCMA attendees get there. This was discussed 2 months ago at the Intergroup meeting. Michael and Ross both said it was at my discretion. My Staten Island chair needs to be absent for this Friday. I'm putting an announcement on see amazing, but if anyone at the meeting would like to do it, please have them reach out to me. All other commitments are taken care of, for the next two months. I'm going to do absolutely everything to be at every Intergroup meeting, through the rest of the year. I take my service seriously, and am sorry for the lack of attendance to date. Thank you.

## **VIII. Literature Report – Gerry P**

- a) Mark L is editing, needs pictures to add to submissions which Ross H is helping with. They have a lot of good material.

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- b) Michael C had brought up the discussion from the prior month intergroup about ensuring that Gerry P is supported in whatever he may need to understand the direction of the newsletter, timing, etc. and that we are here for him if he needs. Gerry will ponder this over and reach out and report next month.

## **IX. Literature Coordinator – Hernan V.**

- a) Hernan confirmed that the \$50 he was missing from the Tuesday Beginner meeting has been paid by their new Treasurer Glenn M.
- b) Hernan had stated he would do an inventory of the literature in the locker but was unable to do so and will do before next meeting.

## **X. GSR Coordinator – Dirk D**

- a) Dirk had received help from Rob R on the previous format of the GSR announcements and have made updates to his.
- b) GSR distribution is continually being updated.

## **XI. Activities Chair – Freddy P**

- a) The NYCMA picnic was a great success, 150 members attended. Freddy will provide a mini report for the financials of the event by next meeting.
- b) Brett S had commented that next time and for further events to keep certain, dietary restrictions, as well as religious accommodations for the menus.
- c) Fernan R had suggested maybe a new location for next year, perhaps the Riverbank park.
- d) August Activities:
  - i) August 6th – Oklahoma
  - ii) August 11<sup>th</sup> - Kayaking
  - iii) August 17th – Good Boys
  - iv) August 26<sup>th</sup> - Aladdin

## **XII. Vice Chair – Hernando C**

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## i) Anniversary Meetings

- (1) July had 15 Celebrants; August has 11 thus far.
- (2) There was a script change motion that occurred during June 26<sup>th</sup> meeting (see website for minutes) and Hernando reported that it went great
- (3) Fernan R had suggested making a Hospitality portion like the regular groups, but it was discussed to ensure that they do bring and follow up would be difficult. Bruce C could use some help in baking the cupcakes. It was noted for those who would like to help could be reimbursed for ingredients.

## XIII. GSO Report – Gustavo G

- a) MARCMA was a huge success! Many scholarships were granted for not only the event but travel due to donations from H&I Chair (Richard L \$200) and Activities (Freddy P \$106). Qualifications that occurred during the event will be updated to Crystal Meth.org as soon as possible.
- b) Ross H had suggested too for next year's budget that scholarships for the event are included as the beginning budgetary requests.

## XIV. Share-A-Day – Brett S

- a) Saturday October 12
- b) Same location as last year, the space will be more intimate this year.
- c) The committee has been very busy, have a theme, working on logo, will have social media campaign with little pieces of information being released one at a time.
- d) The committee is meeting every Thursday from 6-8 at GMHC. There is a private Facebook group for those that want to be involved and service opportunities still available as there will be a plethora of tasks to complete.
- e) An area of opportunity that was presented from the experience last year is to ensure that there is an adequate cleanup crew. Also, to bring the workshop leaders into this conversation so they can also assist to ensure that the classrooms are not only clean but left in the manner in which we found them.

## XV. General Services Committee – David H (RIP)



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- With sadness to report our fellow David H passed away recently. Appointed new trustee in new business.

## **XVI. Old Business**

## **XVII. New Business**

- i) Motion to send the GSO (currently Gustavo) to this year's World conference.
  - (1) Bruce W mentioned in is in the bylaws that the GSO is suggested to attend.
    - (a) 2 pros presented being that if we have the funds and can afford then the GSO should go and also it would be good to have more NYC representation at the conference.
    - (b) Motion Pass 19Y, 0N, and 2A
- ii) Michael C addressed the meeting asking how should NYCMA address issues of members who choose to drink alcohol, but want to hold service positions. After significant discussion we agreed to the following.....
  - The preamble defines recovery as "freedom crystal meth and all mind-altering substances."
  - The only requirement for membership is a desire to stop using.
  - The group conscience determines whether a person can drink and hold a service position. It is not solely any one person's decision.
  - How one celebrates their anniversary is a personal decision. We don't judge or condemn.
  - All are free to participate in service positions without a sobriety requirement without question.
  - (a) Also, a discussion ensued that the purpose of intergroup is only to ensure that information and scripts are accurate for each group and that also each group is autonomous and therefore is responsible for their own service positions and trusted servants.

## **XVIII. MOTION TO CLOSE**