

NYCMA INTERGROUP



Location: GMHC
Date: 10/30/2019
Time: 7:00PM

SECRETARY: HONORABLE DARREN M

I. Call to order

In Attendance:

Darren M (Chair Substitute), Ross H (Treasurer), Brett S (Share-A-Day Chair), Dirk D (GSR Coordinator), Hernan V (Literature Coordinator), Richard L (H&I Chair), Leo S (PI&O Chair), and Andrew S (Public Information Officer)

GSR's Present: Damian J (Sunday Step), Roger S (Harlem Renaissance), Bill S (Good Morning Higher Power), Shareef (GSR Agnostics), Vinny B (GSR Creativity in Sobriety), Marvin A (GSR NY #1 Beginners), Lex W (GSR Lunch Break), Adam W (GSR Relapse Prevention), Jeff G (GSR Solutions In Recovery), Saul G (GSR Crystal Clear Beginners), Fernan R (GSR CMA En Español), Thiago P (GSR), Bob O (GSR New Tooles), Rolando P (GSR Big Book)

Other Fellows in Attendance: Daniel O, Billy S

Darren M (Secretary) filled in as Chair, called the meeting to order at 7:00PM and readings were completed by Vinny B (What is CMA?) and Saul G (12 Traditions). Secretary then confirmed attendance and Quorum (9) was met with 18 voting members.

II. Approval of minutes from prior meetings.

Motion to approve minutes by Fernan R with edits from September 25th passed.

III. Treasurer's Report – Ross H

- a) Bank Account Details
 - i) TD Bank Balance: \$10,011.05
 - ii) Prudent Reserve: \$2,000
 - iii) Total Current Assets: \$8,011.05

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- b) Ross noted that we are down in donations from the prior year for specific meetings. This was by no means a call to solicit from these meetings, only as information that the GSRs can take back to meetings if they wanted to.
- c) World Conference budget \$2000, went over by \$138.33. Gustavo used points of his own for travel.
- d) Share – A – Day didn't utilize the passing of 7th tradition during the event which means lost revenue for this. Share – A – Day did go over budget for food and speaker.
- e) Ross H also brought up the Venmo option that is being sorted out for groups to use to send 7th tradition contributions from groups and GSR's can report that this is coming in their specific meetings. More details and finalization of process to come.

IV. Structure & Finance Chair - Bruce W (Absent, Report provided by Ross H)

- a) The legal team continues to work on the bylaws. The bylaws committee will present new bylaws in first quarter 2020. The treasurers report was also reviewed.

V. PI&O – Leo S

- a) 98 subscribers so far for the NYCMA bulletin. Leo is investigating ways to better distribute the link for this bulletin.
- b) Next bulletin will go out November 13, all information from chairs to include in bulletin need to be in by November 6th.
- c) Ken D inquired about doing more physical outreach, i.e. tables at various high-risk places and to activate a sub committee for such things. Ken also stated he reached out as an individual to an establishment.
 - i) Dirk D had questions issues regarding traditions, i.e. promotion / attraction
 - ii) Danny O brought up that there was only one voting meeting for this year and that maybe this should be brought up in the new year.
 - iii) Fernan R questioned why he reached out, as when NYCMA would like to do these types if things they need to be discussed and it should be NYCMA reaching out to them.
 - iv) Richard L stated it is PI that does the outreach, not individuals, Bruce W could provide more details and clarification on this.



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- v) More discussion ensued during New Business.

D) Darren M also asked Leo about the NYCMA business cards and if they are still being distributed to various locations, book stores, clinics etc. and they are.

VI. Public Information Officer – Andrew S (Absent, Report by Leo S)

- a) 7 Calls
 - i) Woman was looking to celebrate a deceased fellow at a meeting.
 - ii) Inquiry for beginners' meetings
 - iii) Spectrum – did not return call
 - iv) Another individual looking for help for friend
 - v) Yelp wants us to promote. Fernan R who has dealt with this in the past, Yelp just wants to sell package for advertising.

VII. Hospitals & Institutions Chair – Richard L

- i) Meetings Stacked
 - (1) Needs 1 person for St Christopher's in December
- ii) Hippie Drug Committee
 - (1) PI&O in charge of reaching out to places and then push over to H&I
- iii) Get into Jail Free Card
 - (1) Lengthy process to get approved for Jails and such.
- iv) Sober Cell Booklet
 - (1) For people that can't get to a meeting
 - (2) How to create and run a meeting



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v) Inmate Letters. CMA World would like to take action on these. Therefore, when we do receive letters, we can make a copy and send to world.

vi) Fernan R also reiterated that outreach materials for clinics and such are very important.

VIII. Literature Report – Gerry P (Not Present, Report given to Darren M)

a) Newsletter is out and still in process of getting distributed to all meetings with literature tables.

IX. Literature Coordinator – Hernan V.

a) Delivered chips to Crystal Clear beginners, awaiting the money.

b) Hernan hasn't done an inventory yet but will do so before the next meeting.

X. GSR Coordinator – Dirk D

a) Consistently sending out GSR announcements weekly

b) Layout:

i) Standard On goings

ii) New Info & Meetings

iii) Activities

iv) GSR info for meetings

v) Reminders

c) Dirk stressed that we can all be making these announcements at meetings if need be.

d) Darren M also suggested to move the fine print section that has the link for the bulletin to the very beginning so it's the first thing seen as well as announced.

XI. Activities Chair – Freddy P (Not Present, Report Given to Darren M)

a) Holiday Party Dec 14th 7PM Judson Memorial.

b) Looking for help with various things. Entertainment chair? Etc.

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- c) Finalizing ticket deliveries, in person, online maybe? Will have information asap.

XII. Vice Chair – Hernando C

- a) 22 Celebrants October
- b) 17 so far for November
- c) Ordered more risers for months with larger number of participants.
- d) All of 2020 meetings are booked, the only two meetings that stray from the standard 1st Monday of each month due to holidays is July and Sept. July 14th and Sept 13th for these two months.

XIII. GSO Report – Gustavo G (Report Given by Ross H)

- a) Conference attended by Richard L, Bruce W, Gustavo, and Rob R
 - i) Rob R is trustee for mid-Atlantic.
 - ii) Full delegate report is being finalized and will be sent out shortly.

XIV. Share-A-Day – Brett S

- a) Share – A Day was a great success (room applause!)
- b) Logistics and such were managed well, security, smoking, building care, etc.
- c) Fernan R inquired as to the success of the care bear station. Roughly 20 or so fellows were able to utilize this throughout the event.

XV. Old Business

- Roger S and Danny O wanted to provide an update on the motion that was passed at the prior meeting for service positions workshops.
 - o December Workshop, 3 hours
 - o Looking for folks to be involved
 - o Inquiring for budget and will discuss in new business.

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XVI. New Business

- i) There will be no meeting in November, the last meeting of the year will be December 4th, 2019 at 7PM at GMHC room 07-0024
 - (1) All positions will be up for election.
- ii) Ken D wanted to share more information on his email to the eagle and that it was in fact within the 10th tradition guidelines. Also stated that the sub committee process has been around for years. Ken will work with Leo of PI&O to discuss possible outreach but that is up to Leo to approve or not.
- b) Lex W inquired as to who it was, that he needed to speak to about updating website for new meeting time for Lunch Break, referred to Leo.
- c) Danny O made a motion to approve \$350 budget for meeting space for the service positions workshop. Ross H was able to verify that there was already room in the budget between other committees and items that could be used for this. There was some discrepancy about whether the rooms will actually have a cost but for the record its better to have knowledge that there is room in the budget to cover this should the cost come up. For this reason, no motion was necessary.

XVII. MOTION TO CLOSE