

Minutes of the Regular Monthly Meeting of NYCMA, October 29, 2008
GMHC, Room 405

Attendees: Karen, Mike, Eddie, Robert B, Bruce C, Rob M, Don S, John S, David, Tommie, Eric S, Peter, Chris P, Kevin J, Jeremy, Phil, Ken, John T, Julio, Eddie P, Jim H, Jeff G, Jim F

Jeff G, Chair, called the meeting to order at 7:56 pm. Sixteen voting members were present, thus constituting a quorum.

Jim F, Treasurer, reported an available cash balance of \$3,066.79 as of October 28, 2008. A motion to accept his report was approved.

In the absence of Harley, Structure and Finance Chair, Don S presented a detailed overview of NYCMA's 503(c) filing; NYCMA has until July 2009 to finalize this.

Mike, Publicity Co-Chair, reported no emails from the press during the last reporting period. Ken, Publicity Co-Chair, initiated a discussion of how best to proceed with outreach to websites/publications. He was advised to come up with specific ideas or a plan to present to NYCMA at a future date.

John S, Hospitals and Institutions Chair, reported a new weekly CMA meeting has been started at St. Luke's/Roosevelt Hospital that meets on Thursdays.

Bruce C, Literature Co-Chair, reported that final editing touches are being made to the pamphlets "Sex in Sobriety" and "Alcohol and Other Drugs."

John T, a Trustee, reported that over 150 attended the World CMA meeting in Park City, UT this October with over 60 voting member present. Diversity in World CMA was well represented in that nearly every major metropolitan area in the continental United States was represented, including, primarily in the western part of the country, non-gay CMA groups where both parenting and loss of parental rights are significant issues. World CMA has four committees: executive structure, finance, and procedures committees; Literature; Hospitals and Institutions; and Publicity. A charter approving 12 governing concepts was approved unanimously. Bruce C states that the World Literature committee reviewed and approved 5 pamphlets. A new book of stories of how people have worked the steps is underway.

OLD BUSINESS: A motion to de-encumber the amount of \$60.71 representing net income from 2008 Share-a-Day was approved. A motion to approve a \$136.51 reimbursement to Bruce C, for shared travel expenses to World CMA was approved.

NEW BUSINESS: A motion to approve \$98.00 to pay a publications bill was approved. A motion to reimburse Don S for lawyers' fees for the 503(c) filing review was approved. Jim F, Treasurer, initiated a discussion of how NYCMA may donate to World CMA. It was pointed out that some of our local meetings donate to World, and that funds received

by NYCMA from our local meetings are given in support of NYCMA, not World CMA. It was also noted that the outstanding work thus far accomplished by our relatively recently formed Activities Committees, may, in the future, generate income which NYCMA might possibly be able to contributed to World CMA. After discussion, a motion to combine the regular monthly meetings of NYCMA for November and December 2008, to meet around 7:45pm on Wednesday, December 3rd at GMHC, was approved. Officers for the new year beginning January 2009 will be elected at this meeting and this election of new officers will be announced at our local CMA meetings.

A motion to adjourn the meeting was approved at 9:18pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Jim H, Secretary