

Minutes of the Regular Monthly Meeting of NYCMA... July 29, 2009

GMHC, 12th Floor Cafeteria

Attendees: Petr.; Carmine N.; Mike M.; Eddie P.; Bruce C.; Jim F.; Jamie M.; John S.; Jeremiah; Harley M.; Colleen V.; Jim H.; Bruce C.; Andrew S.; Jeff S.; Bertis S.; John H.; David H.; Stephen L.; Gunner J.; Ken D.

Carmine N Chair called meeting to order at 7:50pm. Quorum Determined.

Motion to accept June meeting minutes with one correction. Seconded, motion passes.

Treasurer's Report: Richard not in, report tabled

Checking \$7162.64

\$288.70 in lit account

Structure and Finance Jim

- Bylaw changes required, which are being worked on. Group reviews.
 - Related tax issues discussed, with debate regarding anonymity and compliance (documents require use of last names of officers)
- If opt to get insurance, we need to get two years of audit information. Jim has some but will contact Richard to see about the rest.

Public Information Chair: Tommy (Harley is substituting)

- Tommy went to Bronx community center with lists of nycma meetings and literature
 - Due to need he is also starting a new meeting there
- Left lists with Samuel Center
- Going to check into where to get word out in other boroughs
- Returned all calls, which were about meeting information
- Sent meeting lists to Pride Institute

Public Information Officer Harley

- Returned emails
- Ken suggests we can enlarge PI committee to set up tables with info on 8th ave
 - Harley says committee not needed because they have been able to get volunteers. He and Tommy will discuss this and get back to Ken

H&I Report: John S.

- Last meeting not well attended due to getting word out late.
- From now will try to hold 3 days prior to nycma meetings
- One officer had to step down for personal reasons.

Literature Report: Bruce and Petr

- Thanks NYCMA for allocating funds for printing Alcohol and Other Drugs
- Passes out Sex and Sobriety for review, not approved (requested approval from AA to use a quote in it)
- Finally found volunteer designer for Crystal Clear
 - GSRs please remind everyone that we need submissions always
- Need to get pamphlets and links from CMA World for our web site

Literature Coordinator: Eddie

- Reminder about the nice bronze anniversary coins, but aren't on lit tables at all meetings. GSRs please bring back to groups if have lit table.
- He has bought chips up to 25 years now
- New copies of Expressions of Hope required

GSR: Ken emailed and/or called everyone on the GSR list, there are about 6 groups represented. There are many groups he still needs to get to but he is on way to getting good representation of NYCMA meetings. People have been very responsive. He also called alternates as a reminder.

- Compiling list of GSRs and alts, has 6 now
- People can give info to him in an email online (as he learned from Bruce)
- Would like to get what is GSR info to new people via flyer/announcement
- Compiling spreadsheet list of GSR contacts to ID meetings with no GSR/alts, would like to email updates to GSR members
- Message Ken has been getting out is that if your group is ready send gsr, here's what they do, FYI

Activities Committee: Michael not here, Carmine covers

- July bike ride was success
- Colleen points out that we need to keep clear great adventure is gay nite, not gay required
 - Bruce points out that this is why it should happen independently of NYCMA. Also seen as an endorsement when giving them so much business.
- Next bike event 8/8 at 1:45 in front of A&F store in South Street Seaport
- Great adventure Sept. 18th for \$65 for round trip. Please see controversy just above. Ken points out that this is committee activity appropriate because it is good for most of us.
 - Petr point s out that we don't plan it, so it's not an activity they are planning. They are just setting up a bus.

GSO: Petr (Sub for Conan)

- Monthly phone call info available to participate in conference call for World Lit Committee

- New CMA book first printing will be in approx 1 year. Need personal story submissions for 2nd edition of CMA book because we don't have releases on file from many of the story writers from 1st edition (people wrote them years ago). Talk to Petr to write, Harley will put announcement on NYCMA web site too and can send to Lit email address
- John T. brought up problem of speaking for whole committee, and was generally clarified by committee. So email issue from few months ago has been

CMA World Conference Committee:

- Need Friday meeting space that is for dinner
- Hotel selected and Fernan saved bid

Share-a-Day: Jim

- Speaker Brian S. from LA secured. Has lots of meth and alcohol in story, younger guy, highly recommended, he is very excited.
- Committee has come up with 5 potential workshops, may be narrowed down.
- Logo/theme "Stayin' Alive."
- Housekeeping well along.

OLD BUSINESS

forms

NEW BUSINESS

Motion to adjourn meeting. Motion passes, meeting closes at 8:50.