

INTERGROUP MINUTES APR/2020

29 APRIL 2020 / 7:00 PM / ZOOM

IN ATTENDANCE

Chairs and Officers Hernando C (Chair)*, David B (Vice Chair), Ron B (Public Information), Marvin A (Activities), Dirk dP (Secretary), Ross H (Treasurer), Armando D (PI&O), Gustavo G (Delegate)*, Ken N (GSO), Noam P (GSR Coord), James F (Lit Coord), Conrad D (Literature), Darren M (Share-a-Day)

GSRs – from 19 groups Ken D (NA Book Study), Raul R (Un Día a la Vez), Brian H-W (Wed Solutions), *Bruce C (Long-Term Sobriety Alt), Jeff S (Creativity), Joel P (Relapse Prev), *Jonathan (Crystal Clear Alt), Paymon Z (Long-Term Sobriety), Pierce W (Crystal Clear), TJ J (Conscious Contact), André W (Harlem Renaissance), Stephen R (Living with HIV), Efraín C (En Español), Mike R (Promises Alt), Gerry P (Sat Intimacy), Bill S (GMHP!), Carl L (Sunday Step), Glenn M (NY#1 Tues Beg), Chris B (OTL), Wiafe M-B (Sun Beginners), J Sol (Lunch Break)

Other Fellows Michael P

**Non-voting attendee*

AGENDA

INTRODUCTIONS

READINGS

What is CMA? (Carl L); Twelve Traditions (Paymon Z)

ATTENDANCE AND QUORUM

23 voting members in attendance. Quorum (13) met at 7:13pm.

MINUTES

Motion to approve March minutes. Motion passed at 7:14pm with no corrections.

REPORTS

→ Treasurer – Ross H

- ♦ If you need to be added to the Treasurer's Report distribution, please give your email address to Ross.
- ♦ Seventh Tradition report not including the following late-breaking donations: Step Meeting (\$425), NA Book Study (\$116), Lunch Break (\$65), Anonymous Individuals (\$84). Will be included on next month's report.
- ♦ Traditional expenditures are down so far this year, but there has been a dramatic increase in charges for PI&O because of web updates and the new Zoom subscription to support virtual meetings. As budget has been set for the year, a request goes out to Activities, Literature, and Anniversary Meeting committees to rework their allocations for the year so money can be shifted to unexpected PI&O expenses.

♦ SUMMARY

Assets	PayPal: \$ 0.00 TD Bank: \$ 11,381.57
Total Accounts	\$ 11,381.57
Prudent Reserve	\$ 2,000.00
Total Current Assets	\$ 9,381.57

Motion to approve Treasurer's Report. Motion passed at 7:30pm.

→ Structure & Finance – Brett S (absent)

- ♦ No report.

→ Public Information & Outreach

- ♦ **PI&O Chair – Armando D** (presented after Activities report)
 - April Bulletin stats: 186/190 delivered, 108/186 opened, 274 total opens with 26 clickthroughs.
 - Archive of previous bulletins now available on the website.
 - Next Bulletin to be sent 5/13. Deadline for submissions 5/6.
 - Because of COVID-related website change demands that have already occurred, the committee's funds are depleted. Armando reminds us that a similar round of changes will be required when social distancing relaxes and in-person meetings start to resume.
 - Looking into what it might take to see Spanish-language support on website and phone line, Armando estimates this to cost about \$123 for the phone line and \$412 for the website additions, most likely requiring a permanent increase in service level charges.
- ♦ **PI Officer – Ron B**

- 4/4: Four calls total, 2 with no message and 2 from same person about meeting passwords. 4/6: Two more calls about meeting passwords. Same person called back the next day (4/7) confirming he was able to attend the meeting. 4/15: One call about passwords. 4/17: Robocall. 4/25: One call about how to be of service.

→ **Hospitals & Institutions – Richard La F** (absent), via text to Dirk dP

- ♦ Nothing to report, since institutions are not allowing external in-person visits for the time being.

→ **Literature**

♦ **Lit Chair – Conrad D**

- Newsletter expects to be electronic-only version this year.
- Has received 5 or 6 submissions so far.

♦ **Lit Coord – James F**

- Unable to access locker for materials during social distancing. Website is sending people to electronic resources. NA World Service is not shipping anything at the moment. Amazon can be an alternative source.
- Two literature requests were able to be satisfied with a referral to Amazon in one instance, and electronic format in the other. One coin request unable to be fulfilled right now.

→ **GSR Coordinator – Noam P**

- ♦ Nothing to report.

→ **Activities – Marvin A**

- ♦ *Circus of Books* movie night (4/25) attended by 8 fellows and included one of the film producers in discussion.
- ♦ Game platform being looked at for an online game night was removed, so that did not happen.
- ♦ Looking into organizing an “NYCMA’s Got Talent” variety show, if there’s interest. Also open to activities suggestions from the fellowship.

→ **Vice Chair – David B**

- ♦ 3/6 meeting with 24 participants. 7th Tradition: \$205. All coins mailed.
- ♦ 5/4 meeting currently has 12 sign-ups. Deadline for registering is 5/3.
- ♦ Holding off on addressing need to replace cart until in-person gathering can resume.

→ **GSO – Ken N**

- ♦ Been in touch with Jimmie, regional trustee, who will be holding a Zoom call on 5/7 to discuss MARCMA.
- ♦ Will report on results of that call at next monthly meeting.
- ♦ Ross notes about World level:

- World Conference, usually held in September, is holding off on their normal May 1st registration until June.
- This may push back World Conference hosting locations and move the NYC bid to 2023.
- Opportunities to do service on the CMA World Helpline, literature opportunities for meditations and other writing submissions.

→ **Share-A-Day – Darren M**

- ◆ Nothing new to report, but keeping an eye on what COVID considerations may mean for the event itself and its budget.

OLD BUSINESS

→ **No unresolved old business**

NEW BUSINESS

- Rob R wrote to inquire “how best to help the newcomer in the virtual meeting space. How do we let newcomers know where we are?” No motion indicated or made.
- Ken D made a **motion** to initiate process of making Share-a-Day a virtual conference. Motion failed (5-13-7) at 8:13pm. David suggests this topic be brought up next month.
- **Motion** made to include Bitches Breaking Bad Zoom-only meeting link in listings on nycma.org. Motion failed (5-17-3) at 8:21pm.
- **Motion** made to link to Bronx Zoomers meeting’s own website from nycma.org meetings list. Motion failed (0-23-2) at 8:27pm.
- **Motion** made to authorize PI&O to launch Spanish-language support on phone line and website. Motion passed (22-0-1) at 8:37pm.

NOTES

- Individual contributions tab is for anonymous individual CMA members to donate a maximum of \$2000. Use this link if your meeting is highlighting that direct contributions can be made to NYCMA.
- See Monthly Bulletin for appeal to submissions for newsletter.

NEXT MEETING

Wednesday, May 27, 2020 at 7pm, **Zoom:** <https://zoom.us/j/227504270>

Motion to adjourn. Motion passed at 8:49pm.