

INTERGROUP MINUTES FEB/2020

26 FEBRUARY 2020 / 7:00 PM / GMHC ROOM 04-025

IN ATTENDANCE

Chairs and Officers Hernando C (Chair)*, David B (Vice Chair), Ron B (Public Information), Marvin A (Activities), Dirk de P (Secretary), Ross H (Treasurer), Armando D (PI&O), Gustavo G (Delegate)*, Ken N (GSO), Noam P (GSR Coord), James F (Lit Coord), Brett S (Structure & Finance), Conrad D (Literature), Bruce W (Delegate)*

GSRs – from 17 groups Joe L (New Toolies), Scott L (GMHP Alt), Efrain C (En Español), Gerry P (IRS), M R (Promises), TJ J (Conscious Contact), Wiafe M-B (Sun Beginners), Pierce W (Fri Beginners Alt), Brian H-W (Wed Solutions), Bruce C (L/T Sobriety Alt)*, Billy S (NJ Clean & Queer), Phil B (NJ Friday Night Hope), Joel P (Relapse Prevention), Luis C (Queens Solutions), Paymon Z (L/T Sobriety), Carl L (Sunday Step), André W (Harlem Renaissance), Ken D (HIV)

Other Fellows Ilan K*, J S*

**Non-voting attendee*

AGENDA

INTRODUCTIONS

READINGS

What is CMA? (Conrad); Twelve Traditions (Brian H-W).

ATTENDANCE AND QUORUM

21 voting members in attendance. Quorum (13) met at 7:07pm.

MINUTES

Motion to approve January minutes. Motion passed at 7:09pm with no corrections.

REPORTS

→ Treasurer – Ross H

- ◆ Balanced budget presented for 2020. Smaller overall budget than 2019, so thanks for making that work.
- ◆ Added budget line item for MARCMA; not drawing from Activities budget.
- ◆ Joel P noticed a discrepancy in the revenue and expenses totals in the budget. Bruce W retotaled the revenue numbers and that total matched the expenses total.
- ◆ **SUMMARY**

Assets	PayPal: \$ 0.00 TD Bank: \$ 10,967.97
Total Accounts	\$ 10,967.97
Prudent Reserve	\$ 2,000.00
Total Current Assets	\$ 8,967.97

Motion to approve Treasurer's Report, including 2020 Budget. Motion passed at 7:20 pm.

→ Literature – Conrad D [Asked to follow Treasurer today]

- ◆ Newsletter topic chosen: Steps 1, 2 & 3. Including section Why is your Higher Power? Announcing via bulletin and approaching contributors for content.
- ◆ Goal to publish before MARCMA so that ads for MARCMA can be included.
- ◆ Use newsletter@nycma.org for submissions, inquiries.

→ Structure & Finance – Brett S

- ◆ Finance: All 2019 and 2020 transactions to date are confirmed against bank records and notated with excellent detail. Affirmed that process of identifying and consulting on budgets is rigorous and thoughtfully done. We will be able to assess in July if we are ahead of predictions.
- ◆ Structure: Legal process in matching up Board of Directors relationship to Intergroup with New York State law as relates to charitable organizations. More known on status next month.

→ Public Information & Outreach

◆ PI&O Chair – Armando D

- March bulletin set for 3/11 release. Continue to send items to Armando for inclusion in the next month's bulletin. Goal to post pdf of past bulletins to online archive.
- Stats: 164 subscribers; 78 initial opens; 196 total opens

- Website: Updates are continuing, with an eye on streamlining where information is available. Continue to send screenshots of where website weirdness—substance or style—is happening to Armando.
- Anniversary registration link now available from homepage.

♦ **PI Officer – Ron B**

- Three calls in February, no messages left.
- Was referred someone via World helpline; set up a meeting plan and fellowship suggestions.

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

- ♦ Shorter month meant no St. Christopher's meeting.
- ♦ Unable to start ABLE House meeting.

→ **Literature**

♦ **Lit Coord – James F**

- Orders: 2 sales this month, totaling \$40
- Email recently set to forward to James, but he hasn't received anything so far. So see him directly for any orders that were placed before this meeting.
- Storage site: will need to restock some of the literature.
- Goal of securing an email inbox that is not tied to a personal email and setting up an online order form.

→ **GSR Coordinator – Noam P**

- ♦ Talk to Noam if you want to be receiving the GSR reports and are not currently.

→ **Activities – Marvin A**

- ♦ Ice skating soiree on 2/2: 20 tickets sold at \$18 pp with 5 scholarships. Total cost to Activities: \$97. Participants bought their own tickets. Scholarship tickets purchased as needed in person. Weather and Super Bowl may have affected attendance.
- ♦ Movie night 2/25 – Gretel & Hansel: 10 tickets sold 8@\$6 + 2@\$15.78 = \$61.78 (3 donated scholarships incl). Total cost to Activities: \$0. Lowish attendance because film was not first run and reviews weren't great.
- ♦ Established an AMC Stubs account for Activities. Thought to run a poll on SeeAmazing about film selection prior to following movie nights.
- ♦ March plans: bowling and game night. Details to come.
- ♦ Scholarships determined on event by event basis and at discretion of Chair. Estimated caps worked out within budget details. Marvin has

latitude to stretch budget as far as he can to accommodate things like scholarship requests.

- ◆ Question: can some events be planned so they don't conflict with beginners meetings? (Movie night is always Tuesday because of \$5 tickets, but other events are mostly on weekends.)
- ◆ Question: can events be announced with more warning? (This month, events were arranged after newsletter or gsr reports went out. Perhaps GSR notice can go out when events are organized after bulletin goes out.)

→ **Vice Chair – David B**

- ◆ Feb Anniv meeting had 22 participants; 7th Trad: \$360
- ◆ March currently has 11 signed up. Sched 3/2
- ◆ Question: gauntlet-style exit? Logistically seems difficult to execute.

→ **GSO – Ken N**

- ◆ Preparing to review 2019 GSO report.
- ◆ Reached out to Philly and investigating which committees he might be on.
- ◆ Ross added: Rob R will be at next meeting to review contents of World Report. Two regions planning on sending delegates, 2 from CT, 1 from NJ. CT voting very soon to form own Intergroup, while remaining part of the New York area.

→ **Share-A-Day – Darren M** (absent), via email to David B

- ◆ Finagled numbers from last year to create this year's budget, submitted to Ross.
- ◆ Considering Saturday of the holiday weekend in October and reuse of space, as last year.

OLD BUSINESS

→ **Service Workshop 3/7 2-4p at The Center**

- ◆ For current service position holders. Registration form online so organizers can assess response. Please announce.

NEW BUSINESS

→ **Anniversary Meeting script**

- ◆ Changing the current phrasing of "Say hello to your new potential sponsors." to "Ladies and Gentlemen, let's congratulate the one-year celebrants once again. May you all continue to carry the message to the addict who still suffers."

Motion to adopt new phrasing in script. Motion failed at 8:14pm.

- Armando initiates discussion about ways to extend awareness and participation at World level.
- Brett initiates discussion about updating scripts to be gender-expansive and non-binary.
- Efrain initiates discussion about implementation of Spanish support on our phone mailbox. Exploratory committee consists of Efrain & Ron w/ Armando to research implementation. Leo S was already working on a script last year.
- Ross initiates discussion about raising awareness of contribution options.

NOTES

- Treasurer position will have an email address to be used by whomever fills the position (treasurer@nycma.org), rather than that person using a personal email address.
- Contribute tab available on website for individual donations, no PayPal account required.
- New meditation book being written by World Lit Comte. CMA members can submit meditations and writings at crystallmeth.org.
- Tuesday night Spanish meeting as of 3/6 will be Fridays at 7:00pm.
- CMA World could always use volunteers for their helpline.

NEXT MEETING

Wednesday, March 25, 2020 at 7pm, ~~GMHC~~ [update 3/23] ZOOM
<https://zoom.us/j/227504270> phone: 646.558.8656, 227504270#

Motion to adjourn. Motion passed at 8:30pm.