



GENERAL SERVICE COMMITTEE OF CENTRAL NEW YORK

Central New York Area Minutes

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*The Central New York Area Minutes are intended to be reading material for AA members only.
Please share them with your AA group.*

The Assembly was called to order at 2:15 pm by Lisa H., and opened with the Declaration of Unity. Minutes for June were read with the following correction: The Treasurer's Report expenses total was \$3143.57 (increased by .01) and the Total Cash Assets was \$3823.51 (increased by .01)

Treasurer's Report

General Fund

Opening Balance\$3,143.57

Income

Return of seed money\$500.00
'93 Convention Donations\$935.40

Expenses

Publications\$117.50
Archivist - CNY Convention\$152.20
Grapevine Chair (mileage)\$35.04
Delegate (CNY Convention)\$253.00
Delegate (NERF)\$164.00
Archives (CNY Convention)\$62.86
Corrections Chair (NERF)\$125.00
Chairperson (NERF)\$198.49
Alt. Delegate (CNY Convention)\$141.00
Delegate (to GSO for Conference rel. exp.)\$250.00
Literature Chair (mileage)\$59.84
Literature Chair Expense (CNY)\$122.10
P.I. Chair (NYS Convention)\$50.00
Treatment Chair (Treatment Workshop)\$20.20
Treatment Chair (NYS Info. Workshop)\$90.00
Misc. Expense (Western NY Area Adv.)\$100.00
Corrections Chair (NYS Info. Workshop)\$80.00
Total Expenses in June-\$2021.23

General Fund Balance\$2557.74

Literature Inventory Account

Opening Balance\$280.14
Income (sales)\$2002.87
Expense (reorder)-\$848.82
Closing Balance\$1434.19

Grapevine Inventory Account

Opening Balance\$608.34
Income (sales)\$205.00
Expense (reorder)-\$700.20
Closing Balance\$113.14

Archives Inventory Account

Opening Balance-\$208.54
Income (sales)\$30.00
Closing Balance-\$178.54

Total Cash Assets\$3,926.53

The Treasurer's Report was approved as read.

Registrar's Report

Bill B., Area Registrar, printed 606 mailing labels to include 101 Trusted Servants, 95 from Cluster 01, 141 from Cluster 02, 74 from Cluster 03, 51 from Cluster 04, 59 from Cluster 05, 76 from Cluster 06 and 10 from Cluster 07. Bill reported a new group leaving Ontario Canada's area and joining Area 47 from Dexter, NY.

Alternate Delegate's Report

Liz C., Alternate Delegate, reported on Concept V: "Throughout our World Service Structure, a traditional minority opinion will be heard and that petitions for the redress of personal grievances will be carefully considered." Liz C. said that all minorities should be encouraged to file minority reports whenever they feel the majority to be in error, and it is our chief protection against an uninformed, misinformed, hasty or angry majority. The Alternate Delegates Report of the State Convention would be ready for August Assembly.

Delegate's Report

Charlie B. introduced our past Delegates in attendance: Steve P. (Panel 17), Ralph V. (Panel 33), Bob W. (Panel 37), and George C. (Panel 41).



Charlie was busy last month attending Intergroup meetings in Syracuse and cooperating with a treatment facilities workshop there.

He attended the State Convention in Tarrytown NY. The panels were very interesting and people seemed to be coming back to our singleness of purpose. He said an item will be presented at the Conference on Service Sponsorship. Anyone wanting to write a piece concerning Service Sponsorship can do so and should send it to Charlie or GSO in NY. It is uncertain how this will be done in final yet.

A request from a treatment facility for a directory was received. It was explained that past practice has been not to send directories to outside agencies due to anonymity. A motion was made, seconded and passed not to send it. We will, however, send an Intergroup Listing and put them in contact with the Area Treatment Chair. Charlie is asking for Conference items for next year. As alcoholics, we are free to write or contact anyone at GSO.

Once again, Charlie made himself available to talk at AA functions throughout Central New York.

CNY Convention Report

Keith N. reported that expenses were about \$7400. We are about \$39.00 over budget, but a \$25.00 donation is coming (maybe). Budget attendance was lower than normal, consequently expenses ran high.

Informational Workshop

Gary G. met with the staff at St. John Fisher College last week and everything is set, however, AA volunteers are needed. Gary will accept mail-in registrations until July 21.

NYSCYPAA Report

Kim reported that she was looking for volunteers for Alcolthon Chairs and Hospitality Room people. Also, coffee donations for the Conference are needed. The general theme is "There is a Solution."

Finance Committee

Jim B., Finance Committee Chair, reported that they worked on the six month financial statement, group contribution reports and the 1994 budget. The Finance Committee will meet next at 11:30 am at Area Assembly in Watertown.

Chairperson's Report

Lisa H. Area Chairperson, reported attending WNY Area Assembly on 6/27 and stated that it was less structured than CNYs.

"On 7/9-7/11 I attended the NYS Convention in Tarrytown. The opening speaker was George D., General Service Manager at GSO and Diane C. from Al-Anon. On Saturday, I attended a workshop on 'AA Leader: Boss or Servant' in which I heard an idea for Area CPC that I would like to share. The Area CPC Committee put together a package letter to physicians about AA and a few pamphlets to give to GSRs to pass out in their home groups to members who had doctors appointments. This way the CPC work was done by home group members themselves and the message carried was consistent.

In the afternoon I chaired the workshop on 'Medallions: What Business Are We In?' where I heard a very spiritual presentation by Shawn D., Alt. Delegate, WNY, on the background of the medallion issue in the fellowship and where the fellowship is now with it. It still appeared, from the discussion on the floor, that the fellowship is divided on the appropriateness of medallions in AA and whether we ought to be manufacturing them or not. I then attended the panel on 'AA Inventory: The Three Legacies' where I heard a talk on Unity that spoke about competition between groups and between Service Committees and how this can be manifestations of ego in our fellowship and disruptive to our Unity. The talk on Service stressed love and service and touched me deeply.

All weekend there was talk of the closing of treatment facilities throughout the country and the need to get back to basics. Another recurring theme was the Wet 12-Step Call becoming, once again, prevalent as there are fewer and fewer places to take our still-suffering brethren for help. One suggestion was to get Workshops going in the Districts and Areas on how to do Wet 12-Step work since the old-timers frequently practiced medicine without license and are still around to ask how to do it.

The Banquet speaker Saturday night, Anne W., past Delegate, Washington DC, spoke much about detours in life from the smooth highway and God's will. I was asked to read the 12 Concepts (short form) before the meeting and I think no one fell asleep.



Overall, there were over 1200 AAs in attendance and over 620 at the Banquet. It was a very enjoyable weekend.

Thank you for this opportunity to continue to grow on this journey of ours."

Open Forum

- Jeff found that he enjoyed Area Assembly more than past experience in another Area.
- Pat, DCM 0680, felt that there are other alternatives to restructuring than the ones discussed.
- Jim B., Finance Chair, suggested that financial matters have more time allowed for thought and discussion.
- Loren suggested that Workshops be dedicated to restructuring.

Old Business

Karl H. made a motion to use the Convention rotation as in June's minutes (1994 – 0100 Cluster followed by 0200, 0300, 0700, 0400, 0600 then 0500) excluding 0700 since 0700 (Watertown) does not have facilities to accommodate a convention. The motion was seconded and discussed. 0100 Cluster reported they were discussing this issue at the district level and would get back with us in August. A motion to table was made, seconded and passed. Reformatting was explained by the Secretary and the plans read: A tabled motion to adopt Plan B was brought to the floor. Discussion followed against adopting Plan B. A motion was made to table again, seconded and passed.

New Business

Tom made a motion that the next GSR Workshop be devoted to discussion of restructuring. The motion was seconded and passed. Minority opinion was that this had been going on too long and that GSR Workshop be used for GSRs to learn about the Service Structure, not reformatting. No votes were changed.

Jim B., Finance Committee Chair, made a motion to change insurance. The new policy would cover any Area event, not just Assemblies. The old policy coverage was \$100,000 per event, regardless of the number of individuals involved. A new policy has been suggested that would provide \$1,000,000 per individual, up to 20 events. The cost is \$428.00. The motion was seconded, discussed and passed. Minority opinion was given, no votes changed.

Jim B. Finance Chair, made a motion to change the fiscal year from January 1st to December 31st to run July 1st to June 30th in hopes that new Trusted Servants will be able to have more input on their own budget. The motion was seconded. No discussion followed. A motion to table was made, seconded and passed.

New GSRs

There were six new GSRs introduced.

Committee Reports

Gary G., Corrections Chair, talked about starting a temporary contact list for correction facilities. These forms will be in next month's minutes. Also, that information is being gathered on the Hill Group's 8th Annual Workshop in September.

Brian C., Treatment Chair, asked that if you are a District, Group or Intergroup Treatment Representative, please let us know who you are. Temporary contact lists will be made available for August's Assembly. Please send the information by August 6th. Brian can be reached at 315-422-4782 or 726 Wadsworth St., Syracuse, NY 13208.

Keith E., Archives Chairperson, reported that several new tapes are available – please help yourself. We will have even more selections next month. Those of you who have outstanding tapes, we ask that you please return them.

Keith also reported "Archives was represented at the NY State Convention in Tarrytown this weekend. Gene and I had the pleasure of sharing the history of AA in CNY with other Archives members and all of the AAs who stopped by for our display. Meeting with other Archives Committee Chairs from other areas helped me to appreciate the hard work of past Committee members who have researched and preserved the history of CNY. Other Archives collections did not necessarily reflect the local heritage of AA. In the mutual exchange of ideas, CNY was cited for placing value on the contributions of local pioneers of the fellowship. In addition to this, we sold several copies of 'A Short History of AA in CNY' and again, CNY's enthusiasm in preserving local history in this fashion has sparked a desire to do the same in other areas. Our display board depicting AA groups in CNY was extremely well-received and it generated many questions regarding the Service Structure of CNY. Both



myself and Gene have discussed the need for an updated display board, as our recent redistricting and roster of groups now registered has changed and grown since original board was created. To this end, we would like to update our display for future Conventions and Assemblies, and we would like to request the support of this Assembly in this endeavor."

Tom S., P.I. Chairperson, discussed carrying the message to schools and the P.I. Handbook. Tom can be reached at 12 Blanchard Ave., Binghamton, NY 13901.

Workshop Report

Jack H., July Workshop Chairperson, lead a discussion on why GSRs attend Assembly. A few of the reasons were: Carry the groups message to the Delegate, help conduct Area business, stay sober, attend Service Committees and exercise group authority. Learn the Service Structure and pass on that knowledge.

District Reports

District 250 is looking for women to attend the Ontario County Jail meeting, has elected a PI chair and is trying to organize other committees at this time.

District 0330-0331 meets the first Tuesday of each month at 150-1/2 State Street at 7:30 pm. On July 6 they discussed the 7th Tradition and coordinating correctional facilities visits. They also discussed the upcoming Area meeting.

District 0200 met June 29 and approved a joint 0100/0200 meeting to hear the Conference report. They also discussed the 7th and 3rd Traditions.

Syracuse GSR Workshop 0300/0400 discussed the 7th Tradition and the August 7th day of sharing at Kernan Shelter in Highland Park.

Cluster 0500 talked about Elmira's Day of Sharing coming up.

District 0610 talked about reformatting and fitting the GSRs needs. Next meeting is Tuesday, August 3 at 6:00 pm at the County Office Building, 60 Central Ave., Cortland.

Triple Cities Intergroup is having a Day of Sharing, September 19 from 1:30 to 5:30 pm at the Tabernacle United Methodist Church, 83 Main St., Binghamton. It

is entitled "1st Year in Recovery."

District 0680 Ithaca is holding a Day of Sharing at Stewart Park on July 18th, plus the NYSCYPAA Conference, July 30 through August 1.

District 0100 meets on the first Friday of every month at 7:00 pm at St. John's Catholic Church in Rochester.

Ask-It Basket

Question: What is the status of medallions?

Answer: Terry H., GSR Ithaca, stated that per the '93 Conference: Medallions would not be produced by GSO however, Tradition 4 states each group is autonomous.

Question: I would like to know does alcohol and mental illness have a connection?

Answer: Frank from Binghamton cited several passages from the Big Book where it appears that there is a connection and a solution.

Self-Support

In the spirit of self-support, a donation of \$12.00 is requested to offset the costs of printing and mailing the minutes. Thank you.

Mail Contributions to:

CNY Area Committee
P.O. Box 4445
Ithaca, NY 14852-4445

Registrations to:

William Bushey
P.O. Box 453
Elmira, NY 14902

Next Assembly

August 8, 1993 at the Asbury Methodist Church, 327 Franklin St., Watertown, NY.

Thanks!

Many thanks to the Triple Cities GSR Workshop for hosting this Assembly.

The Assembly closed at 4:05 pm with the Serenity Prayer.

Respectfully Submitted,


Ed Wolf, Area Secretary