

Area 50 District 4 Business Meeting

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“The best is yet to come!”

- DCM calls the meeting to order:
 - Unity Declaration: This we owe to AA's future, to place our common welfare first. to keep our fellowship united. For on AA Unity depend our lives and the lives of those to come.
- Secretary calls the roll. **Katie L, David, Genie, Denny M, Jill, Mary Jo, Nancy, Mike, Marty.**
- Secretary reads the minutes of the last meeting. **Nancy- Motion to waive reading the minutes, Mary Jo 2nd.** Click here:
<https://district4.area50wny.org/district-4-january-2024-meeting-minutes/>
- Chair report: **DCM did attend the 1st DCMC meeting, met other District Committee members from other Districts. Did a quick overview of GSA. DCM also attended the Area Committee meeting. Did reach out for the June GSA hosting, haven't heard back yet.**
- Treasurer report: **Attached, \$2,857.13 balance**
- Accessibility report: **Jill reported- More of a meet and greet at this meeting. The committee will be trying to make the AA App/Schedule show accessible facilities, and redoing the Accessibility pamphlet.**
- Corrections: **N/A**
- PI/CPC report: **Genie reported- There was confusion about if PIC and CPC merged. They did, they are run by a married couple and will be working together.**
 - Literature Distribution report:
 - Discuss expanding beyond places of worship- where would be the next logical place(s) within our “backyard” to distribute literature. **Katie L- reported about still having literature (pamphlets and tear off sheets) that can be distributed; Nancy- Were we distributing literature to doctors offices or professional places along with a letter? Genie- Anne passed the racks to PIC/CPC; We aren't sure about a letter; Asked for a volunteer to help w/distribution. The Districts are working on trying to reach out to groups that aren't participating in General Service. Genie intends to go to the District Meetings and eventually address the “blank spots” that don't have a meeting close by or local. Nancy- A Member of Nickel City Church and they are open and available to have a meeting in the future. Open to help with facilitating getting a meeting started there. St. John's on Englewood has been approached in the past about holding Area events. Issue with the days/times and cost in the past. Mike reported- Coffee shop called “Rise”; asked about taking tear off sheets, there are some alcoholics in that apartment complex. They also have meeting rooms at this place, receptive to welcoming AA in; open 9am- 1pm. Also- St. John the Baptist may be open to welcoming AA again, there used to be a meeting there.**
- Web Committee report: **Marty reported- No issues yet. Tom has updated everything that Genie has sent.**
- Old Business:

- Report on Deerhurst as hybrid meeting venue and official vote. Deerhurst is willing to host at a cost of \$10/month- Thank you Ann for assisting. Survey results all in favor except for one. Survey results for Zoom: most in favor, one “NO” and one wanted to discuss. *Another option is Microsoft TEAMS, at no cost to the District. Final Vote. **Coffee, Couch’s, Nice Room. Deerhurst Motion- Nancy 1st- Mary Jo 2nd- all in favor, no opposing.**
 - **TEAMS or ZOOM- Nancy asked if we can open up the ZOOM to District Groups to use as well and book days/times to use it. Motion- Jill to purchase a ZOOM account 1st, Marty 2nd- all in favor, no opposing.**
- Still seeking candidates for the following positions: Alternate DCM; Mary Jo has expressed interest in the position. Vote. **No objections- All in favor of Mary Jo as Alt. DCM.**
 - Still seeking Archives and Treatment Chair. Any takers? **Mary Jo will report back about Treatment. Nancy- Reminder to notify Archives and Grapevine if we are hosting the June GSA.**
- Are there any new GSRs/ Alt GSRs coming aboard (and who’s staying)? **None reported.** Please send your contact info including Name, phone and email to p74district4@area50wny.org
- Discuss NERAASA attendance: **David is going- How it Works is taking care of it. Denny is on the fence but does not need assistance. Mary Jo is also going and doesn’t need assistance.**
<https://district4.area50wny.org/district-4-reimbursement-policy/> Any reimbursement requests should be submitted prior to conference attendance.
 - Report on hosting upcoming GSA: our planning committee includes Nancy, Mary Jo, Ann and Sue **Still waiting on an answer. Nancy- Asked for assistance with setting up and taking down. 4**
- New Business:
 - Can our webmasters research (or share known information) options for online donations, as we are unable to use Paypal or Venmo through Steve. This was discussed with web team- any progress on this? **Marty- Program called “Wave” and they have a less percentage for taking out of the contributions. Genie- There are programs that will ask the user to pay the fee. Nancy- There was an issue with PayPal and Venmo with having personal identification attached to the account. Katie- Google Pay is used by other groups in NYC.**
 - Any other new business ideas from the group? **Game Nights! Nancy reported- Daily Reflections hosted a game night, other Districts came, it was well attended but they expected more. Talked of having it as a monthly event and hosting at a District Level, rather than at the home group level. District 5 was interested. Could we start to approach other Districts to host a game night and then they contribute the pizza and pop and then have it on the D4 Website. “We are not a glum lot”. Want it to be consistent and monthly for more socialization, to foster the fellowship. Will look at the criteria for hosting an AA event. The Grove is looking into hosting one. Nancy suggested if it’s just 2 Districts that Area may not need to be involved if it’s on a small scale. Genie- The Blizzard Ball was in District 4. Should District 4 host any events, what type of events? Multiple Districts to let Area know so that everyone is in the loop, it becomes an Area topic. Genie will bring it up at DCMC. Genie thinks it’s important that we carry the message throughout and let’s do some more research. District 5 meeting is on 2/29/24.**

***Mary Jo-* Good idea. Suggested that we should have a panel/speaker like the Chili Cook off to keep it about the AA message (Genie Agreed). Mike- A meeting in Florida where they played AA Jeopardy and had teams of people playing. The message would be in the game too but it is a lot of work. Denny- Suggested 2 or 3 times a year so it's not such a heavy lift. TABLE IT for now.**

- ***Mary Jo-* Treatment is going into Nursing homes now. Wants District 4 to think about getting involved more in trying to help to take a meeting to a nursing home. Will go on next month's agenda.**

- Close meeting:

Responsibility Statement: I am responsible. Whenever anyone, anywhere reaches out for help, I want the hand of AA always to be there. And for that I am Responsible.