

Minutes for District 25 Meeting of April 2, 2022

The meeting was opened with a moment of silence followed by the serenity prayer.

Attendees: Brenda L (DR), Glenn (GR, Thursday night Mens group) Maggie (Newark) by phone, Mel (ISR, Monday night/Webster) Lisa R (GR, Saturday/Fairport), Penny (Webster)

Mel read the Twelve Traditions, Maggie read the Concepts and General Warranties of the Conference.

Officer's Reports

Secretary: Lisa made a correction to the March 5th minutes adding Laura M, past District secretary, as being present.

Treasurer: No report by Heather.

DR: Brenda attended the Area World Service Committee (AWSC) meeting in March.

Alternate DR: This position is currently vacant.

Unfinished Business:

District Meeting Schedule and Location: No decision has been made about changing the location of our meeting. The Faith Lutheran Church would be further away for Maggie and she would be less apt to attend. Maggie will check out other options and mentioned the Macedon Library as a possibility. Our next District meeting is scheduled for May 7th at the Fairport United Methodist Church.

Nominations for District Treasurer: Brenda confirmed that she was not named on the District 25 checking account. Maggie is possibly interested in the position of Treasurer and will discuss the duties of the position with Heather. Brenda mentioned that Russell, a past treasurer, offered his help if needed.

Al-Anon/Ala-teen Service Manual (2022-2025): Now available on-line <https://www.al-anon.org/pdf/P2427.pdf> Printed copies expected by late Summer 2022.

2022 NY North Spring Convention and Assembly - May 20, 21, 22. Virtual meeting this year, is hosted by District 14. Register at the NYN website. Brenda asked that all GR's be registered by May 7th, the date of our district meeting. We will discuss the upcoming assembly, what we will be voting on and how to present the information at our meetings.

New Business:

2022 NYN Spring Convention/Assembly Committee

Brenda spoke about the Area World Service Meeting she attended as our District Representative in March. The agenda for the Spring Assembly is similar to that of the AWSC. For example, roll call is very important and is taken any time someone leaves or enters the

room. A vote was taken at the AWSC meeting defining the concept of “substantial unanimity.” It was decided at the meeting that there would be a 2/3 vote required rather than a 3/4 vote.

There was a Secretary’s report and a Treasurer’s report. Brenda mentioned that the 2021 NYN expenses of approx. \$11,000.00 exceeded income by a little over \$2700.00. Currently, however, there is a checking account balance of approximately \$22,000.00. There is also a reserve fund of over \$10,000 or so. Brenda noted that this information may be helpful in considering our individual meeting donations.

The current Delegate, Kathi, gave a report and mentioned that she would be attending the World Service Conference. Kathi had been the Alternate delegate with Emily who recently resigned.

Two minute “Hot Topic” allowances are made during the meeting for others at the meeting to speak including 3 ALS liaisons, 8 officers and 12 coordinates. In addition, the format includes a “Thought Force.” The first topic was concerning the inclusion of permanent electronic meetings in the NYN service structure. It was decided that there is confusion about AI-Anon structure and the difference between long-standing electronic meetings and meetings that were intended to be temporary due to the pandemic. More education is needed.

The second Thought Force topic concerned the NYN Northern Highlights newsletter and the anonymity of the officers and coordinators. On the last page is a grid with their contact information. This last page was intended to be removed before the newsletter was taken to group meetings by the GRs. The emailed copies have the page attached, the mailed newsletters did not. There was no resolution from this discussion. Brenda brought up the question of our anonymity and service as it applies to our district. Service can require more willingness to lose a bit of anonymity. Does this do damage to our purpose? The attendees of our District Meeting appeared to understand this dilemma. Mel mentioned that using Bcc is the best way to convey anonymity.

Brenda shared that we have several new meetings in our area: Electronic Beginners Meeting, an in-person AI-Ateen meeting in Irondequoit, a Wednesday Twelve Step Women’s meeting on Allen Creek and new meeting in Penn Yan at Keuka College. There is also a new meeting at the Norris In-patient Rehab Center. Mel mentioned that this meeting is a project of our local Public Outreach. Another Public Outreach project for our groups involves setting up display tables of donated AI-Anon literature at local public libraries.

In other NYN news, district funds were recently used to equip an officer with a computer since she did not have one. The district will own that equipment. A new Thought Force is being created on amending expense policies due to the pandemic.

There is no information yet as to whether the Fall Assembly will be online, hybrid or in-person.

The AI-Anon service manual has been updated. It is available online with new physical copies being available late this summer. Brenda brought previous manuals for purchase. The new manual highlights changes from the past service manual.

Since we had some extra time, the group shared on some meeting challenges including crosstalk, interrupting, service, beginners and clarity.

In preparation for the Spring Assembly, it is expected that we read the Officers’ reports under the NYN website. There is also a handy printable form available in order to insert our thoughts or questions for our own benefit.

The next District Meeting is on May 7th at 10:30 am. at Fairport United Methodist Church.

The meeting was adjourned with the Al-Anon Declaration.

Respectfully submitted,

Lisa R.