

Minutes for District 25 Meeting of June 4, 2022

The meeting was opened with a moment of silence followed by the Serenity Prayer. Maggie read the Twelve Traditions and Meg read the Concepts and Warranties of Service.

Attendees: Brenda L (DR), Glenn (GR, Thursday night Mens group), Maggie E (District Treasurer, Newark), Lisa R (GR, Saturday/Fairport, District Secretary) Meg L (GR, Thursday night East Rochester) Laura M (Past District Secretary)

Officers Reports:

Secretary: Lisa asked if anyone had questions on the minutes of May 7, 2022. There was a question on a first draft but had already been corrected.

Treasurer: Maggie reported that the balance of \$948.75 was deposited into our new checking account. The previous account has been closed by Heather. The address for District 25 deposits has been changed. GR's will need to update the group treasurers of the address change for district donations. Checks should be sent to Maggie E. at 487 Marbletown Rd, Newark, NY. 14513.

District Rep: Brenda, while recently organizing literature for her group, came across some bookmarks and handed them out at the district meeting. They were created by one of NYN's ad hoc committees quite a few year's ago in order to help members better-understand the Al-Anon service structure and terminology. Brenda reminded GR's to talk about the Forum magazine with our groups.

Group Reports:

Brenda (District Rep) mentioned a few topic ideas for groups such as service, cross-talk, domination, newcomer welcome and first step meetings.

Meg (GR, Thursday night East Rochester) discussed that at times no one volunteers to lead a first step meeting. Lisa suggested that someone be asked by chairperson before the meeting in order to avoid any embarrassment.

Glenn (GR, Thursday night Mens) mentioned that his group is not getting many new members; it is quite small and, therefore, cross-talk is inevitable and common. Brenda mentioned the pamphlets and literature may help.

Lisa (GR, Saturday noon Fairport) mentioned that at an open meeting we pulled out some pamphlets and went through questions about maturity. Most attendees found it quite interesting.

Convention and Assembly:

Brenda informed us that our district was tied for having the second highest number of attendees!

Meg attended the meeting for New GR's. There was a slide show with zip file documents available. Responsibilities of the GR were discussed with suggestions on how to get information from the Assembly back to the groups. The Assembly expectations were also explained.

Maggie attended the ice-breaker and said it was fun. On Sunday there was a Spirituality panel with two speakers: one person who was in AA and Al-Anon and an Al-Anon only speaker.

Brenda mentioned the Fall assembly will be hybrid. Individuals from Districts 6, 10 and 18 will step up to put it together.

Glenn complimented the technology of the meeting and how well the vote counting worked via technology vs. the head counts of the in-person Assemblies.

Brenda mentioned that some are not sending NYN donations to the correct address.

Our WSO delegate, Kathy, discussed budgeting concerns at World Service. The current cost per group for WSO is \$281.88. Only 52% of groups contributed to WSO in 2021 which would cover a cost of \$174.00 per group. Due to the pandemic, personal contributions and literature sales were down quite a bit. Kathy suggested we find out the cost per group by NYN, too. "If every member just bought one hardcover book..."we would be in much better shape.

58% of groups contributed to NYN in 2021 and the average contribution by those groups was \$119.00. Brenda mentioned that the suggested meeting donation is not \$1.00 anymore. Historically, the conventional wisdom in deciding where donations should go was to "start close to home" but maybe that shouldn't be the case in our current situation. AIS is not thriving in our district. The discussion was put on hold.

Unfinished Business:

District Event: Mel was looking for venue. No update since he is not here today. Laura M mentioned that the AIS fundraiser event at the Chili Community Center was a success and raised \$400.00. The suggested donation for the basket raffle \$5.00 for 10 tickets. Twenty-five baskets were donated and there were speakers, meditations and food.

Ideas: Location? Brenda will follow up with Mel.
Purpose of event?
Less focus on food ?
Baskets?
Combined fundraiser with another district? Lisa will
check with DR (Cindy) from Area

Next District 25 meeting: August 6, 2022 10:30 am at Fairport
United Methodist Church. The July meeting is cancelled due to
the July 4th holiday.