

District 25 Meeting Minutes for April 1, 2023
Hybrid (Zoom & In-Person)
*****As amended by Brenda L per our June 3 meeting*****

Attendees: Brenda, Maggie, Maria, Meg, Penny, Jess

Opening: We opened with a moment of silence followed by the Serenity Prayer.

February Meeting Minutes: The February meeting minutes were unanimously accepted.

Treasurer's Report: Maggie shared the current bank balance is \$957.75. There haven't been any contributions since 12/22/2022. Maggie paid AIS for D25 to use Zoom for the next 12 months.

Zoom: Brenda has been notified by AIS that there is another Zoom meeting using the same credentials we use, starting at 11:30 am. At Maggie's suggestion, she will reach out to the AIS Web Committee and see if we can move our start time to 10 am.

New Business:

- Brenda shared the following highlights from the AWSC Winter Meeting:
 - Contributions to WSO in 2022 were the highest ever, surpassing Conference Approved Literature sales (which declined).
 - The International Convention is held every 3 years. It will be from June 29th to July 2nd in Albuquerque, NM. A representative for NY North is sought. The Love Parade features a representative from every area. This year's conference will include a hybrid option. The cost to attend virtually is \$149. More information can be found in the "In the Loop" newsletter.
 - The WSO Conference will be held the 3rd weekend in April. Kathi D will go. There's information on the website about how to send cards of appreciation to our delegate while she's at the conference. <https://al-anon.org/blog/send-a-card-to-your-delegate-at-the-2023-world-service-conference/>
 - The Forum is in need of sharings on the Legacies. Instructions and guidelines on writing for the Forum are on the WSO website.
 - Molly is our Immediate Past Delegate for NY North. She will lead the New GR meeting at the Spring Convention. It will be one of the first events. She says New GR meetings are for everyone who wants to learn more about being a GR.
 - The Spring Convention is a Zoom only event. We need the groups to be represented. There is a nominal fee to participate. (For details visit http://www.nynafg.com/area_events.html)
 - The Fall Assembly has been scheduled and a hotel was secured. It will be a hybrid event and is an election assembly. Encouraging people to take these service roles starts by talking it up in our groups.
 - The Group Records Coordinator, Joan, has been working diligently to clean up the records. One thing we can do to help is to always use our full group name, the one used when our group was registered with WSO.
- The new Service Manual is out and AIS has them.
- Williamson Saturday Nite Table Talk has been formally closed out with Group Records.
- Brenda was invited to attend the Webster AFG Monday night to talk about service as part of their Group Conscience. The Group Conscience precedes their regular meeting and will be on 4/10 at 7:30 pm.
- Maria mentioned that the new Service Manual is also available online. She's interested in inspiring service and will be at the Norris Clinic at 6 pm on Monday to talk to people leaving the facility about what comes next. She's posting a list of 16 treatment facilities with Ellen so that

people can sign-up to provide service at each facility or add other centers to the list. She shares the GR position description, as well as the DR position description in her sessions.

- Brenda mentioned that we had talked about an email sign-up list at the Outreach Event we are planning.

Old Business (4/15/23 Outreach Event):

- Brenda roughed out a plan, which we asked her to share.
 - Set-up begins at 9 am. We'll all ask people we know to help set up tables and chairs.
 - Fellowship begins at 9:15 am. There will be a welcome table where attendees are greeted, can provide their email addresses, get slips to write their questions on, and make donations.
 - Speakers begin at 9:45. Dennis, Robin B., Pat H., and Maggie G. are confirmed. They'll share on the value of outreach in doing service and talk about reaching out within the program as well as outside of the program. Each speaker will speak for roughly 10 minutes. Between them we can take one or two questions. Any further questions will be written down. Penny will collect them to discuss during the open sharing time.
 - We will not open with the Steps. Instead, we'll read Step 12 and Concept 4. This will help us make the most of our limited time.
 - After the panel is complete, open sharing time will begin. Maggie E. will kick this off by talking about what the Sunday Serenity Group is doing with the Newark Public Library. We'll ask people to limit their shares to 2 minutes. As people run out of things to discuss with regard to group/AIS outreach in progress, we'll encourage people to talk about their own outreach efforts. We'll cut off sharing at 11:30 and ask for help resetting the room for the Noon Courage to Change meeting. Participants usually begin arriving for that meeting around 11:45 am.
 - We all weighed in on the plan and decided to adopt it.
- Refreshments:
 - Meg will pick up one box of regular coffee and some donut holes on her way in. D25 will reimburse her. The coffee will come with cups, stir sticks, cream, and sugar.
 - Brenda will bring her kettle which heats 12 cups of water.
 - Penny will bring tea from home.
 - Jess will bring bottled water and a lot of cookies.
 - Maggie will bring cookies. She volunteered napkins as well.
 - Brenda will bring plates.
 - Penny offered to bring some tablecloths.
- Logistics:
 - We discussed donating \$50 to the church for room rental and decided to make a decision on the amount of that donation after the event is over.
 - Jess will make signs for email sign-up, donations, a donation box, and question slips.
 - Brenda will coordinate with AIS to get outreach literature to the event. She will get someone to sell literature on 4/15.
 - Maggie asked about a bookmark suitable for library distribution (no mention of God or prayer). Brenda suggested M76 which is free.
 - Penny will bring baskets we can borrow for donations, questions slips, etc.
 - Jess will bring a microphone/speaker.
 - Penny will staff the welcome table.
 - The Pittsford 12 & 12 group is interested in attending.
 - AIS is aware of our event and helping out with it. Kathleen B., the Activities Chair from AIS is very enthusiastic and may attend.

The meeting adjourned at 11:30 am