

District 25 District Meeting
June 3, 2023

Attendance:

Kathleen V, Brenda L, Maggie E.

Open meeting:

Read the 12 Traditions, 12 Concepts and General Warranties of the Conference

Introduction:

Briefing on District 25- Kathleen is a new GR

Secretary's report:

- April and May minutes to review. Brenda had 3 corrections to the April minutes:
 1. New Business- WSO Conference: Kathi D. will go
 2. Page 2, last bullet- Sign-up sheet for Outreach Day, The sentence "She proposed replacing it with Maria's sheet" should be deleted as this was not stated. Maria also planned to have an Outreach sign-up sheet.
 3. In the last sentence under Logistics, it should say "may attend" not "plans to attend"
- The April and May meeting minutes were accepted with the 3 changes. Brenda will post the minutes to the AIS website

Treasurer's Report:

- Balance \$1035.67, there has been no activity on the account since the last meeting
- There was a pending vote from Jessica on sending \$50 to the United Methodist Church of Fairport for use of space. Jessica has not responded even after follow-up. Since the rest of the committee all voted "Yes" (by text) it was decided Maggie would send \$50 to the church.

Old business:

- We will continue to keep this meeting Hybrid, Could use help hosting the meeting

Outreach Event (used a different format this time):

- The purpose was to get people in the fellowship together face to face, then highlight outreach
- Invitations were sent through AIS, Fliers, DR and GR sharing at meetings
- Did not have broad attendance- attendance is down in many Service Arms, Meetings etc.
- Speakers were fabulous, it was an excellent morning
- Received all positive feedback
- Suggestion to try it Hybrid

Public Outreach (need to educate along with this):

- Newark Sunday Serenity Group adopted the Newark Library. They placed literature and books there. The Librarians didn't know what Al-Anon is and that it is for families.
- We often use churches for meeting space. Do they share information with their congregation?

Service Manual Reminder:

- Always available online
- Spring Assembly gave a copy to new GR's that attended the New GR Training Session
- Suggestion made to possibly add something from the Service Manual to talk about at this District Meeting

Meeting Changes:

- New group (Stepping Stones) was recently formed in our District.
- The new meeting time for Webster Monday AFG is 7 p.m.

Spring Assembly Highlights:

- Delegates report (Kathi D), had just been to WSC (World Service Conference) for 5 days. Is our work aligning with theirs?
- Reimbursement of travel expense was voted on. Need to turn in gas receipt or mapquest travel information
- CAL is copyrighted. If we photocopy it we cannot use it outside of the meeting. If we photocopy information and pass it out at a meeting, we must collect it at the end of the meeting. The exception is the Al-Anon Guidelines, available as downloads, item # G-15 and others.
- ODAT- CAL ebook is not available. The version that is out is a pirated version
- 7th Tradition Myth- donating closer to home is the preferred step in what to do with an Ample Reserve. It costs the WSO \$ 325.21 per year to support each group
- Correct language is "Ample Reserve" not "Prudent Reserve"
- Does NYN know how much it costs the Area to support each group?

Fall Assembly:

- September 29- October 1, 2023 at Embassy Suites in East Syracuse *In person only*
- This is an Election Assembly. Area level Officers and Coordinators are on a 3 year rotation. This term is completed at the end of 2023.
- Group Reps should talk about this at their meetings. And encourage more fellows to get plugged in to experience the gift of doing this type of service and to grow in positions.
- Need to have awareness that Dual Members
 1. cannot be a GR or vote
 2. are not eligible to hold Information Service Representative positions
- Brenda suggested we consider a 1 time stipend to groups to send GR's to the Fall Assembly

Submitted by Kathleen