

District 25 Meeting

August 5, 2023

Attendance: Brenda, Kathleen, Maggie

Opening:

- Moment of Silence and Serenity Prayer
- Introductions- none needed
- Reading of the Twelve Traditions
- Reading of the Twelve Concepts of Service & General Warranties

District Reports:

- **Secretary (Kathleen V)**
 - will get minutes posted on AIS website, Brenda provided contact
 - July minutes accepted with 1 correction
- **Treasurer (Maggie E)**
 - no deposits or withdrawals, balance \$1,030.67
- **District Representative (DR) (Brenda L)**
 - AWSC- Brenda attending this on Aug 26 on Zoom to set the agenda for the Fall assembly
 - AIS- also has elections this year. There are very few AIS representatives from District 25.
 - June Forum article- the focus is on using the term "Qualifier"
- **Alternate DR (*vacant*)**

2. District Topics

- **Next District meeting date & location** (September 2, 2023 Hybrid?)
 - all agreed to keep this date and time even though it is a holiday weekend. Brenda will only use the church location if someone else will be there as well.
 - **NYN Fall Assembly ("Together Again", Sep 29 – Oct 1, 2023)**

The Assembly is: *A business meeting where Groups send their representatives (GRs) to express a voice & vote on behalf of the Group. Also Officers, Coordinators & Trustees provide reports.*

 - This is an Election Assembly: In Person Only @ Embassy Suites 6646 Old Collamer Rd S, E Syracuse

The Registration form was sent with agenda and minutes

Brenda was able to obtain costs. Registration fee is \$30. Can also purchase a box lunch \$16 and dinner buffet \$40. Room cost for 2 room suites \$206 (2 people to share) if more than 2 people the cost is \$218. Assembly time 8:15-5:00. There are speakers at the evening banquet. Attendees can listen to them and not participate in the buffet if they wish. There is also a Hospitality room and some events on Sunday. GR's can leave after business on Saturday or stay if they wish.
 - NYN Northern Hi Lights-a link was shared. See the June issue for information about elections.
- Additional information is available about:
- Tradition 7 and ways to look at expenses. This is good for groups to look at when deciding how to handle their funds.
 - The areas in World Service- there is a piece about the new Global Electronic Area

- Brenda recommended that GR's look at their AIS and WSO group info and ensure that it is listed correctly

-How to prepare and optimize attendance at the Assembly

- Can we try to get more groups to send people? Brenda is going to try to attend other group meetings within District 25 to promote this. Brenda asked Kathy and Maggie to think about doing the same thing. Suggest mentioning ideas such as Car-pooling and room sharing etc. Use Attraction rather than Promotion.
- Discussed offering to cover registration fee for someone who is a qualified voting member or GR or Alternate GR. There are 9 active groups and our prudent reserve is \$600. It was decided to stay with the policy that is in place to offer to help those groups who cannot afford to help someone in their group. The current policy is to provide up to \$50 support to Groups that cannot afford to send a representative.
- NYN Website has a couple of note-taking forms with a similar sequence as what the Assembly will have. This is also something that can be referenced when trying to ask people to participate in the assembly.
- Sharing an example of the types of issues voted on may be helpful in recruiting fellows to go to the assembly. An example is a policy change that was voted on around NYN record keeping for travel expenses.
- This assembly is an election assembly. Candidates will speak and attendees will vote. There are 17 open positions to be voted on.

Minutes submitted by Kathleen V.