

## Central Committee Meeting Minutes 4/8/2018

The meeting was opened at 7 pm by our committee chair Tina D. Everybody then joined in with the responsibility statement and after a moment of silence the meeting started the serenity prayer, recited by all. Randy read the AA preamble. Allison read the purpose of central committee and Tom read the traditions. A motion to accept last month's minutes was made by Rich and seconded. After the readings, Hanna (Three Legacies) gave a very inclusive presentation on tradition 4. Come on out to join us next month to hear Bob (Twin Cities) speak on tradition 5. 35 groups represented 59 people in attendance

Groups in attendance break down by zones as follows. Zone 1- Buffalo Group, HIP, The Journey, Wake up Call Zone 2 – Acceptance, Brass, Daily Reflections, Depth &Weight, Easy Does It, How it Works, North Buffalo, Position of Neutrality, Questions and Answers, Step Action Group, The Grove, Welcome Group Zone 3 – Abbott Men's Discussion, Any Lengths, Iron Horse, Lancaster Daily Reprieve, Matt Talbot, Southgate, Sunday Morning Breakfast, Thruway. Zone 4 – Orchard Park Step, Tuesday Men's Discussion, Zone 5 –, Lockport #1, Lockport Ladies. Zone 6 – As Bill Sees It. Zone 7 – not represented, Zone 8 – Achievement, Amherst Snyder, High View, Step it up. Welcome new Committee attendees Kim (Grove), JD (Wake up Call) Kevin (Matt Talbot) Dianne (Brass Group) and Mike (Hip Group)

### Committee reports

**Envelopes System** - The Envelope Committee met April 8th 2018. 1. The envelope system was established to allow individual AA members to directly contribute money to Buffalo central office to ensure that it can continue to carry the message. 2. We continue to inform AA groups about the financial needs of Central Office and how to use the Envelope System purple brochure to contribute financially. We do so during business meetings or an announcement times. 3. please do service work in your home group and suggest that when a member has an anniversary of sobriety they use the E. S. purple brochure to give back. For example 5 years sober they could give \$5 a month for the year. It is tax deductible. Use check or credit card. Please check the supply of these purple brochures in your literature rack. They are free from Central Office. The envelope committee meets at 6:30 prior to the Central Office meeting same location. yours in service pat g

**Steering committee** - Here is the Steering Committee report for April 2018: "Met 4/8/2018 at 5:30 pm. Nine people present. Need a rep for Zone 7(East Side). Discussed GSA-Intergroup meeting and finances. Listened to zone rep reports.

**Financial** – See detailed report within this publication

**Treatment** – Treatment Committee met at 5:30 tonight with 10 people in attendance. Sean M. (Any Length) voted in as new chair. All commitments have been met, Salvation Army had a no show issue that has now been resolved. Terrace House 291 open client meeting to launch on 4/15. Working with Roman and Nadav to verify Bridge the Gap list to launch this summer. ECMC needs a group commitment for the 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of each month.

**Corrections** – Met at 5:30 with 15 people in attendance. The district continues to grow and so does the Intergroup Corrections Committee and that is awesome! Tonight we continued discussion reaching out for assistance in processing the names that need approval. The old person that used to do it has been re-assigned. The current new person takes far too long to respond and sometimes doesn't respond at all. We are scheduling a sit down this month to discuss this matter, pre-release, as last month 3 inmates reached out for this service. People followed through and got ahold of them. We are fairly inexperienced with this process and we are encouraging people to fill out the pre-release form and bring/mail it to Central Office so we can start making a hard copy of these individuals willing to provide this service. We gave a case of books to Niagara and a case to Attica, along with ten 12 & 12's. There are 3 new meetings in Gowanda and Collins due to people signing up to volunteer and we want to thank the districts and continue doing this for all facilities. Please keep spreading the word about the work we are doing! Thank You, Shannon (Corrections Chair)

**Central office** - TOTAL CALL'S INCLUDING AFTER-HOUR'S ; AA Call's: 327, 12-STEP:9, ALANON: 5, VISITORS: 201, VOLUNTEERS: 5 volunteers Email's:526, Website Hit's; 11,5581 / of them 9,103 Unique Visitors, Total number of visits: 20,299. All Numbers are down from last month. Number of forms received to add to our 12th Step List: 1.

GROUPS WE ARE IN NEED OF CONTACTS FROM ARE: 0

- There are some financial concerns, when comparing 2018 income to 2017 income. We are down by almost 10,000.00 from last year's :(
- The 2018 schedules should come in this week.
- Saturday we had our qly meeting between the intergroups and GSA. This is a meeting exchanging information & concerns. Our next meeting will be Sunday June 24th at 10:00am and then on Aug 26 same time at Patti S. home. All of Steering Committee, the officers and committee chairs are invited and encouraged to come. For more info & RSVP (Patti needs a head count for parking) you can talk to myself or Patti These meetings have been very productive in Unity & Service to our area. Yours in the fellowship of the Spirit...Terry B.

**Night watch** – Covered for the next few months. Jess

**PIC/CPC** – Met at 5:30 Five people present. EAP at the Ford Stamping Plant contacted us for a table event on May 16<sup>th</sup> from 7am to 4 pm. Monday April 16<sup>th</sup> 11 am to 2 pm at NFTA. Union Halls Communication is ongoing. Placing tear off information sheets at Laundromats. Email: BuffaloPICPC@gmail.com

**Education/Participation** - The Education and Participation committee met today at 5:30 pm and had 6 members in attendance. We voted unanimously in favor of approving the New IR presentation which will be used in the orientation for new Intergroup/Central Committee representatives and are hoping to finalize the rest of the materials for inclusion in the New IR packets at next month's meeting. If you want to get in touch with us, you can send an email to buffaloepc@gmail.com or come to our next committee meeting on May 6 at 5:30 pm. Yours in service,

**Buffalo AA Fall Convention 2018** – Tina in for John (working) No written report submitted

**Archives** - Thank You for my recovery & I'll try to be brief. Archives reported to 3 of the 4 intergroups last month! Worknights on the 2nd & 4th Monday evenings each month at 6:30 in the archives office. The monthly archives meetings are held on 3rd Sat each month @10am @17 Gierlach in Buffalo NY (backdoor). Changes are coming fast – to the display and our necessity of getting from long-timers. My Higher Power seems to keep me on the task of asking for help, as hard as that is for me. The 2018 8th annual Archives Breakfast is fast approaching on May 5th and the smallest intergroup in our area is hosting this year, so the committee is going to need some assistance. Contributions were recvd from Ironhorse, Lakeshore, Clear Skies and from the event called NYPenn Day of Sharing came a generous donation. There was a generous coffeepot donation from the All Is Well group. Upcoming displays are the Apr 24 (Lewport's anniversary in Lewiston), Apr 27 (Falls hospital's "First Step Group") and June 28th (Questions&Answers of Grand Island's group anniversary). And of course we look forward to seeing the Pass-It-On plants and the full display on May 5th for the annual Archives Breakfast at Cheektowaga's Infant of Prague! We'd love to display the archives at your group anniversary or special event – the new additions will touch your heart – like the historical photographs displayed on our new digital picture frame. And the usual reminder to all AA members of these 8 counties of Western New York – throw NOTHING group-related away without thinking of your unborn alcoholics yet to come, which is the purpose we work hard at keeping our area documented accurately and the reason for the existence of this ARCHIVES Committee.

Yours in service, Lila M., your grateful Area 50 Archives Committee Chair

**Accessibility** - No Report Given

**General Service Liaison** - There has been no GSA assembly or committee meetings since our last intergroup meeting. The focus of area 50 has been the upcoming general service conference and the development of the districts. Districts and groups have been discussing conference agenda topics to help our delegate to serve area 50. The information from these discussions will be collected at the pre-conference assembly meeting on April 14th at 12 noon. The assembly is at Central North First Trinity Church, 1570 Niagara Falls Blvd. Tonawanda, N.Y. 14150. The districts are rapidly developing. There are now 14 of 22 districts meeting regularly. The participation continues to exceed expectations. Yours in service, Brian Barry

### **Old Business:**

A motion was made and seconded to appoint an Adhoc committee to explore sound equipment and make recommendations. Rich agreed to head up the Sound System Adhoc Committee and report back to us with their findings.

### **New Business :**

The Education and Participation Committee made a motion to make the new IR presentation to all of Central Committee at the next CC meeting before reports (15 minutes). All new Intergroup Representatives will be given this presentation from now on, insuring that we are all informed and on the same page. The presentation should be viewed by all standing members of the Central Committee Body. This would entail our executive secretary printing enough copies of the presentation for each representative/member present. Motion passed and was seconded. Put to a vote, with 32 in favor of the presentation and no opposition, the majority agreed and approved the presentation for next month's meeting at Central Committee

The AD HOC Committee for the sound system (Rich, Glenn, and Jeff) bought a sound system to trial today and it was used with success throughout this meeting. A motion was made to purchase this PA system and was seconded. It was put to a vote and 39 members voted in favor. The decision was made to approve motion and purchase the equipment.

**Coffee Makers/Snacks** : Thank you to the coffee maker (Terry) and the Group providing snacks for the meeting tonight (Position of Neutrality). Next month, we look forward to snacks provided by the Sobriety Men's Group

### **Group Announcements :**

The next SoberJam planning meetings will be held at the Hope Center (Wednesday April 18<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 pm, and at Grove Street Christian Church on Thursday April 19<sup>th</sup> at 7:30pm. SoberJam is April 28<sup>th</sup>

The new Lighthouse Meeting of AA which meets at Grove Street Christian Church on Tuesdays at 7:30pm NEEDS SUPPORT !!!

Yours in Service, Guy R. (Central Committee Recording Secretary)