

DISTRICT 16 MEETING MINUTES FEBRUARY 18, 2020 **DRAFT**

Open – Serenity Prayer

Welcome & Introduce Visitors: Area 48 Chair Tammie, Tammy D7 Bloomington Group

Monthly Traditions & Concepts Alt-DCM read Tradition 2 & Concept 2

MOTION: January 2020 meeting minutes APPROVED (with edits)

District 16 Officer Reports

DCM Report 20200218 APPROVED: Hello, welcome to your D16 monthly meeting. We welcome our Area Chair Tammie E. to our District meeting. I'm happy to report I have transferred all pertinent information and files to our new Answering Service Chair, Ryan. Thank you, Ryan, for stepping up and taking over this commitment.

From our Area Chair- the idea came about to create and provide an evaluation form for members to tell us (Area 48) what we're doing right and what we might be able to do better. I have now created such a form which will be available as a hard copy survey at future events. Members can fill it out and drop it in a box that will be provided. In addition, it will also be able to be found on the Area website as a PDF fill in form that will come directly to the Area Chair email upon submission. It will be right in the News box on the home page.

WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW:

1. Ulster Districts Meeting lists
 - a. Available now; Take home a bunch for your home group
 - b. Who is willing to bring a batch to the dark groups?
2. NEWSLETTERS: Current Newsletters can be found at:
 - a. Area 48 Happy Joyous & Free. aahmbny.org/hmb-newsletters/
 - b. District 7-15-16 aahmbny.org/district-newsletters/ or ulsterdistricts.aahmbny.org/district_7_15_16_newsletter/
3. NEXT EVENT:
 - a. February 21-23, 2020 NERASSA 2020 (ask your home groups for financial support): Hosted by Area 43 New Hampshire at Radisson Hotel Nashua, NH www.nerassa.org
 - b. AAWS (AA World Service) July 2-5, 2020: AA International Convention, Love & Tolerance is Our Code, Detroit, \$115 preregistration through April 15, 2020; www.aa.org/pages/en_US/international-convention-2020
4. Sign up for AA YouTube Channel
5. OPPORTUNITY TO DO SERVICE:
 - a. DISTRICT 16 POSITIONS OPEN NOW:
Public Information | Corrections/BTG | Accessibility/Treatment | Web/Newsletter | Functions
 - b. All District 16 committees can use support and service volunteers to be on the answering service list, bring meetings into the home, man a festival table, stuff envelopes, etc.

REMINDERS:

- At 6:30p on the third Tuesday of the month (one half hour before the monthly District meeting aka THIS meeting), we will be here to meet with anyone who has questions about service. We

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can review the Service Manual, move Committee work forward. All are welcome: GSRs, AA group members, sponsees, newcomers! Find out what it means to “Do Service” by coming early each week.

- It is suggested that GSRs attend all District Meetings and all Area meetings. If a GSR cannot attend, please send the Alternate GSR or someone from your group.
- Speak up during AA Announcements at any meeting you attend. Share three items of business you hear here.
- Not sure what to mention in a GSR Report to District?
- Share member & group anniversaries and any special service work your group is doing
- Note which Group positions are open
- Ask for help with Group concerns that you need suggestions, experience, strength & hope for other groups here to bring back to your Group
- Not sure what to mention in your GSR Report back to your Group”
 - Opportunities to carry the message (aka 12th Step Work, Service) at District & Area levels
 - Upcoming District & Area events
 - Other group & member anniversaries
 - Requests from District & Areas for your Group Conscience

This is a “WE” Program, we do this together. Our lives depend on it. As DCM, I am open to hear your thoughts and suggestions for improvement either at this meeting or 1-on-1 – call/text/email 718 309 1137 district16dcm@aahmbny.org -- Smiling in Service, Allen V.

Alt DCM Report 2/18/20 APPROVED

Discussion of April 19 Service Sponsorship Workshop at Reservoir UMC, confirmed

Explanation of Cluster system: Hudson Valley cluster D3, 7, 11, 15, 16, 18

Upcoming Events & Meetings: (Flyers are/will be available for all events)

1. **NERAASA** February 21-23, 2020 Radisson Nashua 11 Tara Blvd, Nashua, NH 03062
<http://www.neraasa.org/neraasa-2020.html>
2. **Fellowship Day** Sunday March 8, 9:00am-3:00pm
St. Paul's Episcopal Church
161 Mansion St., Poughkeepsie, NY 12601 Agenda TBD
3. **Delegate's Day of Sharing**, April 4, 9:00am-3:00pm
Saratoga UMC, 5th & Henning, Saratoga Springs
Yours in Service, Thea H-B Alt DCM, District 16

Treasurer Report 2/18/20 APPROVED: SEE PDF ATTACHED



TreasurerReport-20200218.pdf

Per Bill B., This is the revised treasurer report for January & February 2020. \$526.96 remaining after three checks written 2/18/2020.

Secretary Report 2/18/20

- Currently learning AirTable and Gmail system.
- I am still waiting for access to AirTable through Area to update information.
- I have access to the shared Ulster Districts website and will post agenda and minutes to <https://ulsterdistricts.aahmbny.org/meeting-minutes/> for easy access in the future. I'll also update anniversaries <https://ulsterdistricts.aahmbny.org/anniversaries/>. If you see changes needed to the website, please email district16secretary@aahmbny.org
- Please provide updated GSR information within the Blue Binder as soon as possible.
- Committee chair and officer reports are graciously accepted by the 10th of each month before the 3rd Tuesday District meeting
- Lastly, sign in on the clipboard and indicate any upcoming anniversaries.

Yours in Service, Tara C., D16 Secretary-Recordkeeper

Group Reports

12 on the Green (Gerard): everyday Noon (Sundays 1p), healthy attendance, Mark 11yrs, Margaret 16, Joyce 35 years

As Bill Sees It (Barry):

Blue Mountain Men's:

Breathing Easy:

By the Book:

Home Free:

If Nothing Changes (Ryan): Tues&Fr 5:45 &7p, all good, Bekka 1yr

Katsbaan Big Book Study:

Look to This Day (Sam): T7:15p, all positions filled, new position "Closer", newbies coming

Living in the Solution:

Main Connection (Lorraine): FS 7p, Abel House is sending residents over to the meeting

Meditation in Action (Tara):

Midday Live (David): everyday noon/Sun3p, Large Larry 1yr, thanks for the District support with group issue discussed last month, Church for sale in Saugerties (\$200k) and brewery and another church looking at it, his church wants to reate a new group on Mondays (RECEIVED NEW GROUP FORM from D16 secretary)

New Beginnings (Bill B.): Sunday 7:30p St. Gregory's – all financially sound, meetings light attendance, Kira 34 years, Sarah 20 years on last Sunday

Parents in Recovery: no longer meeting

Phoenicia Beginners (Donna):

Prodigal Sons (Jim): 10a Sunday, robust group, celebrations are open to all: Steve 19 years

The 5th Tradition (Kevin H-B): MWThS 7p Shokan church, painted cabinet, Marshall 30yrs, Kevin H-B 31 years

What's Shakin' Shandaken:

Woodbine:

Woodstock Group (Shira): W7:30p,

Woodstock Women's Group (Mary Ann):

Woodstock Workshop:

Committee Reports

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Accessibility/Treatment Chair Report: OPEN

Never Alone (juvenile rehab) is the only treatment center in our district. Maybe time to rotate some men chairpeople may out. Have questions: contact Kevin

D16 Treatment district16treatment@aahmbny.org Treatment Area 48 Treatment@aahmbny.org

Answering Service (Ryan): 30 phone calls on tally sheet (see attached); envelopes delivered and met Ron, our FAMILY contact. Ro asked for more meeting lists. Thea says Verizon phone bill says 60 calls received. Ryan will investigate with Ron.

Bridging the Gap/Corrections (Shira): Accepting position and will contact Kate for information. Also reached out to BTG/Corrections at D7 & 15.

CPC (Marcy): no report

Functions (OPEN): no report

Grapevine/Literature (Bill W.): Will be chairing Grapevine roundtable at NERAASA. Has service manuals and big books on hand if you need them. Also going to do an order soon.

Newsletter/Website (Liam, District 15):

D16 Secretary will post agenda, minutes, anniversaries and flyers to <https://ulsterdistricts.aahmbny.org/> until this service position is filled. Liam from District 15 is doing website and newsletter; district15newsletter@aahmbny.org

Public Information/PI (OPEN): no report Bill W. reported that Hope Rocks wanted to give AA an award, but we politely declined.

Old Business

- \$150 remainder of 2019 rental payment for District 16 storage space to St. John's Evangelist, Centerville PAID
- \$360 for annual District 16 meeting room rental to Reservoir UMC, Shokan PAID
- \$300 for District 16 storage space January-December 2020 to St John's Evangelist, Centerville PAID
- We will have our Area 48 Chair, Tammie E., visiting us next month. As she has just rotated into this position, she is starting to visit all District meeting, and we will be one of the first she visits, she will have a 15 minute or so presentation at our February 18 meeting. CONDUCTED

New Business

- Are we going to have a spring District Event/Workshop? Dates? Thea to organize a Spring workshop on sponsorship/service sponsorship, \$250, date & location TBA) MOTION APPROVED
- D16 has offered to provide beverages for 2020 Fellowship Day, Sunday March 8 in Poughkeepsie- Allen requested what is needed from host District 11, will need help to accommodate, reimbursement? Lorraine, Tara & Thea to coordinate beverages & supplies (cups, sodas, water, coolers, coffee) TBD
- DONATION: Lorraine donated a copier for District to make copies for GSRs; D16 will need to supply inks. Copier will be in Reservoir UMC meeting room. David will assist with paper & inks.

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- May Assembly proposals are available for review; get your group conscience and bring that back for the Voting assembly in May.
- Delegate will be providing questions for GSRs to bring back to their groups for input.

Area 48 Chair Report Tammie

- D16 is the first district she is visiting – we're the guinea pigs.
- Removing the stigma of service: more positive sharing on service beyond the home group.
- Where did you learn about AA? Treatment, friends, therapist, ex-wife, Alanon meeting, family member, clergy, movies, employer, jails, law enforcement
- Tammie distributed Area information packets to interested attendees
- Sponsorship as a way into service.
- Use the Area 48 Service Manual with guidelines on how to run a business meeting; District 16 also has one. Bill W. has the pink AAWS service manual as well.
- What can we do to ensure that AA is here for the next sick & suffering alcoholic?
 - Service sponsorship and regular sponsors who are engaged/support service
 - Make service appealing by educating people, simple messaging, stop talking in acronyms, get newcomers into service right away, bring newcomers to area & district meetings, attraction without forcing, many groups don't have group service or rotation, start filling in the Group Service Structure model
 - Help groups understand "self-supporting" or difference between group & meeting
 - We need to be there for the next person coming through the door