

## Minutes of District 7 Meeting -5/13/2020:

Open with Serenity Prayer

### COMMITTEE REPORTS:

**DCM Report:** Our next Area Voting Assembly has been moved to Zoom for **Saturday, May 30th starting at 9:30 am**. In this link you will find the Best Practices for the Voting Assembly and the Zoom invite:

<https://aahmbny.org/spring-assembly-agenda/>

For this Spring Assembly they have two proposals that we will be voting on and those proposals are listed here:

<https://aahmbny.org/spring-2020-proposals/>

AA Int'l Convention in Detroit Cancelled: 7/2-7/5: [https://www.aa.org/pages/en\\_US/international-convention-2020](https://www.aa.org/pages/en_US/international-convention-2020)

AA 70th General Service conference via Zoom, this weekend: 5/16-5/19

One Proposal to go over in New Business about the Revamping of our Ulster Districts (7,15 & 16) Website

<https://ulsterdistricts.aahmbny.org/>

Ulster Districts Website Proposal Document:

<https://docs.google.com/document/d/1uH1sW5wmKgsIkkGJaa0OgmpLbRXzunhBKqxqXrP9fcU/edit>

Tara (Secretary and Records for District 16) is here tonight to answer any of our questions about the proposal. At this point we do not have a price quote for the revamp but it is being brought up to see if our District would like to continue with this new website format. Will discuss with Tara in New Business.

On-Line 7th Tradition for our District: to be brought up at New Business

**Alt-DCM Report:** Attended the Area Meeting on May 6th where there were discussions about the 7th Tradition in the Zoom Age and Going Back to IN-Person Meetings.

Suggestions about first talking with your landlords and asking what they expect of us and if they want us back, what precautions to take. Do not announce any opening dates as of yet. The Area is aware of the in person meetings that are happening, they are not in control of that. Also talked about the possibility of continuing the Zoom Meetings when things re-open. They will continue this discussion at the Area Assembly on May 30th.

**Secretary's Report:** Accepted as written. If there are any corrections to be made, please email them to [district7secretary@aahmbny.org](mailto:district7secretary@aahmbny.org)

**Treasurer's Report:** See Attached. The discussion of rent was brought up and we are paid up for the first 6 months of this year. We received \$100 from As Bill Sees It and \$90.62 from KYP

**Accessibility Report:** No official Meetings Face to Face. The Hotline was asking about in person meetings. Helping a fellow who is losing his vision with computer or phone meetings. Possibility of creating a Zoom Meeting Chair to run a meeting while face to face meetings are happening-hybrid meetings?

**Bridging the Gap:** Anne stepped down from her position. This is now an **Open position**.

**Answering Service:** Ron at Family of Woodstock at the Hotline reached out to us to see how things are going. Sally reported that her and Guy are receiving calls from the Hotline, it is working. Having a hard time doing outreach to get more members to sign-up for service on the hotline because we are not meeting in person. If you would like to sign-up for service for the AA Hotline please email our chair at: [district7ansservice@aahmbny.org](mailto:district7ansservice@aahmbny.org)

**Corrections Report:** Was on the Area Conference call last month where they discussed what to do during this time of closures. Area 49 (downstate) is looking into Zoom meetings but has not had luck with Administrations about this. Carl the Area Corrections Chair mailed letters to the librarians at the Corrections Facilities asking if they would like literature from us. In the last District meeting we talked about the Pen-Pal systems with the Correctional Facilities and AA has a Corrections Correspondence Program on [aa.org](http://aa.org) with a form that you can submit to GSO and then GSO matches you with people out of your Area to write to. Also there are a complete listing of guidelines and suggestions: [https://www.aa.org/pages/en\\_US/corrections-correspondence-service](https://www.aa.org/pages/en_US/corrections-correspondence-service)

**Ulster Districts Upgrade of Shared Website for 7,15 & 16:** Tara from District 16 joined our meeting to discuss this topic, she is working with Liam the District 15 Webmaster to propose the following : (**see the attached proposal\*\***)

- The Monetary cost to pay for the redesign (unknown at the time of the meeting)
- To create a Tech-Team, the COVID crisis made it apparent that we needed one to reach people digitally and easily. That we want to reach AA members, Newcomers and Friends, Family and Supporters of AA.
- Use it for advertising Events for the Districts, Meeting Notes and Agendas
- Share Stories
- Create a landing page for the Newcomer (BB & 12n12?). How are we lowering the bar to access the Newcomer?
- Talk about how the website would become the newsletter???

There would be a one-time expense to redesign the website and then the tech team would update the information for each district by inputting it into the new website.

Need the Tech Team, Committee and the pricing to see how to move forward. Will discuss further when we have that information.

**CP/CPI Report:**(report submitted through chat of zoom): made contact with HVYPAA's CPC/PI (Nick G), and with the resources Sally gave me (mad stuff) nick was able to make a digital version of the resources we give to professionals so instead of them getting a physical copy they would instead receive a digital one via e-mail. I've also used the information I was given to make a spreadsheet of professionals in our area to send this info to. If you have any questions feel free to email me: [melissakheffernan@yahoo.com](mailto:melissakheffernan@yahoo.com)

**Functions:** (report submitted through chat of zoom):planning on contacting Ulster County for a refund for the park on Memorial Day - if the park is still closed then I figured that would be the best course of action. If the park IS open, do we want to have the picnic? My vote is no, and since we don't have a meeting before then ... I don't know, if you decide tonight please let me know.

**\*\* Memorial Day Picnic was cancelled for the first time in 34 years.\*\***

**Newsletter/Web: Open Position**

**Records:** Terry to stand up for the position? Records have been running smoothly with the help of our Area Registrar Gretchen.

**Treatment:** Not in attendance, but the Villa is participating in already established Zoom Meetings anonymously . Shane will contact Patty to notify her of this.

**Grapevine:** Not in attendance, but reporting that they are dropping Grapevines throughout the District

**GSR Reports:**

Tracy -New Living Sober, 7:30 Sat. night.: We are in a holding pattern right now.

MaryJo-LGBTQ Friday Nights: Meeting via Zoom, going great.

Kim -Sunrisers: Normal Attendance, things are coasting along

Becky- HighFalls Woman's Living Sober: Meeting via Zoom, going well, decent amount of people joining each week

Marie-Just for Today- Alt-GSR: Attendance is great on Zoom. Talking about the 7th Tradition via Paypal and a waiting room and two co-chairs were established for security and safety in the meeting.

Mike-Fresh Start: Closed the hospital to everyone, do not know when opening. For the Website Proposal Question- what will the cost be? Timing wise we will see how we are doing monetarily in the District.

Kurt-Young and Young at Heart: Our group is Zooming where attendance is good. Thinks the District could do online donations.

Shane -Kingston Original: We have two meetings on Friday and Sunday where there are two Zoom Id's.

Marie -Just For Today,

Mike -Fresh Start.

**NEW BUSINESS:** Shane will reach out to Tara and Liam about the finished product of the proposal for the new District Website.

Motion for the Treasurer to research with our bank to set up Pay-Pal for online donations for the District

Sunrisers has Pay-Pal and did the research that all vehicles to take on-line donations take a small percentage (the price of doing business) and that Pay-Pal is comparable to Venmo.

There was talk about on the District Website Page to have buttons for each District for on-line donations.

Proposal One: To move forward Tara and Liam coordinating of the new website and to reassess when we know how much it costs: **PASSED**

Proposal Two: To move forward to research and set up Pay-Pal for online donations for our District and to review that suggestions from our Area Treasurer (\*\*see attached document\*\*): **PASSED**

**Meeting closed at 8:30 PM with Responsibility Pledge**

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In love & service,  
Eileen H  
District 7 Secretary