

NYMAI Meeting May 19, 2018

- I. Opening:
 - A. The meeting was held at Barbara D's home and opened at 2:30 pm with the Serenity Prayer.
 - B. In attendance were John O., Martha K., Nick M., Kathy K. Sol S., Gemma L., Michael B., Barbara D., and Terri.
 - C. Martha was the spiritual timekeeper.
- II. Minutes and Committee Reports:
 - A. Meeting Minutes were read. One change: Nick and Patti are the co-chairs for CITC. Minutes were approved as amended.
 - B. Treasurer's Report: Terri reported that our beginning balance on April 18 was \$1,115.48. It cost us \$112 for the year for a post office box. Donations included \$50 from N. Bellmore, \$25 from Brooklyn, and \$30 from the basket. We sold \$6.50 in chips. Our ending balance was \$1,126.98. We owe Nick \$150 for square space.
 - C. Chip Coordinator: Sol said we have 780 chips in inventory.
 - D. Teleservices: Gemma got a call from NY Quits looking for a meeting in Buffalo. The woman called Robin who said there is no meeting in Buffalo. Alison is still keeping the world-wide meeting list updated. Our balance for the phone service is \$115 in minutes.
 - E. Newsletter Report: Michael B. said 280 people receive the newsletter. Michael is revamping the newsletter. He will put the most important information first to attract people. John said we could look into a 3rd party email provider for better delivery information with a click-through feature. It would enable us to find out if people are opening up the newsletter. We could possibly get a discount as a nonprofit. The cost could be a couple of hundred dollars a year.
 - F. Outreach Report: Nick said it would be good to get someone from Manhattan and someone from Long Island to work on outreach. We need to step up our outreach efforts. Martha asked if Nick had ideas for outreach. We need to get people into NICA rooms and to take some steps to nurture them to keep them coming back. Terri said talking about God can scare new people. Michael said he's been told that by new people. We need to offer them RECOVERY. We're here for the people with mental illness and for the hard-core addicts.
 - G. Meeting List Coordinator: Alison wasn't at the meeting but Michael said he links the newsletter to the web site where we have the meeting list.
 - H. Conference Report: John O. reported that the conference was a tremendous success. The attendees had a deluxe experience due to our committee members handling every single thing beautifully. Sixty-six people registered, 68 paid for dinner, and 58 paid for breakfast. We had a surplus of \$1,214. John gave a gratigram to the woman at the hotel who coordinated the conference with us.

John said he would like to take money from our surplus to give a special tip to the two women who set up our brunch and dinner. We paid a high gratuity fee built in to our hotel cost but we don't know if any of this money reached these two women. John made a motion that we offer a gratuity of \$200 to these two women. MSP.

III. NEW BUSINESS:

- A. Clean in the Catskills: Patti A. and Nick will co-chair the event. Sara will design the buttons. Nick said we have the flier on the website without the theme. We need to pick a theme. Michael suggested Beyond Your Wildest Dreams. John said we could pick a theme about Keep Coming Back. Nick said we can talk more about it at the July meeting.
- B. We don't have an August event as we decided not to have Beach Day. John suggested that on the weekend of August 11-12 we visit him on Fire Island.
- C. We passed the basket. We collected \$ XXX and gave it to Terri.
- D. Michael is going in for surgery and said he would like to put his NicA data (NYMAI and NAWS) on a flash drive to give to someone so at least one other person would have it. He can give the flash drive to Nick and Nick can give it to Stephanie and she can upload it. Did we budget for maintenance with Stephanie? A motion was made to hire Stephanie for \$25 a month to handle all our web work. MSP. Nick will discuss it with Stephanie. We empowered Nick to make the agreement with Stephanie for up to \$25 per month.
- E. Outreach: Nick would be willing to work on outreach with a few other people. Martha said we used to meet for an outreach meeting prior to the NYMAI meeting. We all liked the idea of resuming this. Several of us agreed to meet at 1 pm on July 14 for an outreach meeting prior to the NYMAI meeting. John suggested Nick look into WebEx capability at the location of the Seafarer's meeting for the July NYMAI meeting. There is a \$25 fee to rent the room.
- F. Contact Contact? It's a third-party provider. John volunteered to look into this. Our considerations, according to John: 1) cost and 2) ease of use. Motion made by John to look into this. MSP.
- G. Our September meeting will be at Patti's house. We agreed on Sept. 15th as the meeting date, as long as Patti is available. Michael will ask Patti if this is good for her.
- H. The meeting closed at 4:30 pm with the Serenity Prayer.