

NYMAI Meeting Minutes Nov. 17, 2018

1. OPENING

- A. The meeting started with a moment of silence and The Serenity Prayer at 2:10 pm and was held at Gemma L.'s home in Holbrook.
- B. The spiritual timekeeper was Kathy K.
- C. In attendance were Martha K., Nick M., Sol S., Barbara D., Gemma L., Terry R., Kathy K., and John O.

2. Minutes and Committee Reports:

- A. Intergroup meeting minutes from Sept. 15, 2018: Barbara read the meeting minutes and the following amendments were approved: Sol was the spiritual timekeeper at that meeting; the NYMAI meeting in Manhattan was held in July; we had close to 30 people signed up for CITC at the time of the September NYMAI meeting; and the scheduled location of the January 2019 NYMAI meeting was Ronkonkoma.
- B. Treasurer's Report: Terry reported that we started October with a balance of \$978.98. We made a deposit of \$67 for an ending balance of \$1,045.98.
- C. Chip coordinator's report: Sol said we have 745 chips in inventory.
- D. Teleservices: Gemma said the teleservice calls have been picking up, following a slow period. She said using the cell phone has made things easier. We get 30 minutes free each month, which is more than we generally use.
- E. Newsletter report: Michael wasn't in attendance, but Nick said we're still looking into constant contact and mail chimp.
- F. Meeting list coordinator's report: Nick said we have a new meeting list which was updated in October.
- G. Outreach report: Patti wasn't in attendance, but Nick said we made progress in our Outreach meeting today regarding the tear-off sheets, and plans for the mailing to medical professionals. Ronald and Ray took tear offs for their meetings in Manhattan and Brooklyn.
- H. Website report: Nick asked Terry if our web master, Stephanie, was billing Terry. Terry said no. Nick will contact Stephanie.

3. Old Business

- A. Nick is looking into constant contact and mail chimp.
- B. CITC recap: We had 35 people in attendance. Our net profit was \$45.12. We spent \$20.01 for bottled water. Checko spent \$82.27 for firewood and pumpkins, etc. Nick said we would only use half that amount next year. Sol and Nick spent \$32.46 for snacks at Cosco, which they said didn't move. The hard candies and water were popular. Patti A. spent \$65 for the buttons, which Alison A. made. Nick spent \$120 for refreshments (over and above the Cosco bill) and printing. Our net profit was 45.12.
Nick said there was an omission on his part. Next year we should state how much it would cost for a double room. Nick said it was concerning that he called a month in advance to reserve a room and the Villa representative tried to get him to take a double occupancy. Some people complained about the small portions served at meals. October 18-20, 2019, is the date of the next CITC.
- C. Nick sold us a computer for \$1. John took it home to put a word processing program on it. Barbara D. will try it out.

4. New Business

- A. Gratitude Dinner: Michael updated a flier for the dinner, which is set for Sunday, Jan. 27, 2019, from 5:30 – 8 pm. Nick had printouts made and handed them out at the NYMAI meeting. We have a large room set aside at Joannina's.
- B. Nomination of Officers for 2019: Martha nominated Nick for a second term as chair. He said he will consider it. Terry said she would consider continuing as treasurer. Martha asked if Barbara would continue staying on as secretary, and Barbara said she would consider it. Nick asked Kathy if she would consider taking on the meeting lists. Kathy said she would consider it. Gemma said she will stay on as teleservant. Sol will stay on a chip coordinator. Michael B. will not be doing the newsletter after January. Nick suggested we split up the newsletter responsibilities. Martha said the newsletter started as a communication vehicle consisting of meeting minutes, the treasurer's report, NYMAI meeting announcements, and NYMAI meeting agenda. She said this morphed into the newsletter we know now, which is a luxury. Martha said we could go back to the simplicity of sending the above-mentioned items. MSP to close the nomination of officers.
- C. New meeting list coordinator: The meeting list was updated in October.
- D. Future meeting planning. We used to have four in-person meetings and 2 web-ex meetings. Nick suggested we cut back to 4 in-person meetings, period. John said it's a good idea but we'd have to change the bylaws. In fact, John was the one who suggested cutting back the in-person meetings years ago. Martha and John looked up the bylaws during the meeting and discovered that the bylaws do say we meet four times a year. Nick said we could meet in January, May, September, and November. John said we could finalize this at the January meeting. John said in 2015 we met in January, March, June, and September. John said he will research this to try to find out why we went back to six meetings a year.
- E. Possible Summer Event: We tabled this until January.
- F. Meeting closed at 3:50 pm.