

NYMAI Meeting Minutes July 14, 2018

- I. Opening
 - A. We opened the meeting with a moment of silence and the Serenity Prayer at 2:10 pm at the meeting place of the Seafarer's NicA group in Brooklyn.
 - B. Sol was our spiritual timekeeper.
 - C. In attendance were Ronald L., Nick M., Sol S., John O., Martha K., Barbara D., and Kathy K.; and on the phone: Patti A., Gemma L., Chick P., and Chad O.
- II. Minutes and Committee Reports
 - A. Meeting Minutes of the March 10th meeting were read and amended as follows: Nick and Patti are the co-chairs of Clean in the Catskills. MSP to accept the minutes as amended.
 - B. Treasurer's Report: Terri was not in attendance but she communicated that all is well with our online banking. \$150 was given to Stephanie for 3 months of maintenance for Square Space. Our balance as of July 1, 2018, was \$1,187.98. We will pay \$25 for renting the Seafarer's meeting room. Nick will pay them from the basket, which took in \$50. Sol will deposit the remaining \$25. MSP to accept the Treasurer's Report.
 - C. Chips Coordinator Report: Sol said we have 757 chips in inventory. We sold \$12 in chips since the previous NYMAI meeting.
 - D. Teleservices Report: Activity is slow on the hotline. Gemma said we have \$108 left in phone minutes.
 - E. Newsletter Report: Michael was not in attendance but sent his report to Nick. Nick said we have 280 subscribers. John said we can download the newsletter information to Square Space. This is secure and accessible. Stephanie is already uploading the newsletter.
 - F. Meeting List Coordinator: Alison was not in attendance but sent word that she removed the St. Albans Queens meeting from the meeting list.
 - G. Outreach Report: Nick said our earlier meeting at 1 pm was productive. Members agreed to oversee some of our prospective efforts. World Services designated November Gratitude Month. Kathy said she doesn't see a link for World Services on NYMAI's web site or to other web sites. John said this should be there. Kathy said Stephanie has to migrate this. John said the web site is different on cell phones vs. computers. Martha looked on her phone and did not see a link either.
- III. Old Business
 - A. John looked into Mail Chimp—a 3rd party email provider that could provide us with a free version. Mail Chimp doesn't offer a ton of support. There are versions for \$11-\$21 per month. It can provide reports on what people are clicking on. The free version would provide this. Example: We don't know if the 280 people on the newsletter distribution list are actually receiving and opening the newsletter. Mail Chimp would tell us this. Currently, the newsletter could be winding up in some people's SPAM folder. Martha asked if accepting a free service would be against the Traditions. John said he didn't think so, since the free service is available to everyone and not just particular to NicA. John said he will contact Michael to ask him to look at Mail Chimp.
 - B. CITC: Patti said 2 people from Maryland have signed up so far. She said we are going to send out email blasts and then start calling people so we can start looking for speakers. The theme is "Beyond Your Wildest Dreams." Sara B. is designing the buttons. Patti will

oversee getting the buttons made. Nick asked Lee if the Villa Vosilla will be providing wood for the bonfire. Answer: No, they will not. Nick asked John to oversee the bonfire. It was suggested to ask Checko to get the firewood since he lives in proximity to the Villa.

IV Old Business

- A. The next NYMAI meeting will be on September 15th at Patti's home in Lloyd Harbor. Nick has to work that day so Patti will chair the meeting. The Outreach meeting will be at 1 pm that day. The November NYMAI meeting will be Nov. 17th at Gemma's home.

V New Business

- A. John reported that a NicA member who designed artwork for the World Services Conference this year would like to be reimbursed for the art supplies she used to make the artwork. After much discussion, we voted to reimburse this member up to \$50 if she can supply receipts. 5 people voted in favor, 3 abstained, and 1 was opposed.
- B. The meeting closed with the Serenity Prayer.