

AUGUST 16, 2025 District 17 Minutes

- 1.) Cell phones on silent
- 2) Declaration of unity
- 3) Attendants- Suzanne D (chair), Gil W, Amanda B, Mike S, Joel G, Michelle R, Jeff P, Hank K, Colette P, Shawn P, Shelly, Mariah
- 4) Minutes of the last meeting 7/19/25 **Motion made and seconded** to approve by Joel, 2nd Shelly. Unanimous approval.
- 5) Treasurer's Report. \$26.00 currently after \$25 collection, \$100.00 to Evenhouse printing for 250 copies of Looking for a Way Out? Flyers and \$10.00 to Holland church use last month. **Motion made and seconded** to accept treasurer report, Mike, 2nd by Joel.

GSR / GROUP REPORTS / OPEN FLOOR DISCUSSION

The Yorkshire Saturday Night Group donated \$30 to D17! (Jeff said no need for thank you note.)

Amanda GSR Rep from Area 50

*Gave definition of GSR, enlightened the group with website for Buffalo AA <https://area50wny.org/> and the GSR resources there as well as a multitude of information for review.

*elaborated on the Bridge the Gap Program and demonstrated how to get to that information and resources for Bridge the Gap, on the Area 50 website: <https://area50wny.org/>

* She will be providing pull tab sheets that are easy to hang in locations like on the back of bathroom stall doors.

OLD BUSINESS

1. Mariah – presented Treatment Workbook overview
 - A. Find out what treatment centers are in District 17 and learn about them. ie. Stand alone facility/medical based facility, men/women/both, young/old, do they follow 12 step program ...
 - B. Differences between AA and Treatment.
 - C. Bridging the Gap – see above for additional references.
2. Pamphlets. Mariah gave suggestions for three focus groups for the display units. Three slots to fill, one being the AA pamphlet we get for free, Second could be a meeting guide (especially for places that may have clientele not QR friendly).

- A. Young People: Schools, Camps, Tech, Work [Too Young?](#) [Is There an Alcoholic in Your Life?](#)
- B. Medical: Doctors, Hospital, Treatment Centers, (PT) [The A.A. Member—Medications and Other Drugs](#), [A.A. for Alcoholics with Mental Health Issues – and their sponsors](#)
- C. Corrections: Jails, Police Stations (two options, inmates and officers) [It Sure Beats Sitting in a Cell](#) [A Message to Corrections Professionals...](#)

It was discussed that a couple of the pamphlets suggested would be purchased and review for making commitments and buying many. There are 7 displays being held by Joel until next meeting. From a 10' board 6 displays can be made by Gil. Reach out to homegroups and get feedback on interest.

- 3.Upcoming September elections for Area 50 and districts. Information below.
- 4.Follow up- Lisa is contact for Cattaraugus County jail service and has applications- Deb will have for next meeting.

NEW BUSINESS

- 1.Next meeting place and date- September 20, 11-12:30, Springville First Methodist Church, 474 E Main St, Springville, NY 14141
- 2.Day of Sharing. pick a date, picnic, speaker, share about what this is all about
- 3.Create a possible agenda outline for people to have for presenting information to homegroups to ease the barrier/nervousness.
- 4.Mariah will do another book report, this time covering CORRECTIONS WORKBOOK =) Don't miss all the excitement, come ne come all! (I wish I had emojis)

REMINDERS

- 1.Various flyers will be on a table to take to home groups at each of our meetings. Please take we can get more printed. One flyer is the Venmo address to donate to D17, another is invitation to host a D17 meeting, along with the 250 -Looking for Way Out? flyer Don created to post in public spaces. **Take flyers back to your home group to announce and discuss, others where to post, to share the message-discuss placement possibilities.**
- 2.Please during announcements at meetings and at business meetings of your home groups mention-**DONATIONS D17 (flyer created)-VENMO ADDRESS -debjhal68- last four of phone is 7317**. Also discuss future hosting -read flyer.

3. September 13, **NY – Penn Intergroup** hosts; AREA 50 GENERAL SERVICE ELECTIONS ASSEMBLY doors open at 9:30 am, assembly begins at 10:00, LUNCH and afternoon program. Basilica of St. Mary of the Angels, 119 W Henley St, Olean. [Home - Area 50 WNY](#) for virtual information.