

May 17 2025 District 17 meeting minutes

- 1) Cell phones on silent,
- 2) Declaration of unity
- 3) Attendants

Deb H.- acting DCM, GSR / Don W. GSR/ Jim S./ Sheryl C.- Tues GSR/ Shelly R. /Sue F./Collette P./ Shawn P./Harrison/ Jeff F.- Saturday Arcade/Hank K.- mentor for D17

4) Minutes of the last meeting 4/26/25 **MMSC** to approve by Shelly, 2nd Sue F. Unanimous approval

5) Treasurers Report. \$95 currently after \$45.00 flyer(100 copies) cost and \$20.00 to church use last month.

MMSC to accept by Don, 2nd Shelly. Unanimous approval Don W. Suggested that \$20 to be given to meeting space may be high, **MMSC** to change the space donation to \$10.00 by Don w , 2nd by Shelly R. . Unanimous approval.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

1. Area Assembly May 31 10-2. Information on the Area 50 WNY website. Delegate Steve will be reporting back on general assembly meeting.
2. GSR Coffee Hour first Thursday of every month, lots of good information on Zoom- info on Area 50 WNY website/ events
3. DCMC monthly call on 3rd Thursday of each month, acting DCM cannot attend due to prior commitments at the same time every month. Don W. and Sue F. have agreed to attend and report back at monthly meetings- will coordinate

GSR /GROUP REPORTS - none yet

OLD BUSINESS

1. Spreading the word to groups in D17 and potentially ask groups to host D17 meeting. Sheryl spoke to member at Holland and gave them some information. Also spoke to her home group.

Don W. will attend N. Java before next meeting. Deb and Sheryl will plan a Castile roadtrip when able. Jeff will talk to his homegroup also.

Don W. also mentioned Arcade Library for a meeting place in a pinch. He spoke to the library manager and they would be open to us using a room.

2. Looking For a Way Out flyer distributed to attendees. Discussion on where to place. (churches, town courts, post offices, libraries, medical centers, food pantries, local businesses, back of bathroom doors, etc.)

Decision made to take to home groups and pass out to members, discuss what homegroup wants to do with them. Ask members to take some copies and place them at the workplace etc.

Also utilize the announcements and explain the purpose is Tradition 5 spreading the message and service. This is what the district is working to do in our area. It has been dark for a long time and AA is not readily available information. AA is anonymous for the members but is not supposed to be anonymous as an organization. This is a beginning step. More copies are available from the district. D17 attendees can contact Deb to get more.

Discussion on flyers taken to BC Hospital and Spectrum to possibly schedule meetings with people to introduce ourselves and what we are doing.

Deb H. will speak to PIC/ CIPC committee chairs at the next area assembly May 31 and find out what help is available.

3. Discussion on other avenues for service -

Order -Circles of Love and Service pamphlets- simple description of AA and service to also use as a handout for homegroups and to be used in tandem with flyer. **MMSC** to order 100 pamphlets @ .20 cents each from aa.org to be handed out at next meeting by Shelly, 2nd by Sheryl. Unanimous approval Discussion on libraries and their potential for spreading the word. Don W. had a pic of an AA display at a library. The idea of flyers and racks was suggested. The following 4 flyers for a easy read rack were discussed to place in racks when purchased:

Is AA for You?/ This is AA/ FAQ about AA/ Circles of Love and Service

Colette will research inexpensive racks and will report back for the next meeting. (3 or 4 slot, cardboard, options). Actions can be discussed.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Positions open: Secretary/ Treasurer Will be discussed at next meeting
2. Banking - Deb will look into - Homegroup online and local banks and bring back to be discussed next month.
3. Discussion of meeting place reimbursement for food and supplies when hosting D17 meeting - **MMSC** to approve \$25.00 to the hosting homegroup . Groups can bring own food and goodies if they want and donate coffee but we are self supporting through our own contributions, it needs to be offered.
4. Next meeting (tentative) June 21- 11-1 Free Methodist Church 3172 Main St. Yorkshire NY.
5. Look into PO Box for D17 correspondence and donations. Next meeting information.

Close with the Responsibility Statement.