

District 20 March 2025 Business Meeting Minutes

****Meeting began at 7:00pm EST with Our Declaration of Unity:**

“This we owe to AA’s future: to place our common welfare first; to keep our fellowship united. For on AA unity depends our lives and the lives of those to come”

Members of District 20 Table in Attendance: Terry N. (Chair), Julia H., Renee, Lorna, Jeff B., Bill B., Chelsea O., Jessica L., Calvin, Diane R., Zac

Number Voting: 15 (starting with 14) votes represented

Visitors (Non-Voting): Julie J., Marcy T., Jeff Z., Deb S.

Officers’ Reports

Secretary: Julia (filling in)

Minutes have been emailed out per the list we have. If you did not get it, please add your information to the chat so you can be added to the mailing list.

Motion to accept: Renee

2nd: Lorna

Vote: passed unanimously

Treasurer: Diane

Beginning Balance \$2667.85

Received \$.04 interest

Received \$43.21

\$1.29 Paypal fee

\$2711.10 New Bank Balance

-\$350 Prudent Reserve

\$2361.10 Available Balance

(Area has reimbursed us a total of \$197.01 from Orientation Day Loan of \$200)

Motion to Accept: Renee

2nd: Jessica

Vote: passed unanimously

DCM: Terry

Verbal Report: Went to Fellowship day and was very disappointed in the lack of acknowledgement of the people who were attending via Zoom, which included four DCMs.

Alternate DCM: Julia

No report.

Records: Darrell

Not in attendance.

Committee Reports

Finance: Julia

I am in the process of getting the three tablets set up for our Pilot Program. They will all be connected to the same email address login and Zoom account, also using the same email address. The recovery email for the tablets is the alt DCM email address. They will each be permanently labeled, just like the laptops are, as property of District 20 Online. Each one will come with a note with login info, as well as a drop and shock proof case, and a meeting directory of the listed meetings in District 20.

I have received a copy of an email from the House Supervisor at St. Joseph's Medical Center in Tacoma, here in Washington, which explains the program briefly and shares my contact info with two other people in hospital administration, asking for the best person to make this connection official. I am awaiting a response from one of them.

I have also created a printable meeting directory to go along with the tablets. I am trying to decide if I want to make them smaller, and the best way to secure them to the tablets themselves. However, if you want me to email the file to print on your own for whatever reason, I can do that.

We still have one laptop available for use by a committee chair who would need it to fulfill their duties in our District. I would love to see this as an opportunity for someone to take over the Recording Secretary position who would otherwise not be able to do that job.

Our next Finance Committee Meeting should be April 10th at 4pm Pacific or 7 pm Eastern. We meet the second Thursday of the month.

Grapevine & La Vina/Literature: Jessica

Trying to get things back into motion, I have been attending Area 48 Grapevine story hour. 1PM Third Thursday of the month is District 20 Grapevine Meeting. If your group does not have a Grapevine or Literature rep, I would love to come to your meeting and talk about those positions. There is a new book released. Also our Podcast is awesome, we are trying to get people more interested. They are working on putting QR codes on pamphlets, so you can scan it and have the pamphlet on your phone, to save paper, money, waste, etc. We are working on getting a digital subscription to the Grapevine so we have access to stories, etc.

To read the Canada Reaches Out article please visit

<https://www.aagrapevine.org/magazine/2025/mar/aa-news-march-2025>

The book can be obtained by visiting vancouveraa.ca and click on "Book Store."

Inclusivity: Cathy P.

Will be 37 years sober tomorrow! (Congratulations Cathy!!!!) Cathy wanted to thank Marci for sending someone to the Inclusivity meeting, that person ultimately took the position for

Inclusivity in D16. Area Inclusivity is going to come join us, as well, in the future. Inclusivity in Area 48 was born from a group inventory about 4 years ago wherein people thought the Area was not being inclusive to various groups of people. For example, people who do not identify as Christian and feel they may not belong in AA. Other things might include other alternative lifestyles, disabilities, etc. Some of these are also included in Accessibilities, but Inclusivity tries to catch those that fall through the cracks and make AA members aware of different populations.

Tech Committee: Renee

Not a lot to report, we are working on the calendar but we are having some technical difficulties downloading the calendar across devices (ironic, lol). If you do have an event, business meeting, birthday meeting, etc, please let us know so we can put it on the calendar!

Accessibility: Vacant

Chrissy is the Area Accessibilities Chair. She is currently working on Captions for online meetings. Also getting meetings into nursing homes, etc.

Bridging the Gap: Vacant

Functions: Julia

I will put the flyers in the chat (and the minutes) for our upcoming events.

PI/CPC: Gayle

Senior outreach presentation. Creating a flyer for your online meeting, and then taking those flyers to senior centers and other places to spread awareness of your online meeting. I would be happy to come to your group and give this presentation, how to coordinate with your local district, etc. Gayle F. PI & CPC Chair - Senior Outreach flyer project support. 940-395-2226, gayle@fortc.com

Webmaster: Gayle (Alternate)

Been working on the website draft with Terry and Cathy. Would like to put a committee together to finalise the content and graphics, etc.

Corrections: Pat D.

Not in attendance.

Old Business

- We still need a Secretary. Do we have any volunteers? We have a laptop we can loan you if that is the thing that is stopping you from being of service.
 - Chelsea O. Does not technically meet the sobriety requirement but would love the job. Renee moved to waive the time requirement and vote her in. Chrissy Seconded. Passed unanimously.
- How about an Alt Secretary?
 - Nope
- Alternate Tech Chair is available. Currently Julia is filling this role (and many others)
 - No volunteers
- Accessibility Chair is available.
 - No volunteers
- Webmaster: Julia nominates Gayle, Renee seconds. Passed Unanimously.
- Alt Webmaster?
 - Nope
- Gayle created a Google Sites website rough draft that, when finished, can be used in the domain given us by the Area. The drive for the website is set up with cloud storage for each position on the district if they want to use that, as well. The graphics on the site currently are stock photos not yet paid for (\$30 for the banner across the top). There is a spot right on the front page that plays a video, links to monthly meetings in Area and District, etc. I have redesigned the District Meeting flyer and that also appears on the home page. There is also a link to OIAA. District Officers contact info. Paypal for contributions. And a menu for District Members, for minutes, GSR manuals, etc. Renee moved to create a committee for the website, Diane seconds, passed unanimously.

New Business

- Darrell wants to buy service manuals for all the positions in our district. (Motion)
 - **Motion:** To add a budget item to the upcoming, and future budgets that District 20 will fund the purchase of *The A.A. Service Manual* for any GSR or officer in District 20 who requests one, with a maximum of 10 purchased or reimbursed per annual budget cycle.
 - **Background:** I just think this would be a great thing to offer District members. I have researched the cost and it would cost right around \$100.00 for 10 manuals to be purchased and shipped.
 - **Management:** It would make most sense for this to be part of the GV/LaVina & Literature position to manage, along with the Treasurer. Members could purchase on their own and request reimbursement from the Treasurer, or the GV/Literature Chair could purchase under the District account (do we have one of these?) and have it mailed directly to the individual.
 - The person would request the manual from Jessica, and then she would order it and have it sent to them.
 - The service manual is available and searchable online.

- If the manual is \$5, that's a total of 20 per year.
 - Seconded by Renee
 - Passed Unanimously.
 - Please email Jessica if you want one.
- CPC/PI
 - Would like to participate in the "Sponsor your Doctor" program. It is a letter, fill in the blanks, that you can bring to your doctor, that if they have a patient that needs to go to a meeting, that they can contact us for help, along with some literature, and a flyer. This is something any member can do without needing to be on a committee or anything.
 - Sponsor Your Doctor project - Ask group members if they would like to help put together a packet to take to the groups in the district. Gayle F. 940-395-2226, gayle@fortc.com.

Groups

- **Loosey Goosey: Lorna**
We meet Monday, Wednesday, Friday, and Saturday at noon Pacific Time. Birthday meeting on the last meeting of the month. Wonderful women's meeting.
- **Global Eye Opener: Bill B.**
7 days a week, 6am Pacific time. 3 Book Studies throughout the week as well as beginners meeting on Mondays. <https://globaleyeopener.org/>
- **One Day at a Time: Mary W.**
Talked to treasurer and co-treasurer about 7th traditions contribution and has hopes it will be added to the next business meeting. We are also hoping to add a District/Area tab on our website. I had made a survey for the delegates questions but got thwarted by a paywall. So I made a Google Forms survey instead, and have gotten about 45 responses. No one attended the last meeting about the delegates' questions, but there is one more upcoming.
- **Cooperstown 5th Tradition: George S.**
We can also send him the recording. We have 11 meetings, 7 days a week. We will be having a meeting this week to help fill out the delegates questionnaire.
- **Just for Today: Jen W.**
We are a women's meeting and meet Saturdays at 12:30 Eastern. First week is Literature (12 & 12), Next is Discussion, Third Week is a speaker, and fourth week is Anniversary! Our numbers have grown since joining the District and being listed on the Area website. We are growing our prudent reserve. We created a Google account for the group, and that has links to calendars, etc. We are going to vote on delegates' questions next business meeting.

- **Daily Reprieve: Chrissy O.**
Group still needs support. Great meetings. Wednesday, Friday, and Sunday at noon Eastern Time. Business meeting is the first Friday of the month, directly following the meeting. We just started a Friday night Big Book Study that is not yet listed.
- **Unshakable Foundation: Zac (alternate)**
Meets Sunday at 6pm Eastern. Step 11 Meditation meeting (music or silent). We have about 3-4 consistent members and are doing well. Business meeting is on the second Sunday of the month.
- **Peace Makers: Darrell**
Not in attendance.
- **Early Risers: Pat D**
Not in attendance.
- **Rainbow Recovery: Julia H**
A few month old meeting, LGBTQIA+ meeting at 830 am Eastern, daily. This is an unlisted meeting so we share login info privately, please do not post that info online if you have it.
- **Our Common Welfare: Julie**
Not yet a member of the District. I love this group and am going to take that enthusiasm to my group and see if we want to leave our hybrid group and join D20.

Other Announcements

- Please mention the open positions at your groups!
- Please forward any motions or agenda items for next month to Terry before the Friday prior to the next meeting. (District20DCM@nenyaa.org)

Motion to Close: Chrissy

2nd: Darrell

Vote: passed unanimously

****Meeting closed at 8:09pm with The Responsibility Statement:**

“I am responsible...when anyone, anywhere, reaches out for help, I want the hand of AA always to be there And for that: I am responsible.”

Next Meeting to be held on April 29th at 7:00pm EST

Minutes Recorded by Julia (Filling in as Secretary).

Thank you for letting me be of service.

AREA 48 NENY DISTRICT 20 IMPORTANT INFORMATION

Call to Action - Newsletter for Area 48: <https://nenyaa.org/hmb-newsletters/>

District 20 Email: OnlineDistrict20@aahmbny.org

Contributions:

- Paypal: https://www.paypal.com/donate/?hosted_button_id=NPTKNEBELGYE

OR

- Mail contributions to:
Diane R.
15 Healthy Way, Apartment 42
Ellenville, NY 12428
(Checks should be made out to: NENY District 20)

District 20 Website: <https://district20.aahmbny.org/>

District 20 Zoom Account:

Zoom ID: 291 297 7780

Passcode: 011023

Technology Sharing Sessions:

<https://nenyaa.org/technology-sharing-sessions/>

****Available Positions at District 20****

- Alternate Webmaster
- Accessibility
- Bridging the Gap

Chat Transcript

Unavailable

District Flyer



Join us for the monthly VIRTUAL

DISTRICT 20 MEETINGS!

All are welcome & encouraged to attend!
Last Tuesday of every month @ 7pm

Zoom ID: 291 297 7780 Passcode: 011023
Questions? OnlineDistrict20@aahmbny.org

Speaker Meeting Flyer



District 20 *
Friday Night *
Speaker Event *

Friday, April 11th
7:00 pm EST

Zoom ID: 291 297 7780

Passcode: 011023

Speaker: Ivan B.
from Peacemakers!

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District 20 Bi-Monthly Event



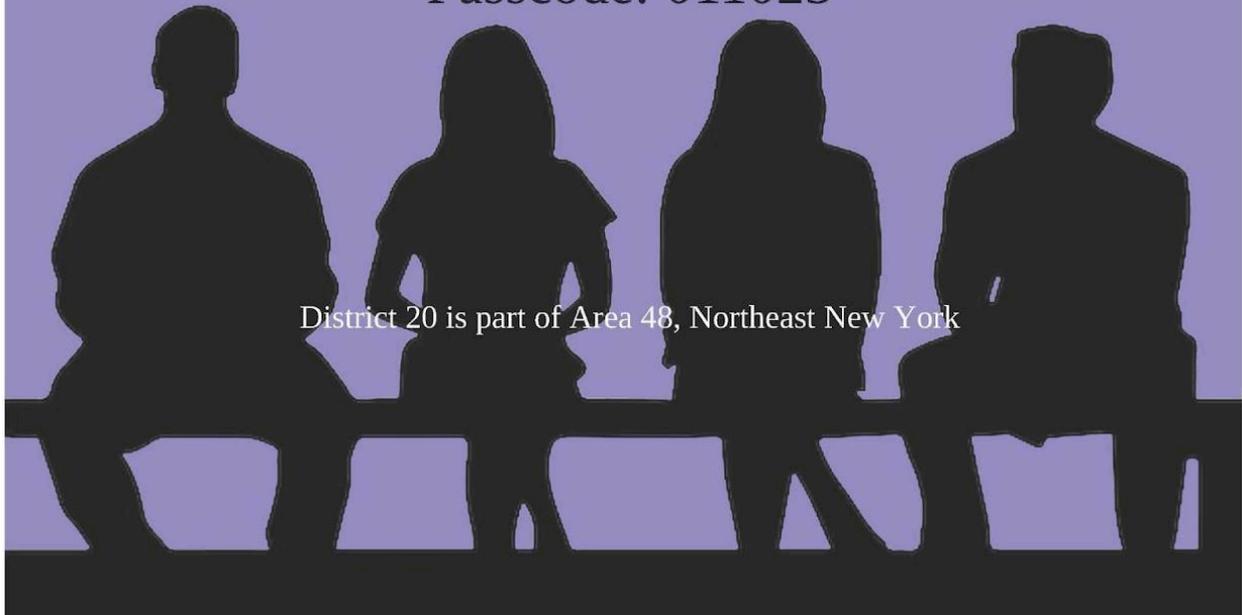
May 10, 2025
5pm – 7pm EST

This month's topic is
Count Your Days!

Come and share your day count and how you
got there in a massive sharing session!

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