

AREA SERVICE MINUTES

ATTENDEES: Thomas – Area Chair, Jimmy – Area Vice Chair, Jesse – Technology Chair, Dana- Area Treasurer, Walter – PR Chair, Troy – E&A Chair, Tim R – Convention Chair, Kerry – Convention ViceChair, Desiree – Area Secretary

Meeting opened @ 7pm with **Serenity Prayer, Purpose of Area Service, 12 Traditions, 12 Concepts**

6 GSRS Present

May's Minutes Accepted/Passed

Reports Given By: **H&I Chair** – attached
 Convention Chair – attached
 PR Chair – attached
 E&A Chair – attached
 Area Treasurer – attached
 Convention Chair – attached

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Area Chair stated, because of the pandemic Area Service is unable to conduct normal business. He stated, there are five (5) positions up for election at the end of June. Those positions are: Chair, Vice Chair, H&I Chair, Homebound and Speaker exchange. Because we don't have a quorum the true representation of Area Service is not present. He further stated that he called various groups and found groups are not holding business meetings. Last month there were 12 GSRs present tonight 6. He cautioned we are also faced with the uncertainty of whether meetings will be allowed to open in phase II of New York City's reopening. We might be facing another crisis with meetings. If any group has trouble with reopening please contact PR to speak for the group to the facility. If you lose your site contact PR to find another location for your meeting. We are likely to get a clearer picture of what is allowed and what facilities will do when phase II takes place in a couple of weeks. Because of the uncertainty, he asked that nominations be moved to August with elections in September. That will likely give us a chance to meet in person and get the word out of the elections and give meetings a chance to hold business meetings. We talked about this at the Steering Committee meeting.

Area Vice Chair stated, statistically, there are 36 meetings registered of which 27 are meetings and 9 are unaccounted for. The Steering Committee will try to get groups back to attending Area Service and do our best to restart groups that are not meeting.

Questions/Discussion

Carrying the Message GSR stated, their group has held business meetings. The group would like to know if we will be granted full capacity at meetings with social distancing. Also, what would happen if facility says only 15 people can attend the meeting and 16 people show up? He offered that some GSRs don't know how or where Area is meeting.

PR Chair stated, groups need to make contact with facilities to see what changes they have made. Churches are going to be able to open at 25%.

Carrying the Message – Are we tabling elections? Yes

Recovery by the Water GSR asked, are we donating to Area? **Technology Chair** answered, I have no new info on donation button. So far, there is nowhere to route money too. Still waiting on info from Region.

Area Chair asked Technology Chair to put on website, when Staten Island Area holds its meeting and that nominations will take place if we have a quorum in July.

Convention Chair stated the Convention Committee will follow suit with Area and wait until August to hold elections that way we have 60 days to let GSRs know about elections.

Convention Vice Chair asked about possibly meeting in person for the next Area Service Meeting and conducting literature management for groups. **Area Chair** answered he'd look into the possibility.

Meeting closed @ 7:58pm