

WNYRSCNA Minutes July 20, 2013

- I. Opened Mtg @12:30 w/MOS, SP, Precepts Prayer, and 12/12 Readings
- II. Roll Call
 - a. Areas: Bflo and CAMNA - absent., Chaut, NEWNY, NF, and NIO – present
 - b. Executive Body: Chair present, Vice Chair – open, Secretary – open, RD and RDA – present, and Treasurer present
 - c. Subcommittees: Policy, Web, and Convention present. H&I open: Acting Chair Ed B, PI – open, Activities – open, and Literature – open
 - d. Based upon Vacancies – quorum has been established
- III. Mail Distribution – flyers and NAWS
- IV. Next Mtg Location: North East New York –Sept. 21, 2013 750 Wherle Dr.
- V. Minutes of 5/18/2013: Motion to accept 2nd and passed
- VI. Treasurer's Opening Balance: \$5049.61 (Donation to World was not mailed and will be mailed as of this meeting.)
- VII. Nominations: none brought back from Areas
- VIII. Executive Body Reports
 - a. Chair: verbal – nothing has changed and required any active participation on the Chairs part
 - b. VC – absent no report: Chair attempted contact w/out success. According to Policy grounds for removal have been met. Called for change of order of business moved and 2nd. Executive Body unanimously moved for the Vice Chairs removal after addressing concerns/procedures regarding policy and By-Laws. (Call for the removal of Vice Chair for failure to fulfill the duties for which she was elected; absence from 3 consecutive meetings and failure to fulfill specific duties according to Regional By-Laws.)
 - c. RD – see attached report: no request for dispersements at this time.
 - d. RDA – see report as forwarded to WEB servant for posting. Q&A focused on possible use of Webinars.
- IX. ASC Reports
 - a. Bflo – abs.
 - b. CAMNA – abs.
 - c. Chaut – present (see report) Q&A focused on discussion of “rogue NA group” that is not part of an area. How do we address this issue regarding request for posting items on the Regional website. The question should be: “What makes this group “rogue”? This group is registered with the World. The Area it was located folded, so the question is do we post if outside our Region according to WEB policy. Discussion resulted in agreement that the posting can be made.
 - d. North East New York – present. Meeting list has not changed and the Area is experiencing what would be considered growing pains. The Area is working to advance the primary purpose. The opportunity for growth of meetings does exist.
 - e. N.F. – present. No changes – meeting list remains the same.

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- f. NIO – present. Experimenting with GSU. It is to be noted that it was met with success and is being received positively. Waiting for new schedules from PR at this time no changes. Aug. 18 annual Krull Park picnic in Olcott from 12 – 6p.m.
- X. Subcommittee Report
- a. Website – present. Up and running. Minutes posted from last Regional meeting. Mike K is now Website committee member. Mike K is now a contact – area of responsibility is liaison to the committee focus at this time is NIO Area. The hope is to have all Areas of WNY have a liaison.
 - b. Convention – no representative present. TY out of town. Banquet speaker name has been presented (John K.) without recommendations. Requesting 2 night stay with 3 registrations and 3 banquets for new comers he is bringing with him in lieu of transportation. Where is the speaker from / clean time / and reason why he is recommended? Are we setting precedent and how can we, as a Regional body, address questions that we have no information to allow us to formulate responses to questions to be asked? Are we effectively communicating? The issues here are moved to New Business.
 - c. PI – open
 - d. Activities – open
 - e. Literature – open
 - f. H&I – Acting Chair Ed B: 2 items Collin’s request for meetings in the prison and request for assistance by an individually being released for help finding a place to live. H&I has not received much in the way of assistance regarding going into the Collins facility – service is not done alone.
 - g. Policy – next meeting 12 noon August 24 @Ad Hoc Chair’s residence
- XI. Old Business
- a. Motion to require Convention Committee to provide 2 workshop slots for Region
 - i. This is truly an item that does not need a motion. It has always been a precedent. Discussion focused on directing the Convention Co. to provide the slots. The issue is when, what the topics will be, and how to title the workshops. The possibility of a GSU was one topic among many that were discussed. The following consensus was reached:
 1. When: Saturday – between 10a.m. and 5 p.m. and not during featured speaker slots
 2. What: Topic I Group Conscience, GSU, and CBDM and Topic II Traditions Book Input
 3. Title of Workshop: Topic 1 Ultimate Authority Part I (Who: Jim L and Stevo) and Topic II Ultimate Authority Part II (Dave M. and Joseph J)
 - b. Convention Issues
 - i. Create an ad hoc committee to come up with a list of things specific with deadlines for the convention committee was suggested.

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- ii. Banquet Speaker: Provide necessary information that is needed to make a qualified decision. What is needed is the following: Tape of speaker and committee's recommendation. We cannot approve the speaker based upon lack of information from Convention.
 - c. Request Jean J of Lockport /NIO Area be appointed to Literature Chair. Moved and approved. Jean J. accepts.
- XII. Closing Balance Report \$5049.61 Income: \$186.73 expenses: \$20 rent Closing Balance:\$5261.34
- XIII. Close @ 5p.m.

Yours in service,

Jim L. Acting Secretary

Peace be the Journey