

## GENERAL MEETING TUESDAY, MAY 29, 2018

*(These Minutes approved by Floor Members)*

The meeting convened at 8 p.m. with a moment of silence followed by the Serenity Prayer. Steve P. (Markland Wood) read the Twelve Traditions.

**THOSE MEMBERS PRESENT:** Aurora, Back to Basics (Richmond Hill), Beaches, Beverly Hills, Bloordale, Chartwell, East York, Erin Mills, Fellowship, Friendly, Glenholme, High Park, Kingsway, Lakeshore, Leslie, Long Branch, Love & Tolerance, Markham Village, Markland Wood, Mount Royal-York, New Anchor, Night Owls, Newmarket, OISE Discussion, One Paragraph at a Time, Prince Edward, Queensville, Responsibility, Restoration & Recovery, Richmond Hill, Rox Glen Traditional, Saturday Morning Discussion, Sisters in Sobriety, Six Points, Sobriety Plus, St. Clement's, Stepping Stones Discussion, Streetsville St. Andrew's, Sunnyside, Thornhill, Twelfth Tradition, Welcome, and Willowdale.

**District Liaisons:** Districts 02, 06, 10, 12, 14, and 22. **Executive Committee Members:** Aaron K., Bert J. (EC Chair), Katrina E., Nina L. (EC Vice Chair), and Ron S. (Finance Chair). **Subcommittee Chairs:** Archives, Communications, Corrections, EC Advisory, Finance, Information AA Day 2018, ORC 2018, Public Information, Self-Support, and Twelfth Step.

### **ADOPTION OF MINUTES – April 2018:**

**MOTION** to adopt Minutes as presented moved by Mike C. (Beverly Hills) and seconded by Carolyn (Sunnyside). **MOTION CARRIED.**

### **Chairperson's Opening Remarks- Bert J. (Silverbirch), EC Chairperson:**

"I would like to welcome everyone to this assembly. We have many things to cover tonight." *Members of the EC then introduced themselves to Floor members.*

Bert also mentioned that **Group Insurance** will now be available for groups, at a cost of about \$100/year. *More on this item to be clarified by Ron S. (FC Chair) in the Finance Report (below).*

GSO-approved **AA Service Manuals** (which include the *Twelve Concepts for World Service*) were also provided to members at this meeting.

There was a **Suspension of Regular Business** moved by Steve P. (Markland Wood) and seconded by Brenda (OISE) in order to **elect four new EC members immediately**. After explaining the sobriety requirements (2 years of continuous sobriety + 6 month's experience as an Intergroup Rep in the past or at the present time) and service position responsibilities (attending two meetings a month, plus a subcommittee liaison responsibility once a month), Bert asked for nominees/volunteers from the Floor. **Laura (Mount Royal-York) was nominated for the position and accepted**, and will serve as a new EC member. **Elections for more EC members will be held at the June General Meeting. Please announce at your groups!**

At this time, there was also an election for a new **WSOH 2018 Chair**. **Andrew (Mount Royal-York) was nominated for the position and accepted** this service role.

There was a **collection of the 7<sup>th</sup> Tradition**, which totaled **\$150.85** *(after coffee expenses)*.

### **FINANCE REPORT – Ron S. (North Toronto), Finance Chairperson:**

#### **Toronto Intergroup Finance Report at April 30th, 2018**

SUMMARY	ACTUAL RESULTS	BUDGET	ACTUAL RESULTS	Year to Date 2018	
	APRIL 2018	APRIL 2018	year 2017 to date	ACTUAL	BUDGET
INCOME	\$8,355	\$11,763	\$47,122	\$47,605	\$43,243
EXPENSES	\$10,371	\$16,701	\$73,230	\$61,552	\$69,084
<b>Net Income or</b>					
<b>(Deficit)</b>	\$2,017	\$4,938	-\$26,108	\$14,284	\$25,841

**Summary:** April figures are reasonable. Group donations were \$700 over budget but individual donations were \$2,300 below budget, which matched our deficit. Year-to-date donations are up \$11,000 but individual donations are down \$5,000.

Year-to-date are reasonable as we continue to reduce our costs. At the present time, we have the auditors in-house, and we should be able to present their report for 2017 at the June General Meeting.

**“We are continually making progress, and hopefully this will continue to show improvement.”**

**Additional Comments from Ron:** Regarding the *Better Times* monthly Newsletter that’s now being printed in-house: photocopying costs are 1.5 cents per black & white copies and 11 cents per colour copies. This gives us a savings of approximately \$1,000-\$3,000 per year.

**Queries from the Floor:** Scott M. (Bloordale) asked why the ORC line item on the Balance Sheet printout shows no income; Ron replied that this will be adjusted once we get the final figures from this year’s ORC event. There was also a question about Property Taxes: Ron answered that we pay Property Tax monthly, as part of our rent. We then get a 50% return at the end of the year once paperwork to the City is filled out for us by the Property Management Office at 234.

**Group Insurance:** through a contact at Ottawa Intergroup, we have obtained a service whereby all groups can obtain insurance. It is blanket coverage. It is with the Co-Operators Insurance Company, and will cost interested groups \$100 on average per year, plus tax. This is a standard liability policy (a 2 million dollar limit liability policy) and is **portable** (meaning that if your group has two locations, the policy will cover both weekly meeting locations). All interested groups need to do is to fill out an application form provided by the insurance company, and send the form in to the company with a cheque for the amount of the yearly policy.

Ron explained that **what we need from members is permission from them to use a full contact name and email for each of the groups** (with respect to anonymity). **The insurance company requires a name and contact information for each group.** Ron shared that interested members can approach him after the meeting or email their requests to the office at [admin@aatonto.org](mailto:admin@aatonto.org) which will then be forwarded to him for processing. After this action, the insurance application will be forwarded to the group contact by mail.

## **SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS**

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**ACCESSIBILITY** – *Bert J. read the following report from Marty M. (Chair), as he could not be present:*

**My report is rather brief:**

We are continuing to receive updates from the groups regarding which meetings are and are not fully Accessible. Our goal is to submit a final list towards the end of the year requesting the GTA meeting lists be updated.

Our meetings of the Accessibility committee have hit an all-time low, with only two districts being represented; District 6 & 12. I want to thank those members who do make the trip to attend our bi-monthly meetings.

That’s it for now.

Yours in Love and Service, Marty

*Accessibility now meets bi-monthly.* **Next meeting:** Sun. July 15 at 11 a.m. at 234.

**ARCHIVES** – **Gord H. (Bloordale), Chairperson:**

This is an active committee, with 10 members participating on a regular basis and 14-15 members attending monthly. **Projects:** we are updating the *50 Years of AA in Ontario* book to reflect 75 years or 80 years of service (depending on the end date of this project). Prep work is being done for our upcoming 34<sup>th</sup> Annual Archives Breakfast held in November. **Recent Events**

**Participation:** the committee was present at the recent Info AA Day held on May 26. **Available for members:** if your group has an upcoming anniversary, we have Archives displays that you can request to have at your group event. Along this line, if your group is submitting an article for your anniversary for the *Better Times*, the Archives Repository at 234 may have group history information that could be beneficial. Please contact Gord or the Archivist (Eddy) to set up an appointment.

*“Whenever a society or civilization perishes there is always one condition present: they forgot where they came from” – Carl Sandburg.* Yours in Service, Gord H., GTA Archives Chair. **Next Meeting:** Fri. June 8 at 7 p.m. at 234.

**COMMUNICATIONS**–**Chris C. (Hill), Chairperson:**

The committee last met on May 8.

**Activity Since Last Report:** Due to challenges that occurred when printing last month’s Newsletter, Chris endeavoured to print the current issue by himself...with no better results. As a result, the committee will be requesting more training from the photocopier provider (Sharp) so we can realize the full cost-saving that will be provided by in-house printing efforts. We are also looking for a ‘printing captain’ and assistant to join the committee.

**Meeting Guides:** We are over halfway through our supply of Meeting Guides dated February 2018. This is similar to last year's trend.

**Website:** over 400 photos have been formatted for use in the online store (literature). We are currently obtaining quotes from vendors who will provide integration between the website and office inventory/accounting systems. With this in mind, the Webmaster is looking to bring a presentation to either the June or July EC meeting.

**Subcommittee Emails:** Not all Chairs are using the emails provided by the site; Chris shared that the use of personal emails servers can be problematic. Subcommittee email addresses are listed in the *Better Times*. Subcommittee Chairs are encouraged to use the subcommittee emails on the site; Chairs can email [communications@aatoronto.org](mailto:communications@aatoronto.org) for more information about this issue. **Next meeting:** Tues. June 12 at 6:30 p.m. at 234.

### **INFORMATION AA DAY 2018 – Aaron K. (Yorkville), 2018 Event Chair:**

There was approximately 150 paid tickets tallied from the event. On behalf of the committee, Aaron thanked the subcommittees present for their informative presentations, and also thanked the service districts for their efforts in helping to realize a fun and information service day for the GTA. There is currently no theme yet for the 2019 Event. Any ideas from members for either a theme or the service day itself are welcomed and appreciated! In closing, Aaron thanked members for this service opportunity, as "it was a pleasure to serve". **A final report on the event will be provided next month. Next meeting:** Mon. June 25 at 7:30 p.m. at 234.

**After Aaron's report and applause from Floor members, EC Chair, Bert J., complimented Aaron and the Information AA Day 2018 Committee on their service efforts, as "it was a fantastic day!"**

### **ONTARIO REGIONAL CONFERENCE 2018 – Steve A. (Six Points), 2018 Event Chair**

Hi Friends, I am an alcoholic, member of the Six Points Group and my name is Steve. It was my honour and privilege to serve you as the 2018 ORC Chair. Our treasurer, Jill B. and I met with the ORC Advisory committee last Thursday and presented our final results which were accepted.

There remain outstanding some final accounting and housekeeping tasks which will be sorted out over the next few weeks.

Total attendance was 3,177. Final financial results vs budget.

Item	Budget	Actuals	Variance
<b>Operating budget</b>	(\$2,755)	\$ 904	\$3,659
<b>Web site</b>	(\$1,265)	(\$1,265)	\$0
<b>75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary</b>	(\$7,500)	(\$4,733)	\$2,767
<b>Totals</b>	(\$11,520)	(\$5,094)	\$6,426

A breakdown of how \$35 was spent:

The Show:           \$8.67    *(Program-related)*  
 Staging:            \$14.36   *(Audio/Visual)*  
 Behind the Scenes   \$6.46    *(Treasurer/Registration expenses re: registration process + promo material)*  
 The crew            \$4.36    *(ORC committee members)*  
 Coffee subsidy      \$1.14

And that is it!

**After Steve's report and applause from Floor members, EC Chair, Bert J., complimented Steve and the ORC 2018 Committee on their service efforts, and on behalf of the Executive Committee let the Floor know that the Executive Committee as a body accepted this informational Final Report.**

**TWELFTH STEP – Woody K. (Willowdale), incoming Chairperson:**

Only four members were present at the last meeting; **more Twelfth Step Committee members are needed!** Woody shared that he is concerned about the **lack of volunteers** for phone duty. He shared that he has served in this capacity for 26 years for phone duty and that this service is “where the rubber hits the road”. Currently, **there are only 9 volunteers for Overnight Phone Duty.** He continued: “We should be ashamed...of the approximately 10, 000 members in the GTA, we should get at least a 1% volunteer commitment; especially for the Overnight shifts and Weekend shifts...if we could get 52 volunteers set up for the Overnight shifts, that would be great!” With this in mind, the Twelfth Step Committee is committed going forward to spreading awareness about this vital service need and encouraging enthusiasm in members willing to participate and commit to this particular service responsibility. Woody also brought (pink) Overnight Phone Duty Forms for members to distribute to their groups. **Next meeting:** Wed. June 13 at 7 p.m. at 234.

**DISTRICT REPORTS****CORRECTIONAL FACILITIES –Dave H. (Queensville), District 14 CF Chair:**

I am an alcoholic and my name is Dave H. I am a member of the Queensville Group and it is my honour and privilege to serve as your Intergroup Corrections Sub Committee Chair. All District Corrections Chairs and anyone else interested are urged to attend the Committee mtg. at 234 on the first Wed of every second month so we can better coordinate the efforts of our facilities volunteers to serve the incarcerated members. The last meeting was on May 8. It is important to have all District Corrections Chairs and interested members attend this meeting so we can plan and implement our volunteer commitments to these facilities and the alcoholic inmates. This is very important service work as you can well imagine.

The Alt Chair, David P. of the Unionville Grp has kindly stepped in for me lately at the last Committee Mtg. and at the Info AA Day last weekend.

Gale R. reports that they have been getting into Metro East lately and they are currently looking for AA members who qualify to put on the Sun evening meetings.

The Corrections Chair for District 6 has stepped down due to personal commitments and will continue to coordinate with the corrections staff and AA members on a temporary basis. If your group is in District 6 please pass around the message that we need a Corrections Chair to facilitate these meetings and the members involved. This is very rewarding service work. I can be reached for more information through the email at [corrections@aatoronto.org](mailto:corrections@aatoronto.org).

Both jails have experienced, as usual, a considerable number of lockdowns which prevents us from entering to help share the message. As always, patience is required.

Again, I urge all members who are involved in Corrections or have an interest, to attend the bimonthly meetings at 234. They are held every 2<sup>nd</sup> month in the boardroom at 7:30. The **next meeting** will be Wednesday, July 3, 2018.

YILS, Dave H.

**COOPERATION with the PROFESSIONAL COMMUNITY (CPC) Katrina E. (Steps to Serenity), EC Liaison:**

**Submitted by:** Katrina E. (OC Liaison for CPC), on behalf of Kelly, CPC Committee Chair

- Conference was well attended and we had some positive interactions. Time well spent sharing the message
- Our District 22 Chair had contact with the 55th Precinct's Community Liaison Officer and it was determined the Intergroup business card was the most effective means of outreach within their purview
- Our Intergroup Liaison was looking for guidance on how they could be of help to the committee in the future, committee members obliged and shared some ideas as to how she can help
- Details of our upcoming "Bring a Professional" night were discussed including the format, participants and snacks!!
- We are looking forward to hosting professionals for an enlightening evening with us at 234 Eglinton on June 11th at 7pm. If anyone is interested in accompanying a non-AA professional to our event, please contact Kelly at [cpc@aatoronto.org](mailto:cpc@aatoronto.org).

**Next meeting:** Mon. June 11 at 7 p.m. at 234.

**GRAPEVINE- Katrina E. (Steps to Serenity), EC Liaison:****Submitted by:** Katrina E., Intergroup Liaison on behalf of the GV committee

- I attended the committee meeting on May 24/18. There were 3 GV reps present (D18, D6, D22), and the Area rep and the Secretary; several other reps sent regrets.
- Coverage for various upcoming events around the GTA was discussed, including Info AA Day, the Spirit of AA conference June 15 at Edwards Gardens, the Gratitude conference in the fall, and the International Conference of Secular AA to be held in Toronto on the Aug 24 weekend. All will be covered by the GV rep for the district in which the event is being held.
- **Area 83 GV chair report**
  - There is a new book out – “AA in the Military”. They gave me a sample if anyone wants to look at it.
  - GV subscriptions costs approximately \$41 for a year. It depends on what the Foreign Exchange is for US/ Cdn exchange at the time you sign up. (D18 rep mentioned that he does a bulk order for 25 subscriptions, for groups in his district.)
  - Pocket planners and calendars will be available on June 2. Prices have been set. (D18 also does a bulk order on these materials).
- Information on the benefits of buying GV materials in bulk from GV Inc. is being shared among the GV reps on this committee. When an event is happening in one district, the District sub-chair attends with his/her inventory and the other reps back them up with inventory if needed.
- D18 recently increased their inventory on hand to \$800, so they have a generous inventory on hand.
- A concern was mentioned that when these reps rotate off the committee, this knowledge of how to efficiently manage GV inventory across districts and to take advantage of volume discounts may be lost.

**Next meeting:** Thurs. July 26 at 7:30 p.m. at 234 (*committee meets bi-monthly*).**PUBLIC INFORMATION –Jeff A. (Leslie), Chairperson:****Events and Activities:**

- Jaime and Russell from the University of Toronto’s second year medical program became great AA ambassadors having met alcoholics and learning how AA works and how we cooperate with the professional community. In overcoming some of their preconceived ideas about what AA is and is not, they were motivated to share this message with peers and faculty, advocating for AA members to participate in their addiction information curriculum.
- Jaime and Russell did a great job at the poster presentation explaining AA, why it's vital to overcome/dispel popular myths about AA and how a better understanding of AA's role in the overall healthcare continuum is useful to professionals and students in healthcare.
- PI participated at AA Info Day, Saturday May 26. Graham K did a summary presentation on PI along with CPC.
  - District 22 Service Day, Saturday September 22. “40 Years of Service”, Oakridge Community Centre. PI will provide the display and present a summary of our services. Time: 9:00 am.
  - District 2 Round Up. A round up is being planned for District 2 with the time, location, panel members and speakers to be announced.
  - District 6 is continuing work with Peel and local city halls to promote PI through media, work with schools, libraries and police.
  - PI will be revisiting our connection with the School Boards, Libraries and community Centres.

- Public Information is creating a PowerPoint information slide deck for internal audiences that describes Public Information for alcoholics and another describing AA for external events.
- The committee will continue to actively distribute information pamphlets at community centres (i.e.: YMCA), doctor's offices, detoxes, police stations and hospitals.

There was no PI meeting on Monday May 21<sup>st</sup>. Jeff A., Chair Public Information, District 18, Leslie Group

**Next Meeting:** Monday June 18, 2017, 7:30 pm 234 Eglinton Avenue East

### **SELF SUPPORT –Zobie G. (Bloordale), District 06 Self Support Chair**

#### Self-Support Committee Meets

- Bi-monthly (every 2months)/on the 4 Thursday of the month @7:30pm/@ 234 Eglinton Av E Toronto
- **Next Self Support Meeting** is June 28th 2018.
- Self-Support Committee requires a Liaison from INTERGROUP

Self-Support Chairs: are available to attend meetings or business meetings to talk about Self Support

Attended SERVICE DAY on May 26<sup>th</sup> 2018, Presented simple ways the message can be carried by anyone: Self Support is not only about money, but other ways members can contribute their time and effort. Positive Experience and Positive Energy brings members to participate in Service.

- **Encouraged GSR's to take the Green "Self Support" Pamphlet:** (Self-Support: Where Money and Spirituality Mix) to their business meetings. Can help answer questions that may come up. \*NEW LOOK to the cover of the pamphlet\*  
Can be obtained FREE from the Literature department at 234 Eglinton. 416-487-9865
- **Envelopes: Birthday Envelopes were encouraged to be handed out at meetings.**  
Can be obtained FREE from the Literature department at 234 Eglinton. 416-487-9865
- **Encouraged the GSR's to take the "Self Support Card" (GREEN CARD)** and have it read at OPEN or Closed Meetings. "We are self-supporting..."  
Can be obtained FREE from the Literature department at 234 Eglinton. 416-487-9865

#### **HOMEWORK**

— *Declare and encourage fellow A.A. groups to celebrate the day A.A. was born— June 10, 1935—as an International A.A. Holiday. It might be called "Our International Day of Gratitude" and in an expression of gratitude a special basket could be passed for contributions.*

Have your group decide on:

- HAT or BASKET or Something unique
- Date (close to June 10<sup>th</sup>)
- Where your group would like to send with the money collected. (Area, district, GSO, intergroup, etc....)

#### **FOUNDERS DAY CELEBRATION JUNE 10<sup>TH</sup>: 83 YEARS**

Declare and encourage fellow A.A. groups to celebrate the day A.A. was born— June 10, 1935—as an International A.A. Holiday. It might be called "Our International Day of Gratitude" and in an expression of gratitude a *special* basket could be passed for contributions.

- **Group Contribution:** Envelopes were encouraged to use as group donations for a special hat/can collection. The Groups can decide where they want to send the money.  
GSO/AREA/INTERROUP/DISTRICT/GROUP

**SELF SUPPORT from GSO:****IDEA STARTERS**

(For shared experience of members and areas)

- Declare February “Self-Support Month.”
- Take a group inventory on the Seventh Tradition.
- Hold workshops at the area and district level on Carrying the Message of the Seventh Tradition to nonparticipating A.A. groups.
- Explain the A.A. Birthday/Anniversary Plan.
- Ask your district to distribute the pamphlet “Self-Support: Where Money and Spirituality Mix.”
- Have districts include the addresses of all A.A. (service) entities in their district Minutes, so members will know where to send contributions.
- Publish articles in area/district/central office newsletters to inform members about self-support.
- Leave self-support posters, pamphlets and flyers at A.A. groups.
- Pick a particular date during the year and have a drive for each member to donate \$2.00. You might call it “Fellowship Day.”
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- Set some specific goals for individuals and for groups. Utilize current data, such as the present average contribution per member, per meeting, and the needed average per meeting per member.
- Encourage groups to be listed at G.S.O. through a direct appeal by D.C.M.s.
- Stress Tradition Seven at each district meeting.
- Invite speakers from your local intergroup or central office, area committee, P.I. and C.P.C. committees to district meetings, and have them explain how contributions help them to carry the message.
- Let your G.S.R.s see the quarterly lists of contributions to the area and the district. This lets them know if their group is contributing on a regular basis.
- Contact groups that have not contributed. Often it is simply a case where the group conscience is not informed about the A.A. support system.

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**TREATMENT-** *Bert J. read the following report from Jeremy M. (Chair), as he could not be present:*

Attendance: 3 members were present. **District Reports as follows:**

**District 02- N/A.**

**District 12:** I placed an order with Helen at 234's library for two treatment packages of pamphlets, and will be picking them up tonight to be distributed to the various treatment centres that require them.

**Ingles House:** The new service meeting at Ingles House did not start up as planned. The AA members showed up, but Shelly the Manager did not communicate to the staff and clients that the meeting would start in May. Shelly and I spoke, and we agreed we can start the first meeting on May 24th.

**CamH Wednesday 6pm:** I received a call from the CamH Social Worker that no one from AA showed for the first two Wednesdays in May for the new service meeting starting in May. The GSR of the group did not relay the responsibility to the group. I have communicated this to the district 12 table, and all has been taken care of for the rest of the month. Mark our DCM attended the meeting last night, and the meeting material could not be located that is used for the Tuesday night meeting. I have sent an email to our DCM to ask the GSR of the group that took on the Tuesday CamH meeting to find out where the AA meeting materials are. I have also placed a call to the Social Worker to see if her staff knows where the material is.

**Other Treatment Centers:** I have not heard any other feedback good or bad from the other treatment centers, but they are due being contacted to ensure their pamphlets are stocked, and the meetings are doing well.

Yours in Love and Service,

Ed V., Treatment Chair for District 12

**District 10:** It has been a busy few weeks for D10 treatment. All service commitments being met by all groups in District 10 save for 1 CAMH Saturday due to a miscommunication between two members.

On Monday May 7<sup>th</sup>, Marty M facilitated the Gateway Men's shelter. The meeting was attended by 2 residents and 2 members of AA. By past accounts, the meeting typically had between 10-15 people. Coffee and cookies were and will be provided by the facility as well as promoting the meeting to both residents and drop in center users as well. I have attached the meeting details as per the shelter and would like to officially pass out the service meeting at tonight's meeting.

We also still need to make a decision as to whether we are going to reschedule the Friday night Maxwell Meaghan meeting. The only evening not available to us is Tuesday evenings, as that is when the mobile health clinic van is on site.

Please note that Grant house has cancelled the upcoming Wednesday May 9<sup>th</sup> meeting due to client graduation. Love and tolerance was to facilitate the meeting so please inform your group members.

We had 2 bridging the gap requests which were responded to by members of D10 and the treatment committee will be present at AA info this month.

In love and service, Jeremy M.

**District 06:** May Treatment Report District 6 Good Evening Everyone. My name is Lou-Anne and I am an alcoholic. It is my honour and privilege to be your treatment chair for this term. Cawthra Treatment Centre: At our last district meeting we had a discussion on whether to continue with our meeting. It was agreed that the meeting should continue despite the low attendance. Peel Youth Village: Is seeing great progress with both new members and young people who keep coming back. The GSR's can encourage young new members who would like to be of service to come to a meeting at PVY at 99 Acorn Place in Mississauga. Meetings are every Wednesday from 9:30 - 10:30. Jean Tweed is running smoothly. We are still getting requests to purchase the Big Book. Peel Aboriginal Network: We have had a miscommunication with our contact at PAN. A month ago no one showed up to open the building for our meeting but we assumed it was due to the poor weather conditions that night. Two weeks ago Jason from district said that no one showed up again. I spoke with our contact and he thought he had let someone know downtown that the meeting were postponed. PAN is restructuring their mental health department and they have a new director who is training for the next three weeks. I will be touch with PAN at the end of the month and hopefully meetings will start again sometime in June. I'll gather more information on PAN's restructuring for our next district meeting. At this point it looks like they will be having two new meetings at PAN and will be directing people to the AA meeting. All our service commitments have been met and we did not have any Bridging the Gap requests this month. Jean Tweed will be chaired by Six Points on June 8th and July 6th. Cawthra Shelter will be chaired in May by Meadowvale and June Daily Reflections. I've informed Michelle at Six Points that the Peel Aboriginal Meeting has been cancelled. Yours in Love and Service Lou-Anne Z Treatment Chair

**Chairperson Report:** None.

**2018 Treatment committee budget:** discussed budget chart

**Bridging the Gap requests:** discussed requests as received by each district - year to date

**AA Info Day:** set up booth at 519 community center-need chairs to volunteer to be on location. May 26<sup>th</sup>.

**Next meeting:** Thurs. June 21 at 7:30 p.m. at 234.

**RECEPTION – Nina L. (Sisters in Sobriety), EC Vice Chairperson:**

Present this evening were 39 Group Reps, 7 Alternate Reps, 6 Districts, 3 visitors, and 8 subcommittee chairs.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS from Previous Meetings:** No Unfinished Business was presented.



**NEW BUSINESS:** Mary Ann B. (Night Owls), a member of the Twelfth Step Committee and the current Overnight Phone Volunteer Scheduler, **shared her experiences serving as an Overnight Greeter.** The time commitment for an overnight phone shift used to be three (3) greeters per night for a three-month commitment in rotation. It has now been changed to two (2) greeters per night for a one-week commitment in rotation. Mary Ann shared the following: “The overnight shift can be different. It can be one alcoholic talking to another for a longer period of time. You might get people in crisis (suicidal calls), etc. When doing this shift, you could spend more time taking in an in-depth way to those reaching out. It’s really life and death. In this way, you are ‘promoting the attraction’ of the AA program through these conversations. ***We need volunteers to do this vital work.*** I do it because it keeps me sober. It’s an important aspect of AA; the ‘telephone talk’. You as an AA member are our best advocates!” ***Mary Ann requested that members take this message back to their groups.***

Nina L. (EC Vice Chair) shared the following information **re: those members not receiving the monthly minutes** even though they are on the monthly email list: ***If you are not receiving the monthly minutes, please email our Tech Volunteer at [techsupport@aatoronto.org](mailto:techsupport@aatoronto.org).***

**CLOSING REMARKS:** Bert again thanked everyone for attending this evening, and thanked those members who worked hard at setting up this meeting as “all your help was much appreciated!”

Bert asked for assistance from members in helping to clean up after the meeting, and reminded everyone about the recycling protocol for the church: *please respect this space!*

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned with the Responsibility Declaration.

**NEXT GENERAL MEETING:** **Tuesday, June 26, 2018 at 8 p.m. at Timothy Eaton Church, 230 St. Clair Avenue West** (west from St. Clair subway station on Yonge). Meeting will be held in the Flora McCrae Auditorium.