

**2018 HMB Area Convention Committee Meeting
March 18, 2017**

Committee meeting called to order by Chair, Chrissy O. at 5:12 pm on Saturday, March 18, 2017 at Our Savior Lutheran Church in Utica, NY. Members in attendance were: Chrissy O (12), Tammie E (9), Brenda O (12), Cindy D (12), John L (9), Larry H (9), Angie W (9), Dave B (12), and Jim C (9).

Minutes from the last meeting were accepted as written.

Selection if a theme for the convention is on hold until after the General Service Conference.

The date is set for October 26-28, 2018.

Brenda (Hospitality) & Chrissy (Convention Chair) met with Hotel Utica and began contract negotiations. 4 break-out rooms are priced at \$200 each per day. Ballroom is \$2500 for 3 days; Saranac room is \$1500 for 3 days. Approximate meal prices were discussed and it was decided that only Friday night buffet (~\$22) and Saturday night plated meal (~\$27) would be offered. John L, who is experienced in catering, has offered to accompany them the next time they go.

Angie W offered to be greeter chair. Larry H offered to be Taper Chair. Cindy D offered to be Souvenir/Logo chair. Committee approved of all three chair appointments. We are still in need of a co-chair and a registration chair.

Dave B (Entertainment Chair) has put some requests out to bands and DJs for prices. So far he has only got one quote back, is waiting on more. Skits for both nights and a talent show for Friday night were agreed on.

Chrissy has contacted Kathy from Rome about organizing the Alanon portion; she has agreed and will be at next meeting.

Tammie E (Program Chair) will contact John W (Area 49, SENY Delegate) and invite him to be the main Saturday night speaker.

The next meeting is scheduled for Saturday, April 29th at 5 pm at Our Savior Lutheran Church.

Meeting was adjourned at 6:15 pm.

Submitted in Love & Service,

Tammie E
Secretary/Program Chair