

Minutes  
GPAMA Meeting  
3 June 2015

The meeting was called to order by co-Chair Yost at 18:05. Seven people attended part or all of the meeting. Minutes from the last meeting (April 1, 2015) were read and accepted without amendment. GC representative Denison gave a presentation on HIV infection outlining advances in drug therapy, including the concept of pre-exposure prophylaxis. He noted that various groups, including Mr. Friendly, NM Aids Services, and the Truman Center, are working with the NMDoH to increase awareness and access to treatment. A discussion of avenues in the political process to achieve increased legislative support are Resolution/Memorial and revenue bills. Relevant aims are improved Native health (high-risk group), overall harm reduction, and universal screening. Senator Candelaria and Representative Louis were identified as possible sponsors. Mr. Denison will follow-up with requirements for a resolution.

Secretary-Treasurer Mudd reported \$45 dollars in cash available from the previous incarnation of the Bernalillo County local. There was consensus regarding opening an account at Sandia Area FCU. Co-Chair Ward reported that \$105 would be required to open the organizational account and that there would be no minimum balance required if the person signing on the account was a member. Post office boxes are available in the Old Town area and the University area; \$62 a year is the charge for an Old Town box, \$78 for University. Ms. Mudd will get the particular required information for a P. O. Box. Mr. Yost reported that the State Convention approved the GPAMA request for a \$150 loan, provided that it fit with the provisions of the loan fund. He will follow up on that. There was discussion about a fundraiser, perhaps a donation jar at the next meeting venue.

The need for a telephone number was raised with respect to credit union or post office requirement. Mr. Rasmussen informed the group of the possibility of a free Google number that would work for iPhone or Android. He will obtain the particulars.

Co-Chair Ward informed the group about a request GPUS to complete and distribute an online survey. It was agreed that she should forward the request to the GPAMA e-mail list. A reminder was made that the national meeting is in July in St. Louis.

The next meeting will be Wednesday, July 8, 2015 at the Flying Star Café at 8th & Silver. Meeting adjourned at 20:05.