

DISTRICT 43 MEETING MINUTES
(August 12, 2003)

The meeting was held at the University Baptist and Brethern Church in State College, PA. The meeting opened at 7:15 with the Serenity Prayer followed by the Preamble.

ANNOUNCEMENTS: None

| ROLL CALL | | | |
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| | Alcoholics Alternative | X | Saturday Keep It Green |
| X | As Bill Sees It By Candlelight | X | Saturday Morning Gratitude |
| | Back To Basics | X | Saturday Night Living Sober |
| | Big Book Study - Lock Haven | X | Saturday Night One Hour Discussion |
| | Big Book Study - State College | | Serenity At Noon |
| | Friday Night As Bill Sees It | | Snow Shoe |
| X | Friday Teachables | X | Spiritual Side of the Program |
| X | Happy Hour Promises | | Sunday Afternoon Discussion |
| | Hear The Oldtimers | X | Sunday Came To Believe/Primary Purpose |
| | It's OK To Be AA | | Sunday Grapevine |
| | Living Sober | | Thursday Night Achievers |
| | Lock Haven Group | X | Thursday Night Big Book Study - Bellefonte |
| | Mill Hall Group | | Thursday Night Men's Meeting |
| X | Monday Night Winners | | Thursday Night Living Sober |
| | Monday Night 12 & 12 | X | Tuesday Night Young Hope |
| | No Excuses | X | Wednesday Night Living In The Solution |
| | Philipsburg Group | X | Wednesday Night Recovery |
| | Rainbow Group | | Wednesday Night Step |
| | Relapse Prevention | | Women's Step |
| | Renovo Monday Night Group | | |

DCM Report

Andy S. noted that he has a summation booklet of the latest GSO conference available. He will provide a printed review of highlights in September. In the meantime, he pointed out several selected readings:

- A. Cooperation with professional community.
- B. Anyone may attend open meetings but only those with a drinking problem may attend closed.
- C. 12 Steps and 12 Traditions intro update.
- D. "Not even your parents" has been deleted.

Pam added that it is important to note that even these seemingly small changes are important and are difficult to implement. She noted that all changes such as these are approached cautiously and taken seriously.

Andy also asked for all suggested changes to the AA Group pamphlet be provided to him so that hhe can take them to thhe September 14, 2003 Area meeting.

Andy provided membership figures from the GSO as follows:

- A. In the US, it is believed that there are 51,537 AA Groups and 1,168,990 AA Members.
- B. Worldwide, it is believed that there are 103,768 AA Groups and 2,092,460 AA Members.

DCM Report (cont)

Andy provided annual 2003 budget figures from the GSO as follows:

- A. 2003 expenses were \$10,626,285
- B. 2003 gross sales were \$10,160,700
- C. After discounts, GSO shows a 2003 loss of \$890,245

Additionally, Andy made note of the following.

- A. Reminded GSRs to send applications for Area Conference - only hotel space remains.
- B. For August speaker swap, Williamsport will be in State College on 8/15
- C. Cook's Forest will take place on the weekend of September 4-7, 2003
- D. Centre County Prison allowing box of literature/meeting materials to remain on site
- E. Philipsburg halfway house needs support, especially women. It was recommended that we add them to the general meeting list. Pam pointed out that it is impossible for us to fully support ALL meetings.

Secretary Report: None

Treasurer Report: Brad noted that the largest expense paymet had been made - \$450 to CHC for 2 quarters.

Officer at Large Report: Ken H. informed the meeting that the next District Meeting would be held on September 9 at the Clubhouse in State College, PA.

ADCM: Bob R. noted that the hotline report was now up to date.

Bob also noted that the Clayton and Associates Adolescent meeting was taking place on M, W, and F between 10:45 and 12:45 and that they are asking for support. It was brought up that this may border on affiliation with an outside organization. It was recommended that Bob tell Clayton and Associates to encourage their clients to attend outside meetings.

Bob also noted that someone in the Lock Haven area was supposedly breaking other member's anonymity. Asked what we could do. The general consensus is that we really can't do anything aside from encouraging others to stress the importance of anonymity on the group level.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Ad Hoc/Website: George stated that new phone and meeting lists are available. He also asked for GSR's to begin compiling new homegroup lists and start submitting them. Bob R. pointed out that traditionally, these lists are "cleansed" annually.

Pam asked committee if thhe webpage could be made easier to fiind. Andy noted that it is already listed on MSN, Google, Yahoo, Statecollege.com and Center.org, with a listing on GSO's site coming soon.

It was pointed out that 1 or 2 meetings are listed incorrectly on the website. Also, it was asked for someone to learn if the PSU Campus meeting was still active.

George asked for volunteers for the Speaker Swap meetings for November and December, 2003.

PIC/CPC: Diane got materials from Glenn. At this point, has not held a meeting. Mark J. agreed to assist committee and recommended contact with Mark W. for further assistance.

Treatment and Correctional Facilities Committee: Bill W. asked for more support of Clinton County Prison meetings, especially from women. Also askde for volunteers to conver the Meadows meetings. Bill also noted that additional meetings were being held at Quehanna. Rockview is progressing, albeit slowly.CCP is doing well.

Grapevine/Archives Commitee: Debbie P. noted that Grapevine packets are ready to be made. They commitee created a flyer/letter to be included and she wanted other's feedback. The flyer was passed around in hopes of receiving feedback.

Workshops Commitee: Brian ntoed that workshop will be held in October. Location is still unknown.

OLD BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS:

Pam - role call - contact people for each group to see if they want to remain as an actual group or become a meeting instead. Mark J. agreed to call groups if others helped obtain the names and/or numbers for contacts.

The meetings ended with the Resposibility Pledge.

Respectfully submitted by Mark J.