

DISTRICT 43 MEETING MINUTES
(January, 2003)

The meeting was held at Saint Luke's Lutheran Church in Centre Hall, PA. The meeting opened at 7:15 with the Serenity Prayer followed by the Preamble.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Ralph announced the new Vintage AA Meeting and an Open House at the new Clubhouse on Jan. 25.

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

Meeting began with Andy S. addressing the need for GSR Orientation. Andy suggested reading through the GSR pamphlet. Andy also reminded groups to turn in their Group Information Change Forms. Bob R. began the GSR orientation by reading 1-8 from the GSR pamphlet. Andy S. began discussing by noting the importance of GSR's as being "holders of the traditions for the group." Andy also suggested we review all the traditions again in the coming two years. Glenn stressed that a GSR cannot become a "tradition Nazi" and that all a GSR can do is give information to their group. Andy agreed with Glenn and reminded everyone of the the group conscience - no one runs the show. The discussion ended with Andy reminding everyone of their duty to vote based on how the group feels about an issue.

OFFICER'S REPORTS

DCM: Andy S. told us that he and our Alternate DCM, Bob R., went to the Area Meeting in Pottsville, PA. The overriding message from that meeting was that the program relies on unity. Andy also pointed out that the Philadelphia area represents a disproportionate percentage of attendance at Area functions. Therefore, Andy is going to invite each area panel member to visit one of our district meetings. Andy then read Concept #1. Bob R. had feedback about Area - he feels that GSR's need to remember that they have to respect group's decisions. Andy then invited others to attend an Area meeting with him and offered to provide transportation if needed.

DCM Report (cont.):

Andy then announced several Area events, including the Big Book Retreat on Jan 24-26 at Mountain Dale Farm, McClure, PA, the Sepia Share-A-Day SEPIA / Area 59 on Sunday Feb 9 at 1pm in Philadelphia, PA, and PENNSCYPAA XV on Aug 22-24, Pocono Manor, PA. Andy reminded us that all of these events, along with the Area calendar and other events are posted on the District website (www.district43.com).

Secretary Report: Mark J. reminded all groups to turn in Group Change Forms.

Treasurer: Brad reviewed end of year budget and reported on one small discrepancy, which actually works out as a positive dollar amount for district. He's working on the issue and will report back. Brad also stated that he has begun the new year's budget sheets. He has also paid the first Verizon bill (the only one received.)

Officer At Large: Ken announced that the February 11, 2003 District meeting will be held at United Church of Christ in Bellefonte, PA. He is working on booking other venues for District meetings and will announce them as they are booked.

ADCM: Bob R. received a call from the Community Help Center, asking for an intervention. He asked for ideas and professional help on this matter. This began a discussion of AA's role in such matters. Glenn noted that he feels there is a distinct difference between a 12-Step call and an "intervention." Others, including Toy, Ryan, Minnie, Mark, Ken, and Pam added their opinions. In conclusion, Pam's suggestion of looking at and following the AA Guidelines brochures was heeded.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Ad Hoc: No announcements.

PIC/CPC: No announcements.

Treatment and Correctional Facilities Committee: Snow Shoe has Center County Prison for month of February. A meeting "Swap" will commence on the second Friday of every month at 7:30 in Williamsport Hospital and on the third Friday of each month, they come to State College Speaker Meeting.

Archives: Ryan announced that storage closet in Saint Andrews was cleaned. They found extra literature racks which are being donated to the PIC/CPC committee. Ralph offered a variety of old Grapevines to the Archives.

OLD BUSINESS - None

NEW BUSINESS

Committee Structure: Add or change? Suggestions made included various combinations. A vote was taken with the following adjustments accepted as District Committees:

Ad Hoc & Website Committee

Archives & Grapevines Committee

PIC/CPC (Public Information Committee/Cooperation with Professionals Committee)

Treatment and Correctional Facilities Committee

Workshops Committee

Committee member selection was undertaken. A list of committees and members is attached.
The meeting was adjourned with The Loor

Respectfully submitted by Mark J., District Secretary