

DISTRICT 43 MEETING MINUTES
(June 10, 2003)

The meeting was held at the Blanchard Jaycees Hall in Blanchard, PA. The meeting opened at 7:15 with the Serenity Prayer followed by the Preamble.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Michael B. announced that a host group was being sought for the July Medallion Night. He also added that the event would take place on the July 18, 2003 (the third Friday of the month.)

Lorrie W. announced that the Freedom Picnic would be held at Bald Eagle State Park on July 4, 2003.

ROLL CALL			
X	Alcoholics Alternative	X	Saturday Keep It Green
	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	X	Serenity At Noon
	Friday Night As Bill Sees It	X	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. announced the following:

- 1) On the Area docket, a vote for a guest observer at the regional convention - Chester County Drug Court Judge was chosen.
- 2) Area finances show a balance of \$15,000.00. The prudent reserve is \$20,000.00.
- 3) Pocono registration forms are being mailed. Split Rock is now full. The Ramada Inn is the next in line, followed by the Comfort Inn. Andy also reminded GSRs that they can attend for the day only.
- 4) Andy remind everyone that the Officer at Large position will be voted on at the Pocono convention.

DCM Report (cont.)

- 5) Area has decided to design a website. It is still in its design stages and Andy recommended that it include member-only section and a non-member section.
- 6) The pamphlet The AA Group is being redesigned by GSO. They are looking for feedback from Groups.
- 7) A new pamphlet is being introduced - So the Courts Sent You to AA and You're Not Happy About It
- 8) The 4th Edition of the Big Book will be posted on the World Services website.
- 9) GSO is also revising the Inmate to Inmate Book - AA in Prison.
- 10) Spanish language Big Book is being revised.
- 11) A Public Service Announcement (PSA) is coming. Pam asked whether a PSA is available for local use and Andy said he would investigate.

Secretary's Report

Mark J. sent a revised GSR list around the room for additions and revisions.

Treasurer's Report

Brad B. noted the following:

- 1) Additional expenses were added to the budget - namely Andy's gas mileage.
- 2) We are behind last years contributions by about \$100 or so.
- 3) At this point, the District surplus (money above prudent reserve) is approximately \$600, depending on committee expenditures, etc.
- 4) Raquel questioned the PIC/CPC budget and was told that it was previously set at \$120.00.
- 5) Brad reminded everyone to seek out a copy of the 7th Tradition pamphlet. It recommends the following breakdown for group donations: 40% to District, 30% to Area, and 30% to GSO.

Officer at Large Report

Ken H. informed the meeting that the next District Meeting would be held on July 8 at Mingoville.

ADCM: Andy S. reported that the Community Help Center numbers were not available at this time.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Ad Hoc/Website: George noted that the next phone list update will be in September 2003. Also noted that District expenses could now be found on the District website. George also asked for volunteers for the the Friday Speaker Swap meeting.

COMMITTEE REPORTS (cont.)

PIC/CPC: Raquel noted that this committee would be asking for an increase in budget to \$200 for use in auditing and restocking literature racks.

Treatment and Correctional Facilities Committee: Bill W. noted that all was going smoothly. Asked for more support of Meadow's meetings. Also asked for \$200 to purchase books for meetings. The Committee is also preparing newcomer packets. The Rockview meeting issue has still not been fully resolved.

Grapevine/Archives Committee: Mary noted that the committee met during May.

Workshops Committee: Lorrie W. stated that a possible September workshop is being considered.

OLD BUSINESS - Vote on spending down the surplus District funds Several suggestions were given. A multitude of ideas were discussed, including purchasing Grapevine subscriptions for Treatment and Correctional facilities, increasing Committee budgets, etc. Ultimately, it was decided to vote on a timeframe for deciding when the spending down would be done. The following options were given:

- 1) Spend it off every three months.
- 2) Spend it off every six months.
- 3) Spend it off annually.

An initial vote was taken with no option receiving the required 2/3 of the vote. A second vote was taken and the third option (Spending off at the end of each year) was agreed upon by the majority.

NEW BUSINESS

Jade questioned the historical background of having all District meetings on Tuesdays (her homegroup meets on Tuesdays and this requires her to miss one meeting a month at her homegroup.) Several comments were made with the historical reference given by Pam that, in the past, when meetings were held at varied times, attendance dropped significantly.

Bill W. asked for GSR's to ask group members to donate old Grapevines, Big Books, and other GSO literature for use at Treatment and Correctional facilities.

Andy S. announced that the Sunday Came to Believe meeting was moving to the South Hills Business School cafeteria.

Michael B. announced that 68 years ago today, Dr. Bob had his last drink!

The meeting ended with The Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully submitted by Mark J.

