

DISTRICT 43 MEETING MINUTES
(March, 2003)

The meeting was held at Saint Andrew's Episcopal Church in State College, PA. The meeting opened at 7:15 with the Serenity Prayer followed by the Preamble.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Pam S. announced that the Milesburg, Friday night meeting has moved to the Presbyterian Church. George announced that the Thursday Night Big Book Study meeting in Bellefonte was holding an Anniversary Dinner on Thursday, March 27, with Dinner at 7:00, followed by a guest speaker (Michael B.) at 8:00. Andy S. reminded everyone of the Williamsport/State College Swap meeting - second Friday of each month, State College sends a speaker there and on the third Friday, they send a speaker to State College.

ROLL CALL			
X	Alcoholics Alternative		Renovo Monday Night Group
X	As Bill Sees It By Candlelight		Saturday Keep It Green
	Back To Basics	X	Saturday Morning Gratitude
	Big Book Study - Lock Haven	X	Saturday Night Living Sober
	Big Book Study - State College	X	Saturday Night One Hour Discussion
	Friday Night As Bill Sees It	X	Serenity At Noon
X	Friday Teachables		Snow Shoe
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
X	No Excuses	X	Wednesday Night Living In The Solution
	Philipsburg Group	X	Wednesday Night Recovery
	Rainbow Group	X	Wednesday Night Step
	Relapse Prevention		Women's Step

Meeting began with Andy S. and Mark J. reading from the GSR pamphlet. The topic dealt with the importance of Group unity. Andy began discussion by telling us of his experience at the recent Area meeting and how he has learned that even though he may not agree with others, he has to remember that we are all trying to work for the "common good" of A.A. Andy claims to be "naturally snide," but is learning to remember that if he's not a part of the solution, he's part of the problem. He summed up by saying that he has to remember that it's not about "him" - it's about A.A. trying to help the still suffering alcoholic.

Mark J. related his early experience with the Monday Night Happy Hour Promises group in State College and how the group, as a whole, offered him much hope and support - perhaps more than any single individual.

OFFICER'S REPORTS

DCM: Andy attended Area on Saturday, March 8, 2003. Andy relayed the topic of the Eastern Area Conference taking place this coming November 7-9, and recommended that groups begin planning their finances, if they are going to attend. He then quoted a list of rates for the Conference and promised to make applications available as soon as possible.

Andy also mentioned a "ground swell" taking place on the Area level, regarding the feeling that some rural districts are not feeling as equally represented, compared to the Philadelphia area, and that some Districts would like to see a new Area developed for these more rural areas, most of which lie in the central and east-central portions of the state. Andy asked GSRs to take this issue back to their groups and find out how their members feel about this.

Andy noted the following upcoming events:

- 1) East/West State Convention would be held this August 1-3 at the Ramada Inn in Dubois.
- 2) Mini Assembly on May 18th at the Penn's Creek Community Center near Lewistown.

Andy also noted that he asked the Area panel about the possibility of an Area website. The panel said that a decision will be made in June.

Andy noted that a man was turned away from the Women's meeting in State College. It was noted that this is not the policy of the group, but that, during this particular night, several newcomers made the decision. Pam added that A.A. does deal with this in its literature and that, basically, A.A. says that groups should not bar anyone from attending who has a desire to drink. Disruptive people can be asked to leave, however. Similarly, the topic of non-alcoholics at closed meetings was introduced to the discussion. Raquel noted that a group she belonged to once wrote to GSO to find out what the official stance on this was and it was said that the most a group should do is ask a non-alcoholic not to share.

Finally, Andy noted that the topic of liability insurance for groups was raised at Area. In short, the advice being given is to not get it unless asked.

Secretary Report: None.

Treasurer: Brad B. noted donations of 140.00 for the month of February, 2003, with \$257.27 in expenses.

Additionally, the Community Help Center has still not cashed the December check.

Brad asked whether we would be reviewing budgets. A motion was made for Brad to propose a budget in April for voting. The motion was passed. Budgets will be voted on in April.

Officer At Large: Ken reviewed the location of upcoming District meetings.

ADCM: Bob R. reviewed the Hotline calls, stating that, according to the Community Help Center, 70% of hot-line callers found the number in the State College phonebook. This led to a request for the PIC/CPC committee to report on the state/expenses of current phone book listings.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Ad Hoc: Conducted a meeting with members during the past month. Changes are underway to the website. Updated phone lists will be submitted.

PIC/CPC: Raquel joined the committee. No other announcements.

Treatment and Correctional Facilities Committee: Held a meeting since last District meeting. Bill W. has made a list of TCFC meetings, along with any relevant forms needed. Reminded everyone that these meetings need support.

Michael B. noted that the women's meeting held at halfway house in Philipsburg is on the verge of closing if it does not receive better support. It is held on Tuesdays at 8:00 PM.

Archives: No announcements.

Workshops: Lorrie W. announced the planning of a workshop to be held May 3, from 9 AM to 4 PM at Saint John's in Bellefonte. The topic(s)/focus of the workshop are to be announced.

OLD BUSINESS - None.

NEW BUSINESS - Pam asked for a list of GSR's with their corresponding groups and phone numbers. Michael B. announced the upcoming Medallion Night to be held on April 11 at Saint Andrew's in State College.

The meeting ended with The Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully submitted by Mark J.