

DISTRICT 43 MEETING MINUTES
(October, 2003)

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS: None

ROLL CALL			
X	Alcoholics Alternative		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		Saturday Night One Hour Discussion
	Big Book Study - State College		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. attended the Area Meeting. The topics covered there included a reminder of the Assembly at the Poconos taking place on November 7-9, 2003. At the time, the only overnight vacancies left were at the Comfort Inn. Among the topics to be covered at the Assembly is the election of a new Officer at Large. I., as a GSR, you plan to vote, you must be in the Ballroom by no later than 8:45 AM, Saturday morning. George D. asked what the dayfare for the Assembly was and Andy quoted \$7, but that does not include the banquet. Brad asked whether non-GSRs (such as District Officers) could vote, and Andy responded that only GSRs (or an Alternate Group Representative) and DCMs could vote - District Officers are not eligible.

Other topics covered at the Area meeting included a discussion of the meeting-versus-group topic. From the discussion, it was decided that two of the main differences are that a meeting can exclude, while a group cannot. Also, a group is considered to be self-supporting, while a meeting may not be necessarily self-supporting. She noted that all changes such as these are approached cautiously and taken seriously.

Andy also announced that State College has been granted the State Convention for 2004. It will be held at the Day's Inn on July 30-August 1, 2004. Volunteers will be needed to man hospitality booth, etc.

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DCM Report (cont)

Please contact Andy if you are willing to volunteer. Pam asked how spillover attendance will be handled. South Ridge was suggested as a possible additional

Andy also discussed three additional "feedback" issues discussed at the Area Meeting. They are:

- 1) Using Harold F.'s last name in the medallion display. It was decided that his last name should not be used because anonymity is forever.
- 2) Should district meetings be open or closed? It was decided that they should be open, but, like a group, each District is autonomous and can act as they see fit.
- 3) Do other Districts make their financial data public (ie. on the web)? It was decided that, yes, financials should be made public because there is an open-book policy.

Secretary Report: No announcements.

Treasurer Report: Brad reviewed spreadsheet with attendees. No other announcements.

Officer at Large Report: Ken H. was absent, but Andy relayed his request for District meeting sponsorship - would any groups be willing to host upcoming district meetings? If so, please let Ken know. Also, Ken is collecting another order for Experience, Strength and Hope books. Please see him if you'd like to order copy(s).

ADCM: Bob R. reviewed the hotline report with attendees.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Ad Hoc/Website: George D. noted that he has updated District phone lists. stated that new phone and meeting lists are available. George also made printed maps available for State College, Central PA, etc. available and has them on the website. Pam asked whether the Milesburg meeting is or could be added to the meeting list. George said he'd double-check and make sure it is.

PIC/CPC: Diane stated that she is meeting up with Mark W. to get materials and locations straightened out. Al and Ira both joined the committee. Mark J. agreed to help out.

Treatment and Correctional Facilities Committee: Bill W. stated that more big books are needed. Also noted that the women's halfway house needs support. Also noted that the Centre County Prison was on lockdown. The next TCFC meeting will be held on October 21, 2003 at the Meadows at 7:15 PM. The idea of a time change for the Clinton County Prison meeting was brought up again by Mary. Andy S. says that it can be made to happen, but needs to know when the best time would be for people to actually support the meetings.

Grapevine/Archives Committee: Mary W. noted that she had three Grapevine packets available for groups that had not previously received them. Also noted that the committee had medallions coming from two others.

Workshops Committee: Workshop set for November 22, 2003. Handout was made available. Lorrie stated that the committee will work on a "mini sponsorship" workshop next.

OLD BUSINESS: Mark J. asked how we can obtain contact information for groups not attending District meetings. Pam also noted that groups need to be made aware that some of their donations should be coming to District, versus sending everything to GSO or Area.

NEW BUSINESS:

Should our District meeting be open or closed? Pam stated that she felt we should act autonomously and make ours closed. Mark J. agreed with Pam. Brian made a motion to take the idea back to individual groups. The motion was passed and a vote as to whether to keep District 43 meetings open, or make them closed will be taken at the November District meeting.

The meetings ended with the Responsibility Pledge.

Respectfully submitted by Mark J.