



Meeting Minutes, May 13, 2014

Meeting called to order by DCM at 7:15pm with the Serenity Prayer
Introductions were made after Summaries/Actions to welcome Eric W, the new GSR for Serenity at Noon group.

Groups Represented: 12

Attitude Adjustment >>> Monday As Bill Sees It >>> Monday Happy Hour Promises >>> Mon-Fri, Serenity At Noon >>> Saturday Keep It Green >>> Saturday Night Discussion, Centre Hall >>> Thurs Sober Sisters >>> Tues/Thurs Philipsburg Group >>> Tues/Thurs Primary Purpose >>> Tuesday Young Hope >>> Wed - Living In the Solution >>> Wed Night Step

Officer Reports:

Officer-at-Large (Amy H): Schedule for upcoming district meetings–

- June 10th – Zion Lutheran Church, Church and Pine Sts., Boalsburg
- July 8th – Grace United Methodist Church, 912 E. Pine Street, Philipsburg
- August 12th - St. John Lutheran Church, 216 N. McAllister St., Bellefonte

Secretary (Vicki S):

- No corrections or amendments are requested for the **April 8, 2014** meeting minutes. Motion made to accept minutes as is and seconded, motion passes with **14** ayes, none opposed.
- The June minutes will be the last minutes distributed as hard copies. (The secretary is losing access to free copies.) At the November 2011 district meeting a decision was made to distribute the minutes via email only – to save some money (about \$50.00/year) and be a little more “green”, so that is the way we will proceed. If anyone is not currently getting the minutes electronically, please tell the Secretary

Treasurer (Jan B): See April contributions and expense report for full details.

- > Total contributions in April amounted to **\$1010.41**
- > Total expenditures amounted to **\$636.19**
- > The C&I Literature fund has a balance of **\$774.75**
- > The available cash balance for all other expenditures is **\$1265.36**
- > Prudent Reserve is at **\$1200.00**
- > Projected expenses for April are **\$300.50**
- A motion is made to accept the Treasurer’s report and seconded, motion passes with **14** ayes, none opposed.
- The Treasurer requests that the GSR’s take a copy of the AA Self-Support pamphlet and share Tradition 7 guidelines with their home group members.

WebServant (Jenni L): (Contact the WebServant at info@district43.com)

- Jenni reports that emails and postings are up to date.
- Jenni says that the ‘meeting description’ page on the website could be very helpful to newcomers/out-of-towners if more groups would submit their meeting descriptions. Since February, when the page was created, only three groups have

responded and she is eager to develop the page to its full extent. If GSRs will prioritize getting the information to her, she is willing to write the description.

- The meeting list pdf states that D43 has service opportunities available in 5 local prisons and/or institutions. The district actually serves 7 locations. Jenni will fix this discrepancy.

ADCM (Wayne L): not present, no report

DCM (Lisa T): (see May DCM Report and Delegate's Report for full details)

- The **64th General Service Conference** has taken place and our Area 59 Delegate, Steve O., has reported back to the districts on what occurred at the conference. The DCM distributed copies of Steve's presentation from the Delegate Conference Report/Mini Assembly I, that she attended on May 10th. The DCM thoroughly reviewed the report with the GSRs and then answered questions. We reviewed –
 - The Conference structure, membership and statistics
 - Actions taken by all 13 General Service Conference committees
 - Floor Actions, a last opportunity to bring to the floor an item that has previously failed and to state your case for it. (The DCM emphasized the power of "the minority opinion".)
 - A summary of Steve O's experiences at the Conference

Summaries:

- Port Matilda It's OK To Be AA Group announces that its annual picnic will take place on **July 26th** at Port Matilda Municipal Park. Start time is 12:00pm and speaker at 3:00pm. A flyer for this event is coming.

Actions: No Actions presented

Tradition 5 - "Each group has but one primary purpose – to carry its message to the alcoholic who still suffers."

Committee Reports:

Archives (Nancy B): Nancy not present, Vicki gave report

- A 32GB flash drive has been purchased (\$15.89) to transport and backup the archival materials that have been digitized.
- A couple of books on alcoholism/recovery have been donated to the D43 Archives library. They will be added to the archives literature inventory and will be available to borrow. Susan A asked what the lending policy is and the answer is, "We don't have one because no one has every asked to borrow anything." As the D43 Archives Manual develops it will incorporate donation and lending policies. The GSO Archives workbook gives guidelines and the Area Archivist will be contacted to see if other districts have "lending libraries". The main issue is to increase visibility. It makes no sense to have materials available that no one knows about or makes use of. All GSR's will receive an update of the D43 Archives Literature Inventory in August (and it will designate AA and non-AA literature.)

- The archives committee will talk about having a member who takes responsibility for the archives repository and does not rotate in the 'regular' two year pattern. An email was sent to the Area 59 archivist to see if any other districts are doing this. They are waiting for feedback. If it looks like a good idea the Committee will bring it to district for discussion.

Corrections & Institutions (C&I) (Bill Q):

- Bill reports that he will be placing a book order amounting to **\$707.45** for the Youth Detention Center, SCI Benner, SCI Rockview and Centre County Jail. Bill passed around a breakdown of what's being ordered, what it costs and where it's going. When the order arrives there is the question of getting the books to the prisoners. Bill and others at the meeting who do prison service agree that SCI Benner has the most stringent rules and the material will probably have to be mailed.
- Bill reports that a mistake/misunderstanding was made by one of our AA members that does service in the jails. The schedule for AA meetings at Rockview is the second and fourth Wednesday of the month. This individual went to the prison on the first Wednesday of the month which resulted in upsetting the guards/administration. In order not to jeopardize our access to the prison population Bill states that -
 - No AA should go alone to a meeting in the prison. In fact, for everyone's protection Bill has instructed the prison not to allow an AA in if they are unaccompanied. Twelve step work should be done in pairs.

Cooperation with the Professional Community (CPC) (Kevin K):

- The last YOP meeting for the semester was on May 10th. YOP will begin again in September.
- Kevin reports that the meeting location has changed. The Community Help Centre has moved three blocks south to 410 S. Fraser Street.

Public Information (PI) (Rodney C): not present, DCM gave report

- The DCM reports that Rodney says 90% of locations are checked and stocked and ordering of new literature is underway.

Structure (Wayne L): No Report

- Eric W. received a District Structure Manual for the Serenity at Noon group.

Visitation: The Visitation Committee is not active at present.

Ad Hoc Literature (Susan A):

- Susan reports that the committee has met to discuss their function, goals, and priorities – the outcome of which is
 - Since its inception the committee has noted the enthusiastic response of many AAs/GSRs to having a literature committee and that the scope of the committee is greater than they expected. In light of this, they would like to remove their ad hoc status and make the committee a permanent one.
 - The reason for creating the committee was to make an assessment of what AAs (especially newcomers) in our district know about AA literature, how are groups presenting it, and is it available? This is a prime focus of

the committee. To that end, an initial goal is to create an AA Literature display which can be lent out to the groups.

- One of the functions of the Committee will be a **quarterly, district-wide order of AA literature** (Jan, Apr, Jul, Oct). All groups will be responsible for getting their order forms to the Committee, pre-paying their order and picking their order up. The Committee thinks that our orders will qualify for free shipping (over \$500.00) but since he is regularly in New York, Craig A has volunteered to bring back our orders when needed.
- A motion to add a permanent Literature Committee was made and seconded. The vote was **15** ayes, none opposed.

Concept 5 - Throughout our world service structure, a traditional "Right of Appeal" ought to prevail, thus **assuring us that minority opinion will be heard** and that petitions for the redress of personal grievances will be carefully considered.

Old Business:

- Choosing someone as a guest observer to the Convention
 - The deadline for submitting a candidate is June 8th, prior to the 3rd Quarter Area 59 meeting.
 - Bill Q put forward as a candidate Deputy Warden Joseph Koleno from Centre County jail and will be contacting him. Simon F mentioned that Warden Smith, would be also be a very good candidate.
 - A flyer on the History of the Guest Observer was distributed to the GSRs to take back to their home groups to encourage discussion about potential candidates and the Convention in general.

New Business: None

Adjournment:

Motion made and seconded to adjourn meeting, motion passes by majority vote. Meeting adjourns at **8:48** pm with the Responsibility Pledge.

Minutes submitted by Vicki S, District Secretary

Documents (distributed at meeting and archived with minutes)

Agenda, Roll Call, Financials (summary, contributions, expenses), DCM report, Delegate's report from the 64th General Service Conference with D43 DCMs notes, History of the Guest Observer flyer