



Meeting Minutes, December 08, 2015

Meeting called to order by DCM at **7:16pm** with the Serenity Prayer

Groups represented: **14**

Mon Night As Bill Sees It, Mon Night Winners, Tues Bellefonte 12 Step, Tues Young Hope, Wed Night Recovery, Wed Night St Andrews Step, Wed Living In The Solution, Thurs Night Bellefonte Big Book, Thurs Sober Sisters, Fri Milesburg Spiritual Side, Sat Centre Hall Discussion, Sat Gratitude Meeting, Sun Came to Believe, Sun KISS

Officer Reports:

Officer-at-Large (Kevin K): Schedule for upcoming district meetings –

- **January 12th** - St Andrews, 208 W. Foster Ave., State College
- **February 9th** – St. John Lutheran Church, 216 N. McAllister St., Bellefonte
- **March 8th** – tentatively Zion Lutheran Church, Church and Pine Sts., Boalsburg
- **April 12th** – St Andrews, 208 W. Foster Ave., State College
- **May 10th** – tentatively St. Luke's Lutheran Church, 301 N. Pennsylvania Ave., Centre Hall

Secretary (Vicki S):

- The email address list (for posting the minutes) has been reworked to correspond with the new “cleaned up” roster. Please tell the Secretary if you did not receive your minutes.
- No corrections or amendments are requested for the November **10**, 2015 meeting minutes. Motion made to accept minutes as is and seconded, motion passes with **16** ayes, none opposed.

Treasurer (Earl M): See **November** contributions and expense report for full details.

- > Total contributions in amounted to **\$300.64**
- > Total expenditures amounted to **\$258.80**
- > The C&I Literature fund has a balance of **\$612.23**
- > The available cash balance for all other expenditures is **\$1094.46**
- > Prudent Reserve is at **\$1200.00**
- There was a correction on October’s donations of **\$120.00** The correct total is **\$332.95**, not **\$212.95**
- The DCM and ADCM will be reimbursed for representing us at EPGSA. That will be an upcoming expense of +/- **\$400.00**
- A motion is made to accept the Treasurer’s report and seconded, motion passes with **16** ayes, none opposed.

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

- Chris H can no longer serve as WebServant and the DCM has spoken with Todd H about stepping in. The DCM described Todd’s qualifications and called for a discussion and presentation of other candidates for the job. No other candidates came forward and no points were presented for discussion. A motion was made and seconded to accept

Todd as WebServant. The vote resulted in **16** ayes, none opposed. Welcome back to district service, Todd!

ADCM (Carrie S):

- The ADCM spoke briefly about the EPGSA Conference. She explained that the ADCMs do a lot of “helping out” at the convention. She felt that this was a good growth experience. She enjoyed meeting her fellow ADCMs and found it rewarding to learn with them in preparation for 2016 EPGSA, which is a voting year.
- The ADCM displayed two GSO pamphlets that are highly recommended for AA literature racks.
 - *Many Paths to Spirituality* (GSO P-47), addresses all aspects of spirituality.
 - *Understanding Anonymity* (GSO P-84), addresses questions and issues relating to Tradition 12.

DCM (Wayne L):

- The DCM calls for all hotline lists to be turned in at this time, for January updates.
- The DCM speaks on his experiences at EPGSA
 - He thanked D43 for allowing himself and the ADCM to attend EPGSA. “It’s always a fantastic weekend!” He also noted that our district had a good turnout at the Conference.
 - Even though this was a non-voting year, a quick, small vote of affirmation for a new Area 59 Officer-at-Large took place. An Area 59 panel member had to step down and the OAL took on that position which necessitated the approval of the new OAL.
 - Both Class A (non-alcoholic) and Class B (alcoholic) speakers were at the Conference. The new North East Regional Trustee spoke about GSO and told his story. Another interesting speaker was a woman who gave her experience with Al-Anon and her husband’s alcoholism and then her experience with AA and her own problems with alcohol. The DCM said he got a lot out of hearing all the different viewpoints.
 - Next year the EPGSA will have a new venue. It will be switching from the Lancaster Host to Gettysburg Wyndham. You can take a look at it online.
- The DCM asks the GSRs who attended the conference to briefly speak on what they got out of it.
 - Kevin K thought the sobriety countdown was very special. The longest sobriety was 48 years and the shortest was 13 days. The oldest sobriety gave the youngest sobriety a Big Book. They were both together on stage and it was a very powerful thing to experience.
 - Bob W said he went with no expectations and he thought it was fantastic. He is a history buff with an interest in the archives and he saw the original draft of the Big Book. He felt a strong connection with that.
 - Another thing that sparked his interest at the conference was a book called *Tools for Fools - for Alcoholics and Other Human Beings**, written in 1971

by an alcoholic. It brings up topics we still talk about and shows that times change but the nature of alcoholism doesn't. (* not an AA approved book)

- Todd W was impressed by the Class A judge who is not an alcoholic but members of his immediate family had been affected by alcoholism and that's why he wanted to be involved.
- The DCM will be attending the 4th quarter Area 59 Meeting on **Sunday, Dec. 13th**. He encourages GSRs to attend and points out that driving time is only about an hour and forty five minutes. Departure time will be at **8:00 am** from Wayne's house. Wayne will do the driving and singing. Come along and enhance your spiritual enrichment!
 - Hosted by District 36. Doors Open 8 am: Area Business Meeting begins at 11:00 AM. Site: Enola Fire Co. #3, 118 Chester Rd. Enola, PA 17025.
- The DCM reports that he has met with C&I and PI committees. They discussed where they are and where they want to be as far as committee work and began making action plans for 2016.

Summaries:

- Saturday Night Centre Hall Discussion group celebrated its Annual Anniversary Potluck Dinner and Meeting on **November 21, 2015**. Bob R says, "It went really well." and he wants to thank everyone who came. There was a good turnout and a nice mix of people from different areas in the district.

Actions:

- Currently, the following meetings need support.
 - Port Matilda: It's OK To Be AA Group, Wednesday **8:00pm**
 - Bellefonte: Big Book Discussion, Thursday **8:00pm**
 - Lock Haven Friday Night Recovery, Great Island Presbyterian, Friday **7:30pm**

Tradition 12 - Anonymity is the spiritual foundation of all our Traditions, ever reminding us to place principles above personalities.

Archives (Vicki S):

- Vicki reports that an index to files and folders backed up on the flash drive has been placed in the Archives Manual.
- The display case and filing cabinets are ready to be moved. We need to coordinate things with John D at the clubhouse but want to get everything in place before January.
- Group History Time! - A group history list, indicating which groups have submitted a history to D43 Archives, is distributed to the GSRs and will also be emailed. The D43 website has a group history form available to download. If you don't have a group history, what are you waiting for? If you have submitted a history it might be time for a review.

Corrections & Institutions (C&I) (Simon F):

- C&I met with the DCM on November **17th** and the DCM gave them assignments which they are working on.
 - Simon says he and Dean will meet as soon as they can arrange it.

- Simon has updated a lot of the contact info at various institutions.
- Gate passes are now a big issue at Rockview and Benner. Simon says that even though he had his gate pass, he was not allowed in because the guard did not have a written copy of it. He is going to try to resolve this with the prison administration.
- Simon purchased 25 Big Books and 10 Living Sober books for Corrections. 5 Big Books went to the Youth Detention Center and all 10 of the Living Sober Books to Centre County jail. This leaves Simon with 20 large print, soft cover Big Books which Centre County Correctional Facility will not accept. They have an issue with the large print big books. 20 regular, soft cover Big Books have been ordered for the jail but the large print books still need to be distributed somewhere.
- Simon is working on trying to find the appropriate contact people at the state facilities to help streamline the process for access. There are so few AAs attending (only 4 volunteers at state facilities) that any mix ups between AA volunteers and the prison administration results in not having a meeting.
- Six months after he applied, Centre County jail has lost Simon's application and he will have to reapply. FYI, they will not contact you when you are approved.

Cooperation with the Professional Community (CPC) (Tom):

- CPC will meet with the DCM directly after the Dec. 8th district meeting.

Public Information (PI) (Shannon H): not in attendance, Steve B and Wayne gave report

- PI met with the DCM on December 1st. They have identified their literature and created a division of labor within the committee to check literature locations. They are also going to review the literature currently in use and see if they need to make changes.
- The committee has ordered two PSA's (public service announcements) from GSO. They will be reviewing a \$15.00 Radio PSA and a \$5.00 TV PSA.

Structure (Carrie S):

- The on-line version of the Structure Manual is the most up to date. You can check your group's manual against it and, if need be, make corrections.

Visitation (Todd W):

- Todd reports they will be meeting with the DCM on December 15th at St Andrews.

Concept 12 - General Warranties of the Conference: In all the proceedings, the General Service Conference shall observe the spirit of the A.A. Tradition, taking great care that the Conference never becomes the seat of perilous wealth or power; that sufficient operating funds plus an ample reserve, be its prudent financial principle; that none of the Conference members shall ever be placed in a position of unqualified authority over any of the others; that all important decisions be reached by discussion, vote, and whenever possible, by substantial unanimity; that no Conference action ever be personally punitive or an incitement to public controversy; that, though the Conference may act for the service of Alcoholics Anonymous, it shall never perform any acts of government; and that, like the Society of Alcoholics Anonymous which it serves, the Conference itself will always remain democratic in thought and action.

Old Business:

- The ADCM is working on a “snazzy name” and flyer for the old timer “non-workshop” coming up on **April 2nd**. A location has not been decided so suggestions for places with handicap access are welcomed.

New Business:

- A brief discussion was held about the large print, soft cover Big Books purchased by Simon. They were paid for by Simon and he is not asking for reimbursement. Several good suggestions were made for distributing/selling the books. Simon is satisfied that they will sell off over time and if not they will be donated somewhere. At this time GSRs can tell their groups that these books are available for **\$11.50**.

Adjournment:

Motion made and seconded to adjourn meeting, motion passes by majority vote.

Meeting adjourns at **8:30 pm** with the Responsibility Pledge.

Minutes submitted by Vicki S, District Secretary

Documents (distributed at meeting and archived with minutes)

- 1) Agenda
- 2) Roll Call
- 3) Financials (summary, contributions, expenses)
- 4) Surplus Seventh Tradition packets