

## District 43

May 14, 2013

The following meetings were represented:

Tuesday Bellefonte 12 step meeting, Monday Night As Bill Sees It, Thursday Night Big Book meeting, Phillipsburg Group, Attitude Adjustment, Tuesday Night Young Hope, Center Hall Saturday Night, Sunday Morning Came to Believe, Thursday Night Rebersburg Meeting, Keep it Green, Wednesday Night Living in the Solution Meeting, Sober Sisters, Friday's First, Bellefont Wednesday Night Recovery, Monday Night Happy Hour promises, Friday Night Teachables, Wednesday Night Step Meeting

### Officer Reports:

#### Officer at Large:

Upcoming District meetings:

- June 11 St. John's Lutheran Bellefonte – Fellowship room
- July 9<sup>th</sup> Mill Hall Presbyterian - 109 West Main Street
- August 13<sup>th</sup> TBA

#### Secretary:

Email update sheet is going around.

Corrections on last months minutes – none.

Motion to accept the minutes. Motions seconded. Motion carries.

#### Treasurer Report:

We are in much better shape than we were last month. Contributions are up.

Big bills coming up? – Community Health Center \$225

Motion to approve the minutes. Motion seconded. Motion carries.

#### ADCM:

Putting together an intra-district meeting. Possibly a quarterly meeting.

Considering group-swap idea.

#### DCM report - next events

June 9 Area 59 2Q13 Committee Meeting. District 41 will Host. Location TBD. For more information contact [chairperson@area59aa.org](mailto:chairperson@area59aa.org)

June 23: **Delegate's conference report & Mini-Assembly**  
Location: Buckthorn Community Fire CO. 19 Firehall Road  
Bloomsburg, PA

Events in Eastern PA:

May 18: District 3 hosting a workshop

Location: First Baptist Church – 10 Church Street, Factoryville, PA

May 18-19: Circle of Hope Round – Up  
Location: Rodeway Inn 2545 North 5<sup>th</sup> Street, Reading, PA 19605

June 7-9: North East Regional Forum (NERF)  
Presentations, Workshop, Meetings & Literature Displays  
Crowne Plaza Hotel and Conference Center  
1—Berlin Dr. Cromwell, CT Friday 7 pm till Sunday 12 noon  
Sponsored by the General Service Board Of AA

- PLEASE promote the Corrections Correspondence program... Getting members will to write to inmate.. Men are really needed.
- Discussion of current situation with the corrections
- Possibly we should talk with the Drug and Alcohol Council? Tabled for now.

#### Summaries and Action:

**Port Matilda** group 22<sup>nd</sup> of June Annual picnic noon, speaker at 3pm  
Bring covered dishes if you like.

**Philipsburg** July 14<sup>th</sup>: noon

#### Tradition:

Each group has but one primary purpose... to carry its message to the alcoholic who still suffers.

- Get busy with work and whatnot, forgot about the primary purpose.
- Every group carries *its* message. Every person in AA has a unique perspective. Every group AA has unique experience, history, tradition, and style. Each group's message is unique and contributes to the whole experience of AA.
- It's not only the newcomer who needs to hear that message. We carry the message of hope and recovery to all alcoholics.

#### Committee Reports:

##### Archives:

Official handover from the old regime to the new.

Priorities for this year:

- Organizing new binder
- Closing loop with groups whose group histories are missing
- Increasing visibility
- Archives workshop?

##### Corrections:

Waiting to hear about meeting with the Warden in person.

Question: are they giving reasons why they are rejecting people?

- No. they haven't released new guidelines.
- Current criteria is slightly arbitrary.

We will need a new Corrections Committee chair.

Review the responsibilities:

- Contact person for each of the meetings.
- Literature gets distributed.

Question: What's the shape of the Meeting at the Meadows.

- There is always someone there.
- Meeting is 6:30, weekly.

**CPC:**

YOP is on summer break. No meeting needed.

Hotline list has been updated.

**PI:**

Four of the Bellefonte places have been checked and restocked.

Only two locations remain.

Flyers have been created.

Question: Printing small meeting list in the Gazette?

- Listing meetings? – it's free.
- Point of contact is offered.

**Structure:**

Does everyone have a structure manual.

Question: when is the property time to accept nominations for outgoing secretary position?

**Visitation:**

Making progress on the Visitation lists.

**Concept:**

Concept 5 – Through out our world services 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.

- Seen in action, the minority opinion can change the vote of the whole room.
- Allows us to think about things differently.
- Before AA I had never heard of this practice of asking for a descending opinion.

**Old Business**

Discussion about updating/changing the meeting list:

Examples being shared from

Making the legend letters bold?

Put an "L" for literature?

Discussion follows. Changing the spacing may not be needed. We have changed the spacing many times before. Could we make the letters after the meeting title italic or space them further apart to make them easier to see?

Is it necessary to specify the type of meeting (literature, etc)?

A motion arises:

That we add the two meetings, take non-smoking off, state in the key that all meetings are non-smoking, fix tittle for the Men's meeting, add notations for noon meetings, bold the text for the letters, remove the Monday night Free to Be meeting. Correct the title of the Wednesday morning meeting, which should be Attitude Adjustment, not morning mediation.

Motion is seconded.

In favor: 17

Opposed: 3

Minority opinion: not comfortable changing the title of the way the group is listed.

Does that change anyone's vote. – No.

Motion carries.

Recommend that we change the font for the way the meeting type is listed for the noon meetings, so that it's clearly not part of the title.

Motion to close.

Seconded.

Meeting adjourns.