



# Meeting Minutes, July 9, 2013

Meeting called to order by DCM at 7:20 pm with the Serenity Prayer and Introductions.

Groups represented: 18

As Bill Sees It>>>Friday Night Lock Haven>>>Friday Night Teachables>>>Friday Spiritual Side>>>Friday's First>>>It's Okay to be AA - Port Matilda>>>Keep It Simple Sunday>>>Living In the Solution>>>Monday Promises>>>Philipsburg>>>Saturday Keep it Green>>>Saturday Night Discussion Centre Hall>>>Snow Shoe>>>Sober Sisters>>>Thursday Big Book Bellefonte>>>Tuesday Step Bellefonte>>>Wednesday Bellefonte Candlelight>>>Wednesday Night Mill Hall

## Officer Reports:

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

- August 13<sup>th</sup>, Boalsburg Zion Lutheran Church, Church and Pine Sts.
- September 10<sup>th</sup>, Centre Hall St Lukes Lutheran, 301 N. Pennsylvania Ave.
- October 8<sup>th</sup>, St. Andrew's Episcopal Church, Canterbury Hall, 208 W. Foster Ave., State College

Secretary (Vicki S):

- No corrections or changes are requested for the June 11, 2013 meeting minutes. Motion made to accept minutes as is and seconded, motion passes with 18 ayes
- GSR Roster was updated (6/1/13) and copies were distributed to GSRs. Any GSR who does not have an updated copy can get one from the district Secretary.
- Two new additions to the GSR Roster are Debby C, servings as interim GSR for Sat. Keep it Green and Mari Beth L, GSR for It's OK to be AA – Port Matilda. See the Secretary for updated info.

Treasurer (Jan B):

- Financials are presented and the treasurer states that “We are in good shape.” financially. Contributions in June amounted to \$448.32 and Expenditures amounted to \$843.77 District has an available cash balance of \$1238.51 Projected expenses for July are \$232.84 and Prudent Reserve is at \$500.
- The Community Help Center bill has been paid. A double payment of \$450 was made, covering the 1st and 2<sup>nd</sup> quarter of 2013.
- A motion is made to accept the treasurer's report and seconded, motion passes with 17 ayes.

Webservant (Carrie S):

- The Webservant has made the requested changes to the meeting list and distributed copies to the GSRs for review. When the new format is finalized, the Secretary will send an email notification to the GSRs with the new meeting list attached. Each group is responsible for covering the cost of replacing old meeting lists with the new format.
- Posting financials on the D43 website?
  - The Webservant has been asked about this and requests that the district give feedback on this topic. Discussion at the district meeting resulted in very mixed opinions.
  - There is a three-part breakdown for D43 financials –
    - 1) Budget information
    - 2) Income/Expense balance sheets
    - 3) Group contributions

- GSRs are requested to find out their group's conscience on posting all or part of our financial information and be ready to discuss and decide on this topic at the next district meeting.
- The Webservant is trying to fix the problem she is having with accessing email at [info@district43.com](mailto:info@district43.com). If need be, she can be contacted at the email address listed in the GSR Roster

ADCM (Wayne L): Not present due to illness. No report.

- ADCM attended the Delegate's Conference Report and Mini Assembly II Sunday, June 23, 2013, Buckthorn Community Fire Co., 19 Firehall Road, Bloomsburg, Pa

DCM (Lisa T): See June 2013 DCM report for full details.

- DCM attended the Delegate's Conference Report and Mini Assembly II
- On Sunday, September 8<sup>th</sup> the DCM and ADCM will be attending the Area 59 4Q13 Committee Meeting. District 50 will Host. Huntingdon Country Club 10305 Raystown Road Huntingdon, PA - Time: Doors open 8:00 AM; Area Meeting starts 11:00 AM SHARP! The DCM emphasizes that this is a great opportunity, right on our doorstep, to observe Area 59 in Action!
- The DCM is actively engaging with the drug and alcohol professionals at our local institutions and intends to become acquainted with the Centre County Drug and Alcohol Planning Council by attending their meeting on September 11<sup>th</sup>, (See DCM for details if you want to attend this meeting) - The Centre County Drug and Alcohol Planning Council is an 11 member board which meets a minimum of nine times per year. The Council advises Centre County Drug and Alcohol in the planning, coordinating, and administering of drug and alcohol services.

Summaries:

- Saturday, **July 13<sup>th</sup>**, Penns Valley Groups Fellowship Picnic, Poe Valley State Park. A full day of fun begins with a speaker meeting at 10:30 and a potluck picnic to follow. Bring your own beverages and a covered dish to share.
- Sunday, **July 14<sup>th</sup>**, Phillipsburg Picnic at Black Moshannon State Park, Pavilion 8. Starts at noon, speaker at 3:00. Potluck - bring a covered dish to share
- Friday, **July 19<sup>th</sup>**, Medallion Night, 8:00, St. Andrews Church in State College. Hosted by Tuesday Bellefonte Step Group. Celebrate recovery milestones with fellowship and cake!

Actions: No actions presented.

Tradition 7 – Each AA group ought to be fully self-supporting, declining outside contributions.

### **Committee Reports:**

Archives (Nancy B):

- The archives committee is making progress with organizing and digitizing paper materials.
- A flyer was distributed to the GSRs to share with their home groups. The archive committee is requesting help from the AA community in finding old district documents.

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

- Bill C has stepped in as the C&I chairperson.

- Jim S agreed to act as the contact for the youth detention center. All the institutions are now covered as far as contacts.
- An AA meeting will be starting up at SCI Benner, the new prison. The prison is a medium-security prison that will house 2,000 male inmates from across the state.

Cooperation with the Professional Community (CPC) (Kevin K): Not present. No report.

Public Information (PI) (Rodney C)

- All locations have been stocked. Locations will be checked when the new meeting list is available.

Structure (Wayne L): Not present. No report.

- It's Okay to be AA group from Port Matilda received their district structure manual.

Visitation (Susan A): Not present. Dan W gave report.

- 8pm Sunday Snow Shoe Group was visited. Snow Shoe United Methodist Church, Sycamore & Moshannon Streets, Snow Shoe, PA 16874

Concept 7 - The Conference recognizes that the Charter and the Bylaws of the General Service Board are legal instruments: that the Trustees are thereby fully empowered to manage and conduct all of the world service affairs of Alcoholics Anonymous. It is further understood that the Conference Charter itself is not a legal document: that it relies instead upon the force of tradition and the power of the A.A. purse for its final effectiveness.

**Old Business:** None

**New Business:**

Media Announcements –

- Concerns about possible PI announcements of AA meetings on TV brought about a discussion on how best to publicize meeting information without jeopardizing anonymity and crossing the fine line of “promotion rather than attraction”
- Some questions brought up were: -
  - Will a publicized meeting list (e.g., posting times and locations of our full meeting list on channel 4 TV) compromise anonymity, especially for closed meetings and meetings held in small places?
  - Are people having trouble finding us?
  - What form of public information are people most likely to respond to...TV, radio, print, on-line, bulletin board flyers?
  - Should we use district funds to pay for AA public service announcements?
- GSRs are requested to find out how their homegroups feel about this issue in preparation for more discussion at the August district meeting.

**Adjournment:**

Motion made and seconded to adjourn meeting, motion passes unanimously.

Meeting adjourns at 8:37 pm with the Responsibility Pledge.

Minutes submitted by Vicki S, District Secretary