



Meeting Minutes, May, 10, 2016

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

Groups represented:

Monday Night Winners (2); Thursday Sober Sisters; Tuesday Twelve Step Bellefonte; Milesburg Friday Night; Wednesday Night Recovery; Keep it Simple Sunday; Sober Sundays; Wednesday OK to be AA Port Matilda; Sunday Came to Believe; Wednesday Living in the Solution

Officer Reports:

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

- June 14h – Pleasant Gap United Methodist

Secretary (Wayne for Vicki S):

- No corrections or amendments are requested for the meeting minutes. Motion made to accept minutes as is and seconded, motion passes unanimously.

Treasurer (Earl M): See April 2016 contributions and expense report for full details.

- > Total contributions amounted to **\$729.00**
- > Total expenditures amounted to **\$325.38**
- > The C&I Literature fund has a balance of **\$207.38**
- > The available cash balance for all other expenditures is **\$1,969.84**
- > Prudent Reserve is at **\$1,200.00**
- Earl reminded the panel that as we decide how to spend down our excess funds, \$600 needs to be set aside to cover expenses for the November conference
- Earl recommended sending \$500 to Area and to GSO if we can't otherwise spend our money. It was determined that this recommendation will be revisited at the June meeting which is the deadline given to the committees to come up with other ways to use the money within our district.
- Motion made to accept the financials, seconded and passed unanimously

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

- The website is still transitioning from district43.org to district43.com but typing in either address will take you directly to our website
- Todd H. asked the group to keep him informed of upcoming events so that they can be added to the website

ADCM (Carrie S)

- No report other than asking us to spread the word that the 5/14 gratitude meeting will be held at the Clubhouse

DCM (Wayne L):

- Wayne discussed the following upcoming events:
 - Mini Assembly – This is where the Delegate brings back her report from the General Service Conference in New York. It is being held on Saturday June 11 (the Saturday before we host the Area business meeting) at the Knights of

- Columbus, 57 Perry St., Luzerne, PA - only about a two hour drive from us so please consider attending.
- Quarterly Area Meeting – June 12 at the Nittany Valley Event Center, 119 E College Avenue in Pleasant Gap. Asking for people to get committed to come and help set up, tear down, and provide food. Desserts would be appreciated, the main dishes have been pretty well covered. Please make the announcement at your home groups and any meetings that you attend and have interested volunteers get in touch with Wayne. Carrie suggested forming a committee to organize the volunteers and give Wayne some support in pulling this together. An email will go out providing more specific information.

Summaries:

- Cook’s Forest is May 20-21st, if you want more information about this event, see Wayne and he will put you in touch with someone. It was noted that information about this event is very difficult to find. Several emails have come in to the district with inquiries, Wayne said those should be forwarded to him.
- The Freedom Group is hosting the annual 4th of July picnic at Bald Eagle State Park, Pavillion 6. Starts at 10am, lunch at noon, and a speaker at some point in the day.
- Memorial Day – Spring Creek Park, potluck, open to families

Actions:

- None

Tradition Five– Each group has but one primary purpose, to carry its message to the alcoholic who still suffers.
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Committee Reports: Each committee chair will give a brief summary of what the committee did the past month, ask for help if they need it, and tell goals/plans of the next month.

Archives: No report.

Corrections & Institutions (C&I) – Dean reported that they are working on a printable copy of the corrections page, updated for the current procedures.

Cooperation with the Professional Community (CPC) – Tom passed around a draft of the letter he composed that will be mailed out to professionals in our district along with an AA fact sheet. The committee is compiling a list of professionals in our district who will receive the letter. For the next meeting they will have estimates for the total cost of printing and mailing the letter. Carrie offered to help transfer the letter to our District 43 letterhead.

Public Information (PI) – Shannon reported that the committee is still working on a comprehensive list of contacts at destinations in our district for future mailings of AA pamphlets and meeting lists. This will help future PI committee members in that they won't have to physically visit these spots, but can instead mail the literature. Shannon asked about having our meeting list printed at ProCopy – it was voted on and approved that she will have 500 copies of the meeting list made by the next meeting. The meeting lists will be used to stuff pamphlets for distribution by the committee and excess will be made available for members to take back to their home groups. We will see how fast we use up 500 lists and order more accordingly. Finally, Wayne showed the TV PSA's and a limited discussion took place. We will vote at the next meeting as to which radio and/or TV spots will be used. Wayne and Shannon will reach out to local radio and TV stations to get pricing information so a more informed decision can be made.

Structure – Carrie reported that she needs to make an update to the structure manual, that will be done by the next meeting. Let Carrie know if you need a hard copy, however they are available for printing off of the website.

Visitation – Todd W. reported that the three committee members are dividing up the 21 meetings that do not have GSR's. They hope to reach out to all of these meetings by the end of our panel.

Concept Five – Throughout our world services structure, a tradition “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: Interpreters- our need for interpreters has been announced at various meetings but we've had no response. Todd H. reported that he asked Patrick K., a Spanish-speaking member of our district, if he would be willing to assist. Patrick is willing to help but had questions about what this would entail. Since this is a new “service” position, it would be on a case by case, trial and error basis for now. Todd also reported that his sister is proficient in sign language, and uses the language professionally. He will inquire of his sister what the cost might be per hour to utilize her services.

New Business: New old business- continued discussion about what to do with our excess money. All committees are expected to come to the June meeting with recommendations for spending. It was reiterated that we would very much like to spend the money here, in District 43.

Adjournment:

Motion made and seconded to adjourn meeting, motion passes by majority vote. Meeting adjourns at 8:45 pm with the Responsibility Pledge.

Minutes submitted by Shannon H., filling in for District Secretary

Documents (distributed at meeting and archived with minutes)

- 1) Agenda
- 2) Roll Call
- 3) Financials (summary, contributions, expenses)