



# Meeting Minutes, April 12, 2016

Meeting called to order by DCM at 7:16pm with the Serenity Prayer and introductions.

Groups represented: 15

Monday Night Winners; Monday Happy Hour Promises; Monday-Sat Attitude Adjustment; Monday As Bill Sees It; Tuesday Twelve Step Bellefonte; Wednesday Night Recovery; Wednesday Living In the Solution; Wednesday It's Ok to be AA; Thursday Bellefonte Big Book Discussion; Friday Milesburg Spiritual Side; Friday Night Teachables; Saturday Gratitude Group; Sunday Came to Believe; Sunday Keep it Simple; Sunday Pleasant Gap 11<sup>th</sup> Step

## Officer Reports:

**Officer-at-Large** (Kevin K): not in attendance

Schedule for upcoming district meetings –

- **May 10<sup>th</sup>** – St. Luke's Lutheran Church, 301 N. Pennsylvania Ave., Centre Hall
- **June 14<sup>th</sup>** – tentatively scheduled for Pleasant Gap United Methodist Church, 179 S. Main Street

**Secretary** (Vicki S):

- No corrections or amendments are requested for the **March** meeting minutes. Motion made to accept minutes as is and seconded, motion passes unanimously.
- The DCM asked for updates to the roster and will email the new version to the GSRs.

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

- > Total contributions amounted to **\$1000.78**
- > Total expenditures amounted to **\$738.02**
- > The C&I Literature fund has a balance of **\$170.38**
- > The available cash balance for all other expenditures **\$1603.72**
- > Prudent Reserve is at **\$1,200.00**
- Since there are no large upcoming expenses, District should start thinking of ways to spend down excess cash. A discussion on this took place, and the DCM re-stated his strong position that money donated in the district should be used for district work and donated to Area and GSO only after district needs are met. It was decided that each district committee should hold a meeting to plan purchases that will best help their committee carry the message within the district. These plans are to be presented at the **June 14<sup>th</sup>** District meeting.
- Motion made to accept the financials, seconded and passed unanimously.

**WebServant** (Todd H): (Contact the WebServant at [info@district43.com](mailto:info@district43.com))

- Todd reports that we have a new website! [www.district43.com](http://www.district43.com) will take you to the old site and [www.district43.org](http://www.district43.org) to the new site. Currently, Todd is working on eliminating the content on the old site. He is interested in getting feedback on

the new content so he can tweak it while it's in process. The DCM asks the GSRs to inform their home groups to go to the new website and send feedback to the WebServant. Todd says that the "www.district43.org" designation is temporary and we will revert to "www.district43.com" when things are finalized.

- See DCM report about adding outside links to our website.

**ADCM** (Carrie S): no report

**DCM** (Wayne L):

- The DCM prepared a written report focusing on his attendance at the recent Area Meeting and the Pre-Conference Sharing. (See written report for more detail)
- At the Area meeting the DCM either got answers to or is working on the following questions -
  - Recording an inmate - waiting on more information from Area Corrections Chair
  - Interpreters at closed meetings – waiting for more information from Area Special Needs Committee
  - Adding PSA's to the website – Area suggested that GSO be contacted directly. DCM is doing so.
  - Outside links on website - Area suggests that we **not** do this because it is out of compliance with our singleness of purpose.
  - D43 sponsorship of social events – The DCM got a variety of responses on this. Different districts with different circumstances do different things. Using 7<sup>th</sup> Tradition district money for social events that help to carry the message is open for discussion but the feedback from Area is that this is **not** generally recommended.
- Pre-Conference sharing – This event ensures that our Delegate has a clear idea of how to represent Area 59 on voting items when she attends the General Service Conference. The DCM has listed in his written report some of the interesting voting items that they reviewed.

**Summaries:**

- Food, Fellowship and Fun – **April 30<sup>th</sup> 2016, 6:00pm** Potluck, **7:00pm** open discussion meeting, **8:30pm** Dance, St Luke's Lutheran Church, 301 North Pennsylvania Avenue, Centre Hall

**Actions:** None

Tradition Four - Each group should be autonomous except in matters affecting other groups or A.A. as a whole.

**Archives:**

- The "They Kept Coming Back" event was a great success. A potluck lunch started things off, followed by a video presentation of AA history in Eastern Pa., given by Chuck G, our Assistant Area Archivist. Then a panel of nine AAs with a combined total of **275** years sobriety gave their opinions and recollections on a series of pre-selected questions. This portion of the event was audio recorded as

a D43 Oral History Project. Many thanks from Archives to the DCM and ADCM for making things happen! Attendance was high (about 45 people) and a lot of valuable information was gathered. The Archives Committee will make a written transcription of the recording.

- The question of having a written agreement with the Clubhouse for housing the D43 Archive was discussed and a motion was made and seconded to **not** create a formal contract since there is no way to enforce it. The motion passed by majority. A motion was made and seconded to write up our agreement with the Clubhouse for inclusion in the D43 Structure Manual. The motion passed by majority. Carrie and Vicki will take care of this task.

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

- Grapevines have been distributed to the facilities that need them.
- Simon reports that there are changes to access at Benner SCI. The Monday meeting at Benner, which is not supervised by staff, will now be supervised and AAs attending will possibly have to wear a security device.
- The Committee's informational and procedural document explaining how things work with correctional institutions is in the process of being written.
- Simon says that he will need more feedback from Area and GSO before he proceeds with an inmate interview proposal.

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

- A draft letter has been written and a mass mailing is being prepared to send to out to community professionals.

**Public Information (PI):** no report

- The television PSA's were not available for viewing at the meeting. They will be seen at the May meeting.

**Structure:** No Report

**Visitation:** No Report

- Todd was made aware of the new big book discussion meeting in Howard and has added it to the visitation list.

Concept Four - Long form: Throughout our Conference structure, we ought to maintain at all responsible levels a traditional "Right of Participation", taking care that each classification or group of our world servants shall be allowed a voting representation in reasonable proportion to the responsibility that each must discharge.

**Old Business:**

- Last month, the GSRs were asked to check with their groups to see if anyone could be added to the roster as a volunteer language interpreter or signer for the deaf. The response was minimal so the DCM requests that the GSRs continue to ask for volunteers with special skills.
- Food, Fellowship and Fun – **April 30<sup>th</sup>**, The DCM reports that the AAs who formed the "Fellowship Committee" to organize this event, are going to keep it

going on a permanent basis. They have the dance “covered”, but they need volunteers to help set up before and tear down after.

**New Business:** None

**Adjournment:**

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

Meeting adjourns at **9:01pm** with the Responsibility Pledge.

Minutes submitted by Vicki S., District Secretary

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**Documents** (distributed at meeting and archived with minutes)

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