

District 43

March 12, 2013

The following meetings were represented:

Friday Night Spiritual Side, Tuesday Night Step Meeting in Bellefonte, Tuesday Thursday Primary Purpose Group, Keep it Simply Sundays, Came to Believe, Monday Night as Bill Sees It, Living in the Solution, Thursday Night Big Book Study, Tuesday Night – Young Hope, Saturday Night Discussion – Center Hall, Attitude Adjustment, Friday Night Teachables, Thursday Sober Sisters, Monday Night Happy Hour, Promises Meeting, Free to Be, Wednesday Night Step Meeting

Meeting Opens with the Serenity Prayer.

Officer Reports

Office-at-Large

Upcoming District meetings:

- April 9 – South Hills Business school – no food or beverages allowed at this location
- May 14 – Emmanuel Methodist Church, Rebersburg
- June 11, St. John Lutheran, Bellefonte- Room is behind the elementary school

Secretary

February minutes submitted. Spelling and grammar changes duly noted.

- Motion to approve the minutes with spelling and grammar changes noted.
- Motion is seconded.
- 14 – in favor, 0- opposed, 0-abstenstions
- Minutes are accepted.

Treasurer:

Regular contributions: totaled \$165

Expenses: \$847.12

Current balance: 547.75, no prudent reserve

This year so far contributions are down considerably compared to this quarter last year.

- Projected expenses this year \$1400 – before any reimbursements.
- Take the budget back to your groups and explain this.

Super Media – 12 month cycle hadn't completed. But we are now spending \$30/month for Super Media.

Question: What is Community help Center? Answer: They run the hotline. That is a quarterly charge.

Motion to accept the Treasurer report.

- Motion is seconded. 12 –in favor, 0-opposed, 0-abstenstions.
- Motion Carries.

Suggested Expenditures Budget:

- We adjusted the amount for copies, phone books, to reflect actual costs.
- We are down \$1200 for this year. We will not be able to meet our expenses.
- Can we email the Suggested Expenditures Budget? Answer: Yes, the Treasurer will do.
- Printing is \$0.5 per copy

Also, the Pinks will be getting painted this month.

Info on another budget item:

- NERESSA is held every year, but we usually go every other year. We just approved this special circumstance to send DCM and ADCM this year because it was so close this year.

Web-servant:

Will be providing Google analytics next month.

Questions:

1. Through the website, person was asked to speak at a panel. Could we provide some pamphlet for that panel?
 - Given our budget constraints how should we handle this request?
 - CPC can take on that question.
 - For tonight we have pamphlets that she can take. CPC can address how to handle this in the future.
2. Can we post the budget and other flyers from this meeting along with minutes on the website.
 - DCM will follow up asking best practice for this.
 - Web-servant says it's not a problem.

ADCM:

Description of the Pre-Conference sharing session.

- Before we leave tonight, someone takes the folder and makes a commitment to attend the pre-conference assembly.
- More people are welcome to come.
- Question: Could the Agenda be emailed? A: yes.

This Saturday there will be an Intergroup Discovery board meeting.

- Any Volunteers to go to the meeting? Yes. Information is exchanged.

What happened at NERASSA:

N.E. regional Trustee gave a description on the service structure.

Discussion about how they will combine the A.A. and A.A. Grapevine service structures.

Option 1. Was rejected.

Option 2. Combine into one entity – (It was decided that this was not in-line with Concept 11.)

Option 3. Create two corporations – media service would be a new entity under one publishing board.

- Eventually – the plan would be to have one board to handle both.
- Interlocking directorate – legally they would still be two corporations and can still be broken up again in the future.
- This will help financially. Grapevine cut a lot of things. Got rid of staff. There are no more cuts to make. In the next years they would be in the red still. La Vina continues to be financially unstable. AAWS is in the black.

Question: Interlocking network is plan they are looking into now? Answer: Yes.

DCM :

NERASSA is available on CD.

Group sheets – please confirm that you Group information is correct.

District 36 is hosting Traditions Workshop.

NERF – forum put on by GSO, workshops, literature, meet GSO staff workers, etc.

Summaries and Actions:

Monday Night Winners needs speakers.

Friday Night Milesburg – potluck anniversary meeting is coming up. More will be revealed.

Tradition 3:

The only requirement for membership is the desire to stop drinking.

- Gets people in.
- No Dogma of any kind attached.
- Everyone kept saying keep coming back.
- The doors open.

Committee Reports:

Archives

Group histories are being collected. If you'd like to email written histories, please do.

- Question: How do we know what information has already been collected about our group? Answer: There is a binder.
- Let's bring it, so that GSRs can see what histories are already on file.

Corrections:

Meet with Drug and Alcohol councilor at Rockview.

- They could use Grapevines.
- Could also use support.
- They have two meeting per week? Answer: We will find out.

Participation at Center County is down.

- New warden is barring parolees and anyone with felony record.
- Applications are on the District website.
- DNA councilors have been talking to the warden. -He may be willing to meet with individuals and discuss approving them.
- You maybe able to go, if you speak to the warden directly.

We now have a contact person for Clinton County: Tom W.
ARD program is being reviewed.

- There will be a hearing on Thursday.

CPC:

Hotline - Thanks everyone for working on the hotline sheets.

- There are guidelines for how to handle Hotline calls.
- Maybe we could get that up on the website.
- Maybe DCM could send them to Webservant.

YOP staff - met with them last week.

- They are happy with current format of presentations.
- Looking for volunteers.
- Send emails when you need people.
- Talk to Kevin after the meeting.

PI:

We discussed where pamphlets are currently placed and divided up who will be taking the pamphlets and meeting lists to various locations.

- We will probably need more pamphlets.

Discussed possibly of posters/signs in public busses.

Briefly discussed Television adds – not immediate, just being discussed.

- ADCM has a contact for Channel 4.
- Web-servant can forward an advertisement as well.
- Student radio station might be an option? It's a streaming station.
- There are promos available from World Service.

Question: Any funds set aside for PI committee?

- According to Structure Manual, any committee can spend up to \$50 without prior approval.

Structure:

no report.

Visitation:

Three more meetings were visited this month.

- Working through the list.
- 25 of those meetings do not have GSRS.

Committee's Goal is to get 6 more meetings to participate at District.

Concept 3:

To insure effective leadership, we should endow each element of AA – the Conference, the General Service Board and its service corporations, staffs, committees, and executives – with a traditional “Right of Decision”.

- As trusted servant our group entrusted us with the right to decide on their behalf.
- The words, “To ensure effective leadership” – indicate to me that the people wouldn’t be in that position if they weren’t dedicated to AA. A further example of our “Mutual Trust.”

Old business:

Intergroup Exploration:

From one group: Intergroup seemed to make more sense in an urban setting.

- In a rural setting, we thought it might be a bit much.

Another group would like to know about cost. Have we identified a need for this expense?

- These are some of the groups that are interested: 43, 48...
- The big goal would be to host events, maybe share hotline, committee work?
- Office manager is usually paid.
- Donations are separate, and would not come from the District.
- Groups would have Intergroup Reps as well as GSRs.
- Some Intergroups in other regions have a Central Office that supports them.

New business:

Looking for a non-AA observer for EPGSA. Nominations are due by May.

What items could be changed in our current meeting scheduled?

- NS – could probably go. G= grapevine meeting? Speaker meeting, Discussion, literature meeting: do we want to designate Big Book or Step meetings?
Could we, clarify our meeting list legend?

Motion to close.

Seconded.

Meeting closes with the Responsibility Pledge.