



# Meeting Minutes, August 13, 2013

Meeting called to order by DCM at 7:15 pm with the Serenity Prayer and Introductions.

Attitude Adjustment >>>Friday Night Teachables>>>Monday-As Bill Sees It>>>Monday Promises>>>Saturday Keep it Green>>>Saturday Night Discussion Centre Hall>>>Saturday Philipsburg>>>Sunday Came to Believe>>>Thursday Big Book Bellefonte>>>Thursday Sober Sisters>>>Tues/Thurs Primary Purpose>>>Tuesday Bellefonte Step Meeting>>>Tuesday Young Hope>>>Wed Night Mill Hall>>>Wed Night Step-State College

Groups represented: **15**

### Officer Reports:

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

- September 10<sup>th</sup>, Centre Hall, St Luke’s Lutheran, 301 N. Pennsylvania Ave.
- October 8<sup>th</sup>, St. Andrew's Episcopal Church, Canterbury Hall, 208 W. Foster Ave., State College
- November 12<sup>th</sup>, Grace United Methodist, 912 E. Pine St., Philipsburg

Secretary (Vicki S):

- No corrections or amendments are requested for the July 9, 2013 meeting minutes. Motion made to accept minutes as is and seconded, motion passes with 10 ayes.
- The latest edition of the GSR roster (dated 8/1/13) was distributed.
- John K (Alt. GSR) is serving as the representative for State College Wed. Night Step Meeting and will be added to the roster.

Treasurer (Jan B): See July contributions and expense report for full details.

- Financials are presented and the Treasurer requests that GSRs check that their group’s contributions are correctly listed. Contributions in June amounted to **\$321.06** and Expenditures amounted to **\$91.62** District has an available cash balance of **\$2013.91** Projected expenses for August are **\$232.84.** and Prudent Reserve is at **\$600.**
- The upcoming website payment of \$140. is a ‘catch up’ payment. The regular monthly website fee is \$12.95
- A motion is made to accept the Treasurer’s report and seconded, motion passes with 14 ayes.

WebServant (Carrie S): No longer serving - DCM gave report

- Due to other commitments our WebServant has resigned but will remain available to assist us until a replacement is found. GSRs are requested to spread the word that District is in need of a WebServant. The WebServant should meet the criteria listed in the District Structure Manual.
- The outgoing WebServant has updated the website and has finalized the new meeting list format. Each group is responsible for covering the cost of replacing old meeting lists with the new format and destroying old lists.

ADCM (Wayne L): No Report

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

- GSRs are requested to let their groups know that the upcoming quarterly Area 59 business meeting is being held in Huntingdon, Pa, roughly thirty miles away from State College. It’s a great opportunity to observe service at the Area level.
- The DCM has been very active this month with service to the Area Corrections Committee and with corrections work relevant to district 43.
- The DCM provided a list of Aug/Sept upcoming Area 59 events.

## Summaries:

- The Cook Forest Conference Freedom Group Campout September 6-7-8 at White's Haven Campground, 3058 Cathers Run Road, Clarington, PA 15828 For more information see the District 43 website.
- Serenity Under the Stars Port Matilda Group Campout September 27-28-29 at Black Moshannon State Park Group Tenting Area, site #1 Hiking, fishing, boating (non-powered) and free camping! Bring a covered dish to share for dinner at 6 Friday and Saturday evening followed by a campfire meeting at 8:00.
- Fridays First Meeting is celebrating its 3<sup>rd</sup> Anniversary! August 30<sup>th</sup> at 5:30pm. All are welcome to share cake and fellowship. Pasquerilla Spiritual Center, Rm.105, on PSU Campus, parking available at Nittany parking deck, (vouchers for free parking available at the meeting)
- Sober Sunday Big Book Meeting will be starting up again on September 1<sup>st</sup>. 8:00pm at Pasquerilla Spiritual Center.

## Actions:

- An AA in our district received a requested mailing from GSO that not only included her name and home address, which was expected, but also included her home group name, which was not expected and not appropriate. Even though there was no direct reference to AA on the envelope her anonymity was compromised by the use of her home group name which contains the word 'sober'. To resolve this problem, it was suggested that the affected individual contact GSO directly and explain her concern. If this doesn't correct the problem, then District 43 can help address the situation.
- A request for input on how to accommodate non-English speakers (Spanish) at meetings was made. It was noted that it is rare in our district to have non-English speakers attend meetings and we don't have a volunteer list of "other" language speakers (including ASL) that we can call upon to communicate with non-English speaking newcomers. It was suggested that there are possible resources at PSU that could be contacted. Area 59 has a number of Spanish speaking meetings in Southeastern Pa. The DCM will check with Area on what information they have that could be useful to Spanish speakers in our district.

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**Tradition 8** - Alcoholics Anonymous should remain forever nonprofessional. We define professionalism as the occupation of counseling alcoholics for fees or hire. But we may employ alcoholics where they are going to perform those services for which we might otherwise have to engage non-alcoholics. Such special services may be well recompensed. But our usual A.A. "12 Step" work is never to be paid for.

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## Committee Reports:

Archives (Nancy B): Not Present – Jan B gave report

- The archives committee is focused on accomplishing some specific tasks:
  1. writing a mission statement and archives manual,
  2. creating an annual newsletter - a sort of "year in review" of district activities,
  3. finalizing a catalog of our existing materials and developing a lending procedure,
  4. encouraging contributions of materials and histories.

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

- Bill Q has been making himself known to the C&I community as the AA contact. He has applications for the state correctional institutions and is available to help anyone with the process of applying.
- The big concern of the C&I committee, at this time, is that "not nearly enough people are

going to jail meetings”. Since the jail and prison application and approval process has become more complex lately, the C&I committee and the DCM are making it a priority to build a stronger relationship with the jails.

Cooperation with the Professional Community (CPC) (Kevin K):

- Youthful Offender Program will be starting up again for the Fall. Kevin K reports that it was very gratifying to receive positive feedback from Lauren at YOP about how well previous sessions had gone. Another comment on volunteering for YOP is that it is a very rewarding experience for those who have done it. To learn more about YOP go to <http://www.statecollegepa.us/index.aspx?NID=465>
- CPC will notify the GSR’s by email when volunteers are needed and when the YOP sessions schedule is available.

Public Information (PI) (Rodney C):

- Now that the new meeting lists are available the PI committee will be restocking all locations. PI is asking for volunteers to stock a few outlying areas. See Rodney C. if you want to do this service. Bulletin board flyers were passed out with the request that GSRs locate public bulletin boards (e.g., supermarkets), post the flyers and make a note of the locations.
- The idea of using TV Channel 4 for informing people about AA has been tabled. PI is looking into using the Centre County Gazette and bus posters to carry the message and will update district when they have more information.

Structure (Wayne L): No report.

- John K for Wednesday Night Step meeting received a district structure manual.

Visitation (Susan A): No report – in process of contacting committee members to plan next visitation.

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**Concept 8** - The Trustees of the General Service Board act in two primary capacities: (a) With respect to the larger matters of over-all policy and finance, they are the principal planners and administrators. They and their primary committees directly manage these affairs. (b) But with respect to our separately incorporated and constantly active services, the relation of the Trustees is mainly that of full stock ownership and of custodial oversight which they exercise through their ability to elect all directors of these entities.

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**Old Business:**

- Posting financials to a public forum (D43 website)?
  - > GSRs were requested to find out their group’s conscience on posting all or part of our financial information.
  - > Continued discussion on this topic revealed that there is a significant amount of opposition to posting financials on the website and no compelling reason to do so since the information is available in print from home groups, at district meetings, and from the Treasurer via e-mail. (Information on how to contact the Treasurer can be added to the website.)
  - > Discussion ended and no motion was made for posting of financials to the website.

**New Business:**

- See Action about accommodating non-English speaking AAs.

**Adjournment:**

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

Meeting adjourns at 8:28 pm with the Responsibility Pledge.

Minutes submitted by Vicki S, District Secretary

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

Roll Call, Financials (summary, contributions, expenses), DCM Report, GSR Roster 8/1/13