



# Meeting Minutes, September 10, 2013

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

Groups represented: **14**

Attitude Adjustment State College >>> Friday's First PSU Campus >>> It's OK to be AA Port Matilda >>> Mill Hall >>> Monday As Bill Sees It Boalsburg >>> Monday Happy Hour Promises >>> Primary Purpose >>> Saturday Night Discussion Centre Hall >>> Sunday Keep It Simple >>> Thursday Night Big Book Bellefonte >>> Thursday Sober Sisters State College >>> Tuesday Night Step Bellefonte >>> Wednesday Living in the Solution >>> Wednesday Night Step State College

## Officer Reports:

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

- 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
- December 10<sup>th</sup>, **tentatively scheduled** for Snow Shoe United Methodist Church, Sycamore & Moshannon Streets, Snow Shoe, PA 16874
- In the Treasurer's absence tonight, the OAL is accepting any monies that the Treasurer would normally receive.
- At the request of MariBeth L, the OAL will look into adding Port Matilda as a district meeting location.

Secretary (Vicki S):

- No corrections or amendments are requested for the August 13, 2013 meeting minutes. Motion made to accept minutes as is and seconded, motion passes with **12** ayes.

Treasurer (Jan B): Not Present – Lisa T gave report. See August contributions and expense report for full details.

- Financials are presented. Contributions in August amounted to **\$536.70** and Expenditures amounted to **\$91.62** - District has an available cash balance of **\$2458.99** - Projected expenses for September are **\$502.84** and Prudent Reserve is at **\$700**.
- Next months expenses will reflect a reimbursement payment of **\$116.50** for the website bill. Note that this payment is not reflected in projected expenses. The Treasurer is looking into making website payments consistent.
- A new contract with Supermedia (our phone book listings) has been signed and will begin in January 2014. The cost has gone up from \$30./mo to \$30.50/mo
- A motion is made to accept the Treasurer's report and seconded, motion passes with **15** ayes.

WebServant (position open): No report

- Carrie S, our outgoing WebServant, attended the meeting to “officially relinquish her post” and to say that during the transition she will take care of updates to the website and help the incoming WebServant as needed.

ADCM (Wayne L):

- To relieve St Andrews Church of the burden of dealing individually with the many AA

groups and meetings that take place there, we are going to have a single individual act as a “communications contact” for District 43.

- In order to build the best relationship we can with St Andrews Church, the ADCM will act as our liaison. He will go between both District 43 and St Andrews to communicate and coordinate activities and to work cooperatively with the church on issues of mutual concern.
- The ADCM has scheduled a meeting with the Secretary at St Andrews and will report at the next district meeting.

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

- The DCM attended the Area 59 quarterly meeting in Huntingdon and was enthused to vote on an Area 59 motion that will be presented at the General Service Conference.
- The DCM provided the GSRs with a complete agenda of activities that will take place at the convention and discussed the many options available for attending EPGSA 56th Annual Convention and Assembly – Here is a short list of things that will be happening:
  - Area Assembly, Workshops (**Our very own Lisa T will be part of the C&I workshop at the convention**), Panel Presentations, GSR Orientation, Speaker Meetings, Spanish/Bilingual Meeting, Open Mike Session, God As I Understand Him Meeting and Dance & Ice Cream Social Location: Lancaster Host Resort and Conference Center, 2300 Lincoln Highway East (Route 30), Lancaster, PA 17602.

#### Summaries:

- **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.
- **Sober Sisters** meeting time is changing from **7:00pm to 7:30pm** at the request of St Andrews Church. The change is being posted to the website.
- The **Wednesday Night Step Meeting** at St Andrews, 8:00pm needs support.
- **Medallion Night** is **October 4<sup>th</sup> 2013** at 8:00pm - St. Andrew's Episcopal Church, (Canterbury Hall), 208 W. Foster Ave., State College. It will be hosted by Tuesday/Thursday Primary Purpose Group.

#### Actions:

- Craig A says that the ACOA (Adult Children of Alcoholics) meeting and the Wednesday Night Step Meeting both meet on Weds at 8:00pm at St Andrews. There is confusion about where to go because St Andrews does not list the *specific* name of each meeting. He requests that the ADCM ask St Andrews Church to clarify this on their posted meeting list.

**Tradition 9** - *A.A., as such, ought never be organized; but we may create service boards or committees directly responsible to those they serve.*

#### Committee Reports:

Archives (Nancy B):

- Susan T and Nancy B are working on our District 43 Archives mission statement to guide us in creating our archives manual.
- A Group history excel file has been compiled showing which groups have or have not yet submitted a group history. At present, less than 1 in 4 groups have anything on file.

Group history forms will be available at the district meetings and can be downloaded on district 43 website.

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

- Bill Q has been busy attending C&I meetings and talking with the various authorities to make AA District 43 more visible and available. He feels that, in general, “people have been very nice and responsive to us”.
- Since there are significant and confusing differences about what is required at each institution to attend AA meetings, Lisa T. has prepared a listing of all the facilities and their requirements. She will be e-mailing this to all the GSR’s to share with their home groups.
- C&I has placed an order with GSO for **10 Big Books** at a cost of **\$95**

Cooperation with the Professional Community (CPC) (Kevin K): Not present – no report

- 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): Not present – no report

- One of our Bellefonte public information locations, UCBH (Universal Community Behavioral Health), has relocated from 209 West High Street to 190 Match Factory Place (Third Floor) Bellefonte, PA 16823

Structure (Wayne L): No report.

- Wayne has copies of the District Structure Manual and is available to answer questions.

Visitation (Susan A):

- Susan A reports that there are **seven** meetings that the visitation committee intends to visit by the end of the year. None of these meetings have any information on record at GSO.

**Concept 9** - *Good service leaders, together with sound and appropriate methods of choosing them, are at all levels indispensable for our future functioning and safety. The primary world service leadership once exercised by the founders of A. A. must necessarily be assumed by the Trustees of the General Service Board of Alcoholics Anonymous.*

**Old Business:**

- Accommodating non-English speaking (Spanish) AAs. The DCM brought this question up as an Action at the Area 59 quarterly meeting. “Above all, be welcoming”, was the theme of the feedback she received. Using a translation app was a suggestion, as was working with Area 59 Special Needs Committee if an interpreter is needed. Locally, we can look into having some Spanish AA literature available as well as having a list of PSU student organizations as foreign language resources.

**New Business:**

● **Election of WebServant**

- Meeting attendees were polled as to whether or not they would accept or decline the nomination for WebServant.
- Jenni L was the only GSR to accept the nomination and a vote was taken by written ballot. (election procedure states that a written vote must be taken even if only one person stands. p. 16 District 43 Structure Manual)
- The ballot count showed a simple majority of **17** votes in favor of electing Jenni L as WebServant.

- **District 43 Inventory** - In anticipation of taking a new district inventory the DCM began a discussion on how and when to do this. Two methods for doing the inventory were brought up –

1. by answering one or two inventory questions at the regular monthly district meeting. This would take some months to complete and lengthen the time of the district meetings but have the advantage of having a larger number of GSRs on

hand.

2. by reserving a location and doing the entire inventory on a scheduled date. This involves locating and paying a suitable facility, providing a pot luck dinner, using a facilitator, the main disadvantage being not knowing if enough GSRs will show up to make it a worthwhile endeavor.
- **Should we have a Literature Chair?**
    - Susan A requests that GSRs prepare for discussion by reading the article Does Your Group Have a Literature Chair from Fall 2013 issue of Box 459, (which can be downloaded as a pdf from aaws.org)

**Adjournment:**

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

Meeting adjourns at 8:35 pm with the Responsibility Pledge.

Minutes submitted by Vicki S, District Secretary

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

Roll Call, Financials (summary, contributions, expenses), DCM Report, EPGSA Schedule of Events,