



Meeting Minutes, November 12, 2013

Meeting called to order by DCM at 7:15 pm with the Serenity Prayer. There were no newcomers present so, in order to allow more time for EPGSA discussion, introductions were not made.

Groups represented: 17

Attitude Adjustment >>> Friday Night Teachables >>> Keep It Simple Sunday >>> Living In the Solution >>> Monday As Bill Sees It >>> Monday Promises >>> Monday Women's Step Meeting >>> Philipsburg As Bill Sees It >>> Port Matilda It's OK to be AA >>> Sat Centre Hall Discussion >>> Sober Sisters >>> Sunday Came to Believe >>> Thurs Bellefonte Big Book >>> Tues Bellefonte 12 Step >>> Tues/Thurs Primary Purpose >>> Tuesday Young Hope >>> Wed Night Step Meeting

Officer Reports:

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

- > December 10th, South Hills School of Business & Technology, 480 Waupelani Dr, State College (in Mazza Center across from cafeteria)
- > January 14th, St Johns Lutheran (downstairs), 216 North McAllister Street, Bellefonte
- > February 11th, New Mennonite Ch., 1606 Norma St (off S. Atherton) State College

Secretary (Vicki S):

- No corrections or amendments are requested for the October 8, 2013 meeting minutes. Motion made to accept minutes as is and seconded, motion passes with 17 ayes.
- The ADCM pointed out that the financial information as given in the meeting minutes is not presented clearly and should be re-worded so it is not misunderstood. This will be done beginning with the November 2013 minutes.

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

- Financials are presented.
- > Total contributions in October amounted to **\$335.78**
- > Total expenditures amounted to **\$267.16**
- > The C&I Literature fund has a balance of **\$106.94**
- > The available cash balance for all other expenditures is **\$1072.25**
- > Prudent Reserve is at **\$900.00**
- > Projected expenses for November are **\$858.44**.
- A motion is made to accept the Treasurer's report and seconded, motion passes with 17 ayes.

WebServant (Jenni L):

- Jenni reports that e-mails, the website meeting list and the printable pdf meeting list available on the website are all up to date.
- If you want something posted to the website or notice any glitches, please contact the WebServant at info@district43.com
- A motion was made, seconded, and voted on (16 ayes, none opposed) to accept the WebServant's suggestion of adding descriptive information about District 43 home groups and the format of their meetings to the website. Doing this should prove helpful to newcomers and gives district another way to reach out to unrepresented home groups and encourage their involvement in District 43 service.

ADCM (Wayne L):

- The ADCM attended the Eastern Pennsylvania General Service Assembly and expressed to the GSRs how moving and powerful an experience it was. The opportunity to compare and contrast, to exchange information with, to learn from and to see how we stand in relation to other districts

and to feel the support of an extended AA community is something the ADCM wishes all AAs could experience.

- The ADCM praised the DCM for doing an excellent job with the Area Corrections Committee Workshop at the Assembly. He stated that people got a lot out of the presentation and it was very well attended. (150 +/- people)

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

- The DCM gave the GSR's a brief report on the statistical highlights of the EPGSA including everyone's favorite stats - attendance and coffee consumption. **757** attendees consumed **587** gallons of coffee. The DCM was moved by what many consider to be the most powerfully emotional event of the weekend, the Sobriety Countdown, where a full assembly of AAs gathers to celebrate recovery.
- The DCM reported on the Grapevine. It has had a steady decline in subscriptions and measures have been taken to keep it in budget. GSR's should actively promote the Grapevine and be able to tell people what's available in print and online. On a related note, **aagrapevine.org**, **aa.org**, and **area59aa.org** have all been working on improving their websites. GSR's should encourage people to check out these resources.
- The DCM encouraged discussion of EPGSA and the GSRs who attended enthusiastically shared their stories about what they learned and what inspired them. Discussion ended with thoughts on encouraging home groups to plan and budget for EPGSA.

Summaries:

- **The Sunday Afternoon Discussion Group**, 3pm at St Andrews is looking for support. In order to continue the meeting they need greater attendance and AAs willing to serve as meeting leaders. GSRs are requested to let their home groups know that this meeting will likely close without more support.
- **Centre Hall Saturday Night Discussion Group** is holding its Annual Celebration Potluck Dinner and Meeting, November 30th 2013, dinner and fellowship at 6pm and speaker meeting at 7pm. A flyer was distributed to the GSRs to take to their home groups.

Actions: No actions presented

Tradition 11 - Our public relations policy is based on attraction rather than promotion; we need always maintain personal anonymity at the level of press, radio and films.

Committee Reports:

Archives (Nancy B): No Report

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

- Bill Q reports that there are ongoing frustrations and glitches with doing service in the prisons. A combination of institutional rules and red tape and too few AA's volunteering for service makes carrying the message to prison meetings very difficult at this time.
- Bill handed out pamphlets for Corrections Correspondence for the GSR's to distribute at their home groups. He also advised that correspondents can use the district PO Box instead of their own address. To encourage volunteers for prison meetings, GSR's were requested to tell their home groups to fill out the paperwork and go when they can. They don't have to make a huge commitment, just get the ball rolling.

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

- **December 4th and 5th** are the last two dates this semester that volunteer speakers are needed for the Youth Offender Program, **8:15pm** at the Community Help Center.
- The DCM made available to the GSR's a handout for responding to hotline calls. The hotline list will be updated in January and CPC be looking for volunteers "in the next month or so".

Public Information (PI) (Rodney C):

- Rodney reports that all locations have been supplied with literature.

Structure (Wayne L): No report.

Visitation (Susan A): No Report

Ad Hoc Literature (Susan A):

- The committee has established a goal of **“Identifying needs within the District regarding availability and visibility of current AA literature for all members.”**
- To this end, a list of questions concerning AA literature has been distributed to the GSRs. They are requested to have their home groups discuss these questions and bring feedback to the next district meeting.

Concept 11 - While the trustees hold final responsibility for A.A.’s world service administration, they should always have the assistance of the best possible standing committees, corporate service directors, executives, staffs and consultants. Therefore, the composition of these underlying committees and service boards, the personal qualifications of their members, the manner of their induction into service, the systems of their rotation, the way in which they are related to each other, the special rights and duties of our executives, staffs and consultants, together with a proper basis for the financial compensation of these special workers, will always be matters for serious care and concern.

Old Business:

- **St Andrews Church Liaison:** A motion was made to create an AA District 43 liaison position for St Andrews Church and to have the ADCM take on the responsibility of that position for the duration of the current panel. Motion was seconded and passed with **17** ayes.

New Business: No new business was presented

Adjournment:

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

Meeting adjourns at **8:55** pm with the Responsibility Pledge.

Minutes submitted by Vicki S, District Secretary

Documents (distributed at meeting and archived with minutes)

Agenda, Roll Call, Financials (summary, contributions, expenses), DCM Report, Hotline Guidelines flyer, ad hoc Literature Committee meeting notes, Centre Hall Potluck Dinner & Meeting flyer