



Meeting Minutes, December 10, 2013

Meeting called to order by DCM at 7:19 pm with Introductions and the Serenity Prayer

Groups represented: **15**

Monday As Bill Sees It >>> Monday Happy Hour Promises >>> Monday Women's Step Meeting >>> Mon-Fri Attitude Adjustment >>> Sat Centre Hall Discussion >>> Sat Keep It Green State College >>> Sunday Keep It Simple >>> Thurs Bellefonte Big Book >>> Thurs Sober Sisters >>> Tues Bellefonte 12 Step >>> Tues/Thurs Philipsburg As Bill Sees It >>> Wed Bellefonte Candlelight >>> Wed Living In the Solution >>> Wed Night Step State College >>> Wed Port Matilda It's OK to be AA

Officer Reports:

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

- > January 14th, St Johns Lutheran (downstairs), 216 North McAllister Street, Bellefonte
- > **District 43 Inventory and Potluck Lunch**, Saturday, **February 8th**, St Luke's Lutheran Church, N Pennsylvania, Avenue, Centre Hall. A potluck lunch will start at **12:30**, followed by the inventory discussion at approx. **1:00pm**.
- > February 11th, New Mennonite Ch., 1606 Norma St (off S. Atherton) State College
- > March 11th, tentatively scheduled for St. Luke's Lutheran Church, 301 N. Pennsylvania Ave., Centre Hall

Secretary (Vicki S):

- No corrections or amendments are requested for the November 12, 2013 meeting minutes. Motion made to accept minutes as is and seconded, motion passes with **9** ayes, none opposed.
- Treasurer (Jan B): See November contributions and expense report for full details.
- Financials are presented by DCM in Treasurer's absence.
- > Total contributions in October amounted to **\$504.95**
- > Total expenditures amounted to **\$786.84**
- > The C&I Literature fund has a balance of **\$121.89**
- > The available cash balance for all other expenditures is **\$675.41**
- > Prudent Reserve is at **\$1000.00**
- > Projected expenses for November are **\$119.50**
- A motion is made to accept the Treasurer's report and seconded, motion passes with **13** ayes, none opposed
- The DCM requests that GSRs advise their home groups to give smaller donations, more frequently, rather than "saving up" to donate a large sum. This will keep district treasury more stable and make it easier to plan expenses.

WebServant (Jenni L):

- Jenni reports that she is keeping website postings up to date and she requests that any special holiday meetings, potlucks, etc. that need to be posted on the website be reported to her before Dec 20th. She will be gone for a few days and may not be able to do updates at that time. (Contact the WebServant at info@district43.com)
- Several GSRs informed her that their Christmas Eve and Christmas Day meetings would take place as usual. She will post to the website that holiday meetings will be open.

ADCM (Wayne L): not present, no report

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

- The DCM Attended Area 59 First Quarter 2014 Committee Meeting.

- A motion to spend \$1000 to improve the Area website was approved. Changes to the website should roll out in January.
- The Area 59 budget for 2014 included an increase from \$1000 to \$2500 for Area Corrections Committee. Goals for spending the budget were discussed in an Area Corrections Committee meeting led by the DCM.
- The DCM and ADCM will be attending the DCM Sharing/Mini-Assembly Planning Session on **January 5, 2014**
- GSRs are requested to continue to encourage home group members to do service in prisons and institutions and make donations of literature, especially Grapevines, to the prison population.
- In August the district began a discussion on how to accommodate Spanish speaking AAs. The DCM has been active in researching this topic and in developing the flyer, *For a Spanish Speaking AA Member in an English Meeting*.

The flyer is accompanied by GSO SF-4 Spanish language service piece, *A donde voy de aqui? (Where do I go from Here?)*. The pamphlet GSO SF-3 Spanish language pamphlet *Es AA Para Usted? (Is AA For You?)* is available as a digital download. Each group may print a single copy. These documents have been distributed to the GSRs to keep with their home group materials.

Summaries:

- Wes S informed us that unless someone steps up as chairperson, Rita & Ron B will be closing the Sunday Afternoon Discussion Group, 3pm at St Andrews, on **Dec 31st 2013**.
- On Wed, **Dec 18th 2013** The Attitude Adjustment group will be hosting a **potluck Holiday Party from 5pm – 8pm** at the Rule 62 Clubhouse, 137 S. Pugh Street, Suite 2, State College, PA 16801 (Entrance @ the American Red Cross) Please bring a side dish. The main dish, silverware, plates, and beverages will be provided.
- On Wed, **Dec 25th** a **Christmas Alcolthon** will be held at Trinity Lutheran Church, 408 North 6th Street, Altoona. Meetings at 12, 2, 4, 6, and 8pm and meals at 1, 3, 5, and 7pm.
- As long as there is no meeting conflict, The Rule 64 Clubhouse is available as an alternate meeting place when bad weather forces a church closing. See John D or Bruce for clubhouse information.

Actions: No actions presented

Tradition 12 - Anonymity is the spiritual foundation of all our Traditions, ever reminding us to place principles above personalities.

Committee Reports:

Archives (Nancy B): Report given by Vicki S in Nancy's absence.

- The Archives Committee continues to work on the goals it has set. Focusing on current activities in our district is giving us a better sense of what is important to compile for the future. For example, we are starting a yearly synopsis of district "doings" based on our meeting minutes and anecdotal material from groups and individuals.

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

- The C&I committee continue to stress that they are desperate for more volunteers. Bill Q states that "It's obvious that the staff and inmates want us there." GSR's should continue to make their home groups aware of this and encourage service work in the prisons.

Cooperation with the Professional Community (CPC) (Kevin K): Report given by Mark T in Kevin's absence.

- Youth Offender Program is done until spring semester begins. GSRs are requested to educate their home groups about YOP and support it with volunteer speakers.
- Mark T is compiling the new hotline list and the DCM has distributed a hotline sign up sheet for each GSR to take back to their group. GSRs are requested to bring back volunteer information at

January district meeting.

Public Information (PI) (Rodney C): not present, no report

Structure (Wayne L): not present, no report.

Visitation (Susan A): Report given by Dan W in Susan's absence

- The Visitation Committee will be visiting **Blanchard**: Thursday Night Achievers, (Blanchard Church of Christ) and **Milesburg**: Spiritual Side of the Program, (Milesburg Presbyterian Church).
- Dan reports that the Fridays First GSR also represents the Sober Sundays meeting (Pasquerilla Spiritual Center, 8pm) Here is an update from Nancy B on how things work.
- "Sober Sundays is a meeting, not a group. Because we only meet 8 months of the year (Sept through April, the academic year), we are keeping it pretty informal. We meet in the same area as the Friday's First meeting, and we give all our contributions to the Friday's First group. Friday's First then pays the rent for the room, buys the coffee, purchases the literature, and makes the donations to District, Area and GSO. Because I represent the FF meeting as GSR, I also bring back District info to SS. But SS has no official GSR."

Ad Hoc Literature (Susan A): Report Given by Sally K in Susan's absence.

- A list of questions concerning AA literature was distributed to the GSRs at the previous district meeting. GSRs are asked to have their home groups discuss and answer these questions and bring the information back for discussion at the Jan 2014 district meeting.
- If your group has an AA literature catalog that is older than 2013 , you may not be aware that shipping costs have increased. The shipping charge increase flyer is available at the district meeting from the Secretary.

Concept 12 - General Warranties of the Conference: in all its proceedings, the General Service Conference shall observe the spirit of the A.A. Tradition, taking great care that the conference never becomes the seat of perilous wealth or power; that sufficient operating funds, plus an ample reserve, be its prudent financial principle; that none of the Conference Members shall ever be placed in a position of unqualified authority over any of the others: that all important decisions be reached by discussion vote and whenever possible, by substantial unanimity; that no Conference action ever be personally punitive or an incitement to public controversy; that though the Conference may act for the service of Alcoholics Anonymous, it shall never perform any acts of government; and that, like the Society of Alcoholics Anonymous which it serves, the Conference itself will always remain democratic in thought and action.

Old Business: No old business

New Business:

- MariBeth's information about the Altoona Christmas Alcothon brought up the question of our district being able to host such an event. MariBeth will try to get us information on the costs involved.

Adjournment:

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

Meeting adjourns at **8:49** 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, 2014 AA Hotline List Signup Sheet, Spanish Speakers flyer and pamphlet, 2013 Literature Catalog and Shipping Charge Increase flyer,

