



# Meeting Minutes, January 14, 2014

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

Groups represented: **18**

Friday Night Teachables >>> Monday As Bill Sees It >>> Monday Women's Step >>> Mon-Fri Attitude Adjustment >>> Saturday AS Bill Sees It >>> Saturday Centre Hall Discussion >>> Saturday Gratitude Meeting >>> Saturday Keep It Green >>> Sunday, Keep It Simple >>> Thursday Night Big Book >>> Thursday Sober Sisters >>> Tues/Thurs Primary Purpose >>> Tuesday Bellefonte 12 Step >>> Tuesday Young Hope >>> Wednesday Living In The Solution >>> Wednesday Night Bellefonte >>> Wednesday Night Mill Hall >>> Wednesday Night State College Step

## Officer Reports:

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

- > February 11<sup>th</sup>, New Mennonite Ch., 1606 Norma St (off S. Atherton) State College
  - > March 11<sup>th</sup>, St. Luke's Lutheran Church, 301 N. Pennsylvania Ave., Centre Hall
  - > April 8<sup>th</sup>, St Andrews Episcopal Church, (Canterbury Hall), 208 W. Foster Ave., State College
- Secretary (Vicki S):

- No corrections or amendments are requested for the December 10, 2013 meeting minutes. Motion made to accept minutes as is and seconded, motion passes with **18** ayes, none opposed.

- Update to District Roster in progress. Give or e-mail updates to Vicki.

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

- The Treasurer reports that district financials are “looking rosy”. We will soon hit our prudent reserve goal of **\$1200.00**
- The ADCM stated that we need to think about how to best utilize any “excess money”, for example, making a donation to Area and GSO.
- > Total contributions in December amounted to **\$510.69**
- > Total expenditures amounted to **\$326.75**
- > The C&I Literature fund has a balance of **\$203.08**
- > The available cash balance for all other expenditures is **\$686.18**
- > Prudent Reserve is at **\$1100.00**
- > Projected expenses for January are **\$131.50**

- A motion is made to accept the Treasurer’s report and seconded, motion passes with **19** ayes, none opposed

WebServant (Jenni L): (Contact the WebServant at [info@district43.com](mailto:info@district43.com))

- Jenni reports that emails have been read and responded to and website postings are up to date (holiday postings were placed and removed). She is waiting for home group descriptions to come in so she can post them to the website.
- Jenni reports that she would like to work on making some website links more manageable. The district gave her the go ahead as a trusted servant to make whatever improvements she can.
- The WebServant, Treasurer and previous Treasurer (Susan A) are working together to transfer the website billing to the WebServant.

ADCM (Wayne L):

- In his capacity as liaison to St Andrews Church, the ADCM has learned that the church does **not**

have a policy of closing when the schools have weather closings. St Andrews has not had a school for the past three years and they remain open for meetings during bad weather. If St Andrews does have occasion to close, they will notify the ADCM and the ADCM will notify the groups.

- The ADCM reminds us that as guests of the church we must be aware and respectful of St Andrews smoking and parking policies. GSRs are asked to let their home groups know that they are not allowed to park in the two spaces next to the rectory house.

DCM (Lisa T): See January 2014 DCM report for full details.

- The DCM/ADCM were not able to attend the Sharing/Mini-Assembly Planning Session on **January 5, 2014** due to freezing rain but they did get feedback from DCMs that were there. DCM/District 43 is responsible for making the flyers for Mini Assembly.
- Improvements/changes have been made to the Area 59 website (area59aa.org). Check it out and tell your home group members. There are changes to layout and graphics and more reports...see what work Lisa T and Wayne L are doing on Area Corrections committee.
- The DCM will be giving a corrections presentation at EPGSA/SEPIA Share-A-Day, **February 16<sup>th</sup>**, Time: 11-4, Location: University of the Sciences, Alumni Hall, 600 S 43rd Street, Philadelphia.
- "If you can only attend one district event" go to the **Pre-Conference Sharing Session Hosted by District 65** Location: St Cecillia's Social Hall, 750 State Drive, Lebanon, PA on **April 13<sup>th</sup>**. Lisa says that this is one of the best experiences at district. Mark your calendar, find some car mates and go!
- The DCM distributed a District Inventory 2014 flyer and the inventory questions sheet to the GSRs to take back to their home groups for review.

#### **Summaries:**

- **District 43 Inventory and Potluck Lunch**, Saturday, **February 8<sup>th</sup>**, 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**.
- The Sunday Afternoon Discussion meeting , St. Andrew's **3:00pm**, will continue to hold their meeting since they have found a new chairperson.
- Simon announced that an AA Dance is in the early planning stage. It is not a district 43 sponsored event. Updates to follow.

**Actions:** No Actions presented

Tradition 1 - Our common welfare should come first; personal recovery depends upon A.A. unity.

#### **Committee Reports:**

Archives (Nancy B): Nancy not present, Vicki gave report

- The Archives committee will discuss the purchase of the 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary facsimile first edition big book and the possibility of sending a representative to the National conference.

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

- Bill requests that GSRs continue their efforts to encourage their home group members to attend prison meetings.
- Amy H announces that she will not be able to attend The Meadows meeting regularly, as she has in the past, due to work commitments. She is concerned that it will take some effort to keep it running and asks GSR's to make it known that it needs support.

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

- Kevin reports that the Youth Offender Program will begin soon. The meetings take place at 8:15pm at the Community Help Center. [www.communityhelpcentre.com](http://www.communityhelpcentre.com)
- YOP Schedule – Check with Kevin K for confirmation

Thursday,	January	23 <sup>rd</sup>
Monday,	January	27 <sup>th</sup>
Thursday,	February	13 <sup>th</sup>
Monday,	February	17 <sup>th</sup>
Thursday,	March	27 <sup>th</sup>
Monday,	March	31 <sup>st</sup>
Thursday,	April	17 <sup>th</sup>
Monday,	April	21 <sup>st</sup>

- Hotline volunteer list is being updated. GSRs can give the volunteer form to Kevin or e-mail Mark T directly with info.  
Public Information (PI) (Rodney C):
- Rodney reports that all locations were recently updated and that he is planning a committee meeting to brainstorm some new ideas.  
Structure (Wayne L):
- Wayne reminds everyone that the structure manual is a work in progress. Suggestions to improve and expand it are always welcome.  
Visitation (Susan A):
- Susan talked about how much she has enjoyed working on the visitation committee this past year and is looking forward to doing service with the committee in 2014.
- A visit was made to the meeting in Blanchard. Lisa T gave a (humorous) report of her experience at the meeting and detailed how worthwhile it was. Others joined in with comments on their experiences at “outlying” meetings. It is evident that those who have done “visitation” get enormous satisfaction out of it.  
Ad Hoc Literature (Susan A):
- The committee is in the process of reviewing the questionnaires to see what AAs know and don’t know about the use and distribution of literature at all levels (group, district, area and General Service Office) and they are specifically interested in knowing if newcomers have access to appropriate materials at group level.
- A lot of interest has been shown by home groups on the idea of bulk/combined ordering of AA Literature. The Committee did not foresee that they might be asked to act as a clearinghouse for literature purchases and they will discuss the feasibility of doing this.

**Concept 1** - Final responsibility and ultimate authority of A.A. world services should always reside in the collective conscience of our whole Fellowship.

**Old Business:** None

**New Business:**

- **2014 Workshop Planning**
- Susan A suggested that district should start thinking about doing a workshop. A discussion started and there was an almost immediate consensus that having a workshop to educate and inspire AAs to do **service in prisons and institutions** would be of most benefit at this time.
- Lisa T will head the workshop committee, a consensus choice based on her experience with the C&I committee at Area level.
- A tentative date for the workshop of March **22<sup>nd</sup> 2014**, from 1pm to 3pm has been set. Venue to be announced.

**Adjournment:**

Motion made and seconded to adjourn meeting, motion passes by majority vote.  
Meeting adjourns at **8:44pm** 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, District Inventory flyer, District Inventory Worksheet