



Meeting Minutes, April 8, 2014

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

Groups Represented: 16

Friday Night Teachables >>> Monday As Bill Sees It >>> Monday Bellefonte Speakers >>> Monday Happy Hour Promises >>> Monday Women's Step >>> Mon-Fri Attitude Adjustment >>> Saturday Centre Hall Discussion >>> Saturday Gratitude >>> Sunday, Keep It Simple >>> Thurs Sober Sisters >>> Tuesday Bellefonte 12 Step >>> Tuesday Young Hope >>> Tues-Thurs Primary Purpose >>> Wed Bellefonte Candlelight >>> Wed Living in the Solution >>> Wed State College Step >>>

Officer Reports:

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

- May 13th, South Hills Business School, 480 Waupelani Drive, State College, (either the cafeteria or the Mazza Center across the hall) Please note: This is a location change. This meeting was previously listed as taking place in Mill Hall.
- June 10th – TBA
- July 8th – TBA

Secretary (Vicki S):

- No corrections or amendments are requested for the March 11th, 2014 meeting minutes. Motion made to accept minutes as is and seconded, motion passes with 18 ayes, none opposed.
- After July, the secretary will lose access to free copies of the meeting minutes. The minutes are generally two double-sided pages, times twenty sets, stapled. District will need to decide on e-mailings only or covering the cost of hard copies.
 - An FYI from the DCM about copy services: District 43 has an account with ProCopy that the committees can use for their copying needs. For more information, talk with the Treasurer or the DCM. ProCopy is located at 434 W Aaron Dr, State College, PA 16803 (814) 231-1256

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

- > Total contributions in March amounted to **\$283.35**
- > Total expenditures amounted to **\$336.29**
- > The C&I Literature fund has a balance of **\$96.27**
- > The available cash balance for all other expenditures is **\$1569.42**
- > Prudent Reserve is at **\$1200.00**
- > Projected expenses for April are **\$503.50**
- A motion is made to accept the Treasurer's report and seconded, motion passes with 18 ayes, none opposed.

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

- Jenni reports that emails and postings are up to date and she has just updated the meeting list pdf to reflect some meeting changes. – (Millheim change of location and no meeting in Rebersburg on Thursdays). GSRs should let their members know about this update.
- Jenni requests that groups send meeting description information to add to the website's new meeting description page.

ADCM (Wayne L):

- The ADCM reports that the GSO provides regional phone directories that list contact information for all registered home groups. This is an alternate resource to the 'district phone list' that we have agreed not to reinstate. The Eastern US directory (MD-4) is available for sale on page nine of the 2014 AAWS literature catalog for **\$3.60**
- The ADCM attended and spoke at the first Community Drug, Alcohol and Tobacco Awareness Event in the Mountaintop area of Centre County on April 3. The event was hosted by Rep. Mike Hanna, of the 76th District and the goal was to provide resources, information and education to residents to help them fight drug and alcohol abuse.

DCM (Lisa T): (see meeting agenda for additional DCM comment)

- The DCM reminds everyone that three very important events will be happening very soon.
 - **Pre-Conference Sharing Session** hosted by district 65, Lebanon, PA , **April 13th**, This is a forum where members of the fellowship make recommendations from selected Agenda items to assist our Delegate Steve O. in carrying Area 59 voice to the General Service Conference in Rye, New York.
 - **General Service Conference, April 27th – May 4th, 2014** - The annual Conference is the meeting where matters of importance to the Fellowship as a whole are brought up. All Conference members then have the opportunity to ask questions and discuss the recommendations before they are voted on. The theme of this year's conference is Communicating Our Legacies – Vital in a Changing World.
 - **Delegate Conference Report/Mini Assembly I, May 10th** hosted by district 57. Steve O. reports back to Area 59 on what occurred at the conference.

Summaries:

- Medallion Night, Friday April 11th, **8pm** St Andrews Episcopal Church, (Canterbury Hall), 208 W. Foster Ave., State College - Mon-Fri Attitude Adjustment Group is hosting. Fellowship and cake! (fruit and veggies available for those who don't want to consume sugar)
- AA Dance (see flyer for phone contact), April 12th, Saturday, – Potluck at **6pm**, "Good Old-timer" Speaker at **7pm** followed by a Dance at **8pm** - Pleasant Gap United Methodist Church, 179 S. Main Street. Please note: This is not an AA

District 43 sponsored event. All the costs of the dance are being paid for by the group(s) hosting it.

- On April 19th the Centre Hall Saturday Night Discussion meeting will begin at **5:00pm** instead of **7:00pm**.
- The location for the Saturday morning Millheim Group Meeting, **9:30am** has been changed from “The Barn” to St. Luke's Cultural Center, 117 Penn Street, Millheim, PA.
- Due to the construction of the church hall, The Tuesday night 12th Step Meeting in Bellefonte – **7:00pm** at St. John's Episcopal - will be held in the church itself, starting April **22nd**, and will last at least five weeks.
- The Sunday afternoon **3:00pm** meeting at St Andrews needs support.
- The Meadows meeting needs more AAs to attend, Tuesdays 6:30-7:30pm Closed Meeting, 3 Months Sobriety Required. The Meadows is between Centre Hall and Boalsburg on Rt. 45.

Actions: No Actions presented

Tradition 4 - “Each group should be autonomous except in matters affecting other groups or A.A. as a whole.”

Committee Reports:

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

- Archives is trying to increase its visibility and get more feedback so they brought some display items to the district meeting to get a feel for what might work well for a small moveable display at some of our events. A couple of other things to increase visibility that will be discussed are starting an archives page on our website and participating in a district open house and/or workshop.
- The main goal before the transition to a new panel in 2015 is to have an effective District 43 Archives Manual ready for the new committee so they don't have to “reinvent the wheel” for procedures and resources.

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

- Bill's plan of action, to get AA's interested and informed about C&I service, is to have his committee go out to more meetings and talk to AA's directly about the importance and rewards of this kind of service.
- C&I says, “keep the Grapevines coming”. The prisoners are appreciative of all the literature being donated.

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

- Kevin reports that two YOP meetings are left before the semester ends and he is very pleased with the response this year.
- CPC is looking into doing some mailings, most likely to medical professionals and ordering literature from GSO to present to the professional community.

Public Information (PI) (Rodney C):

- Committee members are now re-stocking literature at all locations.
- Possible changes/additions to PI literature are under review.

Structure (Wayne L): No Report

Visitation (committee chair is an open position): ADCM gave report:

- Wayne has been calling groups to update their information for listing in the Regional Directory.
- Having met the goal of visiting every group in District 43 that does not have a GSR, the visitation committee will now respond to groups and do visitations as the need arises. This will give them more flexibility to do service in areas that currently are short on volunteers.

Ad Hoc Literature (Susan A):

- Susan reports that the committee will be meeting to discuss their agenda and will have an update for district at the May meeting.

Concept 4 - Throughout our Conference structure, we ought to maintain at all responsible levels a traditional "Right of Participation", taking care that each classification or group of our world servants shall be allowed a voting representation in reasonable proportion to the responsibility that each must discharge.

Old Business:

- What is the best use of our treasury surplus?
 - At the March district meeting, GSRs and Committees were asked to think about ways to spend down the treasury surplus to best serve our district. The ensuing discussion quickly showed that our collective conscience favored spending a substantial amount of money on AA literature.
 - A motion was made and seconded to put **\$500.00** of our surplus in the C&I Literature Fund (Pink Can) and to donate **\$250.00** to Area 59 Corrections Committee to spend at their discretion. Motion passes unanimously.
 - A motion was made and seconded to give a one time, one month (April) increase of **\$100.00** to the Public Information Committee to buy additional literature/materials at their discretion. Motion passes unanimously.
- Inviting a guest observer to the Convention
 - No new candidates were put forward as guest observers. Sally K had previously suggested Brad Lunsford (DUI judge) as a candidate. No action has been taken to contact him or anyone else. The deadline for selecting someone is June 8th, prior to the June Area 59 meeting.

New Business: None

Adjournment:

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

Meeting adjourns at **8:45** 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), PENNSCYPAA registration flyer, "What is PENNSCYPAA?" flyer,