



Meeting Minutes, June 10, 2014

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

Groups Represented: 15

Attitude Adjustment >>> Friday Night Teachables >>> Fridays First >>> Mon-Fri Serenity at Noon >>> Mon As Bill Sees It >>> Mon Happy Hour Promises >>> Mon Women's Step >>> Sat Centre Hall Discussion >>> Sat Keep it Green >>> Thurs Sober Sisters >>> Tues/Thurs Philipsburg Group >>> Tues Young Hope >>> Wed Bellefonte Candlelight >>> Wed Living in the Solution >>> Wed One Hour Step

Officer Reports:

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

- July 8th – Grace United Methodist Church, 912 E. Pine Street, Philipsburg
- August 12th - St. John Lutheran Church, 216 N. McAllister St., Bellefonte
- September 9th - St. Luke's Lutheran Church, 301 N. Pennsylvania Ave., Centre Hall

Secretary (Vicki S):

- The GSR Roster will be updated in mid-July. GSRs need to check that their information is correct and send any changes to the Secretary.
- No corrections or amendments are requested for the **May 13, 2014** meeting minutes. Motion made to accept minutes as is and seconded, motion passes with **17 ayes**, none opposed.

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

- > Total contributions in May amounted to **\$627.35**
- > Total expenditures amounted to **\$1030.49**
- > The C&I Literature fund has a balance of **\$135.10**
- > The available cash balance for all other expenditures is **\$1501.87**
- > Prudent Reserve is at **\$1200.00**
- > Projected expenses for June are **\$500.00 +/-**
- The Treasurer notes that **\$704.25** of the total expenditures was payment of the C&I literature order.
- The Treasurer also notes that the June projected expense amount includes a DCM/ADCM mileage “catch up” payment of **\$359.00**
- A motion is made to accept the Treasurer’s report and seconded, motion passes with **16 ayes**, none opposed.

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

- Jenni reports that emails and postings are up to date and that one more group has given her a meeting description to post to the website.

ADCM (Wayne L):

- The ADCM reports that he attended the 3rd Quarter Area Meeting on June 8th.
- The ADCM advises the current GSRs to begin preparing for the 2015-16 Panel transition by encouraging AAs to get involved with District/Area service. Now is

the time to encourage people to become AltGSRs, attend district meetings, volunteer for district functions and go on road trips to Area events.

DCM (Lisa T): (see June DCM Report)

- At upcoming meetings, the DCM will be asking those serving as district officers to give some insight into their roles. At this meeting she spoke about the role of the DCM, the responsibilities, challenges and rewards.
 - > For example, she spoke about her role as DCM in gathering information on issues relevant to her district. She said that a lot of summaries/actions are presented at Area as well as many opinions. No District has to struggle through things alone.
 - > She also spoke about her service on the Area Corrections committee.
- The DCM attended the 3rd Quarter Area Meeting on June 8th with the ADCM.
 - > EPGSA Guest Observer was voted on – a physician.
 - > Area Archives wants to see more group “stories” and less “fill in the blanks” in the recording of group histories.
 - > Area Grapevine Committee wants AAs to familiarize themselves with the website. (www.aagrapevine.org)
- The registration forms for the Eastern Pennsylvania General Service Assembly (EPGSA) were distributed to the GSRs and the DCM reviewed and explained various aspects of the form, gave some tips from past experience and then answered questions. GSRs, please point out to your homegroup members that an additional **\$5.00** will be added to the “Day” registration fee unless they are pre-registered. In which case it is still **\$25.00**

Summaries:

- Freedom Group **July 4th 2014**, Bald Eagle State Park, Pavilion 6, **8am to ?**, Bring a covered dish, friends and family welcome but, please, no pets. Lunch at Noon, guest speaker at 1pm.
- The ADCM explained that the privilege of **parking at St. Andrews** is given only for attending AA meetings. GSRs should let their home group members know that they cannot abuse that privilege by parking at the church for convenience. Even consistently meeting a sponsor or sponsees at St. Andrews could be viewed as a parking infringement. Recently, the sexton was given an argument by an AA member over parking. Since AA relies on the good will of St Andrews for many meetings/events we must treat their staff with respect and abide by their rules.
- The **8pm Sober Sunday** meeting on campus is suspended until the first Sunday in September due to the summer drop-off in student attendance. This year, the meeting ran a month longer than the previous year, and hopefully, next year there will be enough students to sustain the meeting throughout the summer.

Actions:

- Rodney reports that **Friday Night Teachables** could use some support to fill open service positions.
- Some uncomfortable situations at closed meetings lately led to a lengthy discussion on the difference between **open and closed meetings** and options for

handling situations that 'break the rules' of closed meetings. The DCM gathered input from Area 59 on this topic and prepared a flyer which was distributed to the GSRs to take back to their home group. Some thoughts that all agreed on were,

- There is no absolute right or wrong way to deal with this issue. Although there are GSO guidelines for this, each home group has the privilege of deciding what closed means *to them*.
- Groups should review their "scripts" to make sure the wording accurately reflects what kind of meeting it is.
- The criteria for allowing a non-alcoholic to attend a closed meeting must be clear and consistent and understood by all group members.
- There must be a (gentle and loving) plan of action for turning someone away from a meeting. (meeting list, map, explanation of why they cannot attend)
- The service position of "greeter" is underutilized.

Tradition 6 – "Our groups ought never endorse, finance or lend our name to any related facility or outside enterprise, lest problems of money, property and prestige divert us from our primary purpose."

Committee Reports:

Archives (Nancy B): No report

- A literature inventory is scheduled for July.

Corrections & Institutions (C&I) (Bill Q): Bill not present, DCM gave report.

- The Literature ordered for the prisons arrived and has been delivered.
- SCI Benner had a volunteer banquet. AAs from our District decided to attend after consulting on the appropriateness of it with Area 59. They were glad they did because they met new Alcohol & Drug contacts and found that inmates are appreciative of District 43's service at the prison.
- The brochure F-26 - Corrections Correspondence - A Special kind of A.A. Service was distributed to the GSRs. There are, at present, **90** inmates nationwide waiting to connect with an AA Pen Pal. GSRs should make sure that their home group members know about this type of twelfth step service.

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

- Kevin reports that all is quiet until the students return and the new YOP session begins in September.

Public Information (PI) (Rodney C):

- Rodney reports that the PI committee has agreed to distribute two more pamphlets to all their locations.
 - **This Is A.A. - An introduction to the A.A. recovery program** - Introductory pamphlet describing the kind of people A.A.s are and what A.A.s have learned about alcoholism. For anyone who thinks he or she may have a problem with alcohol.
 - **Brief Guide to Alcoholics Anonymous** - originally designed for use in schools, this folder also lends itself to other P.I. purposes. In simple language, it describes our program and offers general information on A.A.

- PI will ask the libraries in our district if they will allow AA literature. Jeni L suggests that the public bulletin board at Pattee/Paterno Library would be a good location for posting AA information. PI will check into this.

Structure (Wayne L): No Report

- The Structure Manual will be updated to include our new Literature Committee.

Visitation: The Visitation Committee is not active at present.

Literature (Susan A): Susan not present, Craig A gave report

- Literature Ordering Guidelines were distributed to the GSRs. Craig A explained the process and answered questions. The first literature order will be placed in July so GSRs should promptly review the guidelines with their home groups.

Concept 6 – “On behalf of AA as a whole, our General Service Conference has the principal responsibility for the maintenance of our world services, and it traditionally has the final decision respecting large matters of general policy and finance. But the Conference also recognises that the chief initiative and the active responsibility in most of these matters should be exercised primarily by the trustee members of the Conference when they act among themselves as the General Service Board of Alcoholics Anonymous.”

Old Business: None

New Business: None

Adjournment:

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

Meeting adjourns at **8:50** 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, Responses from Area 59 Members on open and closed meetings, D43 Lit Committee Guidelines for Literature Orders, Freedom Group July 4th Picnic flyer, EPGSA Registration Form, PENNSCYPAA Registration form and brochure,