



# Meeting Minutes, October 14, 2014

Meeting called to order by DCM at 7:20pm with the Serenity Prayer and Introductions

Groups Represented: 16

Friday Night Teachables >>> Keep It Simple Sunday >>> Mon - Happy Hour Promises >>> Mon- As Bill Sees It >>> Monday Night Winners >>> Mon-Fri Serenity at Noon >>> Mon-Sat Attitude Adjustment >>> Sat- Centre Hall Discussion >>> Sat- Gratitude >>> Sat- Keep It Green >>> Thursday Sober Sisters >>> Tues Bellefonte 12 Step >>> Tues/Thurs Philipsburg >>> Tues/Thurs Primary Purpose >>> Wed- Living In The Solution >>> Wed Night Bellefonte >>>

## Officer Reports:

Officer-at-Large (Amy H):

Schedule for upcoming district meetings –

- November 11<sup>th</sup> –Pleasant Gap United Methodist Church, 179 S. Main Street (upstairs in the big room)
- December 9<sup>th</sup> –Zion Lutheran Church, Church and Pine Sts, Boalsburg

Secretary (Vicki S):

- No corrections or amendments are requested for the **September 9**, 2014 meeting minutes. A motion is made to accept minutes as is and seconded, motion passes with **16** ayes, none opposed.

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

- > Total contributions in September amounted to **\$1026.18**
- > Total expenditures amounted to **\$441.68**
- > The C&I Literature fund has a balance of **\$79.62**
- > The available cash balance for all other expenditures is **\$1672.11**
- > Prudent Reserve is at **\$1200.00**
- > Projected expenses for October are **\$362.00**
- The Treasurer submitted an amended August Financial Summary because an expense was inadvertently left out.
- A motion is made to accept the Treasurer’s report and seconded, motion passes with **15** ayes, none opposed.
- The District made no purchases of prison and institution literature in September.
- The DCM informs us that Area 59 statistics show that **41%** of District 43 groups give money to Area. This is a much higher percentage than many other districts. The DCM also tells us that at the 2013 EPGSA Convention the money raised by passing the basket was split in half. 50% went to GSO and 50% to Area 59. This was a break from the normal practice of sending 100% of the money to GSO. Very few conventions “pass the basket”, EPGSA is one of them, and this fact might have influenced the decision to split the money. This year a vote was taken by Area 59 at the 4<sup>th</sup> quarter meeting to decide the preferred distribution of

EPGSA donations. The DCMs voted against a 50/50 split of the funds and favored sending 100% of the money to GSO.

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

- Jenny reports that the website is up to date and asked for Medallion Night information to post on the website.
- Jenny created and distributed a Group Information form for the GSRs to fill out and return to her. She explained how it would help her serve AAs who email her asking for meeting information and she hopes all groups will approve having their info posted on the website.

ADCM (Wayne L):

- Wayne handed out the replacement pages 7 and 11 for the Structure Manual. These new pages reflect changes to the ADCMs role and to the addition of information about the Literature Committee.
- Wayne informs the GSRs that the upcoming weekend (Friday, **Oct 17-** Sunday, **Oct 19**) is non-stop AA activity.
  - **Friday, 8:00pm** Medallion Night at St Andrews, hosted by Friday Night Teachables Group. Fellowship and cake!
  - **Saturday, Noon to 8:00pm**, Williamsport Alkathon ....many speakers with long term sobriety.
  - **Sunday, Area Day** hosted by District 67 at Friendship Fire Company #1, 214 West First Street, Birdsboro, PA 19508 10am- 4pm.

DCM (Lisa T): A separate DCM Report was not submitted this month.

- GSRs are reminded that they should be registering for EPGSA and finalizing their plans for roommates, transportation, volunteering at the conference, etc. The DCM and ADCM are available to answer questions about the convention.
- All GSR's should pick up a copy of the 64<sup>th</sup> General Service Conference final report to take back to their home groups.
- Area Day in Birdsboro, Pa. What does Area 59 do? Here's the best place to be to learn what they're up to. There will be speakers, presentations, treasure hunt, prizes and a free lunch and refreshments. Our DCM and ADCM will be presenting information on the Area Corrections Committee.
- The DCM was asked about accepting service at Area 59 and a brief discussion was held about doing service at the Area level and the responsibilities involved.

#### **Summaries:**

- Wes S. tells us that the Sunday Discussion meeting at St Andrews, **3:00pm** needs more support from AAs with long term sobriety. It's a lively discussion group that has a lot of newcomers showing up.

#### **Actions:**

- Susan A. has been thinking of ways to create a bigger fund for EPGSA at her home group. One idea was to ask their church location to lower their rent. To this end, she wanted to know what other groups were paying to see if there was an "average" rental cost. A discussion took place but there weren't enough statistics to determine if there was "a most frequently paid rent". The ADCM

weighed in with a word of caution against mentioning other groups in a rent negotiation with the church.

- Craig A. described a problem that he would like the St Andrews Liaison (ADCM) to bring to the attention of the church. When AA meetings are taking place in Canterbury Hall there are sometimes people (non-AA) banging around in the kitchen, creating a disturbance. Craig said he didn't want to use the word disrespect but there is no effort made by people to be courteously quiet. The ADCM said he will bring this issue to the attention of the church.

**Tradition 10** - "Alcoholics Anonymous has no opinion on outside issues; hence the A.A. name ought never be drawn into public controversy."

### **Committee Reports:**

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

- Vicki attended the 4<sup>th</sup> quarter Area Meeting and sat in on the Archives Committee Meeting. She says. "They are a resource that we need to use more in the future."
- The two archived AA speaker cassettes that were burned to CDs are in the process of being transcribed. Archives hopes to find other audio recordings that groups may have stashed away. They are additional resources that have a powerful impact.
- Archives are on track with projects (with the exception of a new display poster) and ready to transition to the next committee.

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

- Bill reports on AA attendance at C&I meetings:
  - He would like to see more volunteers at the Youth Detention Center. He commented that at the last meeting at YDC there were 9 teenagers and a 60 year old (him). A driver's license is all that is required to do service at YDC. GSRs should encourage some of their younger group members to get involved.
  - The Meadows meeting only has two dedicated volunteers.
  - Clinton and Centre County jails, Rockview and Benner SCI, continue to have the same few AA volunteers. Bill is now approved to attend Rockview and Benner however an upcoming surgery will slow him down for awhile.
  - There is talk of Benner SCI making AA meetings smaller and having them two or three nights a week. Bill hopes that people will "step up" to meet the need.
- Bill reports on C&I literature needs:
  - Centre County Jail hasn't returned any calls, so he doesn't know at present what their needs are.
  - Bill will get an update on Rockview at the next meeting he attends.
  - Benner inmates are taking and reading as many Grapevines as we can give them. GSRs please continue to ask your group for donations and tell them how much the inmates appreciate them.

- Bill was asked if he would review the C&I meeting schedule and give the WebServant any updates for posting to the website. He said he will do so.

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

- Kevin not present, no report

Literature (Susan A):

- Orders for the 4<sup>th</sup> quarter were taken. Craig will be going to New York for pickup in November.
- The latest AA Literature Catalog is available online at AA.org and the DCM emailed a pdf of the catalog to all the GSRs. Please note that there are price increases and shipping decreases. A single copy of the big book is now **\$9.50**
- Andy S. asked if groups could still do their own ordering now that the district is mass ordering on a quarterly basis. The answer is, "Absolutely, yes!" Each group is autonomous and can make its own decisions on ordering literature. The idea behind the mass order is to save money on bulk orders and shipping costs but no group is bound by that.

Public Information (PI) (Rodney C):

- Distribution of the new flyers has been taken care of with the exception of Philipsburg and Lock Haven locations. The tear-off flyer, "Is your drinking a problem?" can be posted by anyone that finds an approved bulletin board.

Structure (Wayne L):

- See the ADCM report.

Visitation: The Visitation Committee is not active at present.

**Concept 10** - Every service responsibility should be matched by an equal service authority – the scope of such authority to be always well defined whether by tradition, by resolution, by specific job description or by appropriate charters and bylaws.

**Old Business:** None

**New Business:**

- At the **November** district meeting GSRs will be asked to declare their availability to serve as district officers on the 2015-16 Panel and **candidates will be voted on.** The Panel transition will take place at the December meeting.

**Adjournment:**

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

Meeting adjourns at **8:30pm** 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), Area Day 2014 flyer, WebServant's Group Information form