



Meeting Minutes, December 9, 2014

Meeting called to order by DCM at 7:18pm with the Serenity Prayer and Introductions.

Groups Represented: 14

Friday Night Teachables >>> Fri- Milesburg Spiritual Side >>> Mon- Happy Hour Promises >>> Mon- As Bill Sees It >>> Mon-Sat Attitude Adjustment >>> Sat- Centre Hall Discussion >>> Sat- Gratitude >>> Sun- Keep It Simple Sundays >>> Thursday Sober Sisters >>> Thursday Bellefonte Big Book >>> Thurs- Philipsburg Y Nots >>> Tues/Sat Philipsburg Step Group >>> Tuesday Young Hope >>> Tues/Thurs Primary Purpose >>>

Officer Reports:

Officer-at-Large (Amy H):

- Schedule for upcoming district meetings –
 - January 13th – St. Andrew's Episcopal Church, 208 W. Foster Ave., State College

Secretary (Vicki S):

- No corrections or amendments are requested for the **November 11, 2014** meeting minutes. A motion is made to accept minutes as is and seconded, motion passes with **14** ayes, none opposed.
- The GSR Roster will be updated and on February 1, 2015. GSRs are asked to add or amend their information before the deadline. GSRs will receive a copy of the roster at the February district meeting.

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

- > Total contributions in November amounted to **\$368.80**
- > Total expenditures amounted to **\$174.40**
- > The C&I Literature fund has a balance of **\$134.76**
- > The available cash balance for all other expenditures is **\$2350.46**
- > Prudent Reserve is at **\$1200.00**
- > Projected expenses for **December** are **\$334.00**
- The Treasurer created a chart showing a breakdown of funds that leaves the district with approximately **\$550.00** in budget surplus and a discussion ensued on the use of those funds.
 - Mark T. began the discussion by asking for clarification on the use of a budget surplus according to the structure manual. The manual reads, ***“Any surplus over the prudent reserve at the end of each year will be distributed to GSO or the Area at the discretion of the Committee.”***
 - The discussion clarified that, “...at the discretion of the Committee.” means that District 43 has the freedom to choose the best, of possibly many options for the use of its surplus rather than being locked into a single purpose.
 - The discussion also established that the district had given **\$250.00** to Area 59 in April of this year.

- Last month it was requested that the C&I committee make an assessment of their needs and give us a dollar amount that we could discuss and vote on. Since Bill Q was not present, the DCM relayed the information that Benner SCI had made a request for as much literature as we could give them. Bill calculated upwards of **\$400.00**. Several other institutions expressed their interest in more material. Discussion continued on the best use of the surplus.
- A motion is made and seconded to give the C&I committee the budget surplus of **\$550.00** (in addition to the **\$300.00** already approved) for the purchase of AA literature for the prisons and institutions. The motion passes with **14** ayes, none opposed.
- A motion is made to accept the Treasurer's report and seconded, motion passes with **15** ayes, none opposed.

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

- Jenny reports that updates have been made and emails answered. She is puzzled by several requests she has received about meetings in Bedford, Pa.
- Jenny asked if she could clean up the archived D43 meeting minutes webpage. No one had any objections and it was decided to leave the current year of minutes on the page and the other years will be moved to a separate page.

ADCM (Wayne L): No Report

DCM (Lisa T):

- The DCM requests that the outgoing committee chairpersons write up an advice sheet to give to and discuss with the incoming committee chairs.
- The DCM distributed AA Hotline sign up sheets and Guidelines to each GSR to take back to their groups. GSRs are requested to explain hotline service to their groups and encourage interested members to do service. Sign up sheets are due back at the January district meeting.
- A heartfelt, "Thank you for everything!" was Lisa T's last report as DCM. This sentiment was returned to her by everyone at the meeting. It was recognized that the outgoing DCM did a great job with district/area work. Her sense of responsibility, the effort she has put into serving the district and her dedication to carrying the message are an inspiration to the incoming panel.

Summaries:

- **Monday Night Winners** turns **67!** - Come and celebrate with us on **January 19** at St. John's Episcopal, 120 W. Lamb St. in Bellefonte, dinner is at 7, speaker is at 8 . Please bring a covered dish. Tableware provided.
- The **Attitude Adjustment** group is having a holiday potluck on Friday, **December 12**, from 5 p.m. – 8 p.m. at Rule 62 Clubhouse, 137 S. Pugh Street, Suite 2, State College. Bring a covered dish or just yourself and enjoy great fellowship!

Actions:

- Our relationship with St Andrews, **Part 1**
Wayne informs us that, "Our relationship with St Andrews will be changing."
The secretary at St Andrews (Julie) is leaving and D43 will have a new ADCM/St Andrews Liaison. Our relationship with Julie as our contact was very good but we don't know what to expect in the future.
 - Discussion revolved around some of the incidents and problems that have come up over the past couple of years, clearly showing that our relationship with St Andrews has suffered due to actions on both sides that have created friction.
- Our relationship with St Andrews, **Part 2**
Carl B. specifically attended the meeting to make sure that the district was informed about the current situation at St Andrews. He expressed his distress and frustration about not being able to attend the Young Hope meeting last Tuesday night (Dec 2nd) because the church was locked. He said that there were five newcomers who needed a meeting. He made the point that sometimes a meeting is all that an alcoholic has to hold onto and it's unacceptable that the church doors are locked when a meeting is scheduled to take place.
 - Many GSRs were eager to share their viewpoints about our relationship with St Andrews and a lengthy discussion took place. There was agreement that, "Something has to be done about us." rather than "Something has to be done about St Andrews.". The main points of the discussion were -
 1. St Andrews has always been dedicated to reaching out to the community but they are under no obligation to make their premises available for AA meetings or functions. We need to be very mindful of this as we continue our relationship with them.
 2. All our groups are autonomous and should take responsibility for making decisions about their own well-being. All the groups that meet at St Andrews should create a **back-up plan** for relocating their meeting and contacting their members if disruptions occur.
 3. When issues involving St Andrews occur they should be promptly relayed to the ADCM who, in turn, will make our concerns known to the church.

Committee Reports: Committee reports were not requested at this final meeting of Panel 63 and are at the discretion of the committee chair.

Archives (Nancy B): no report

Corrections & Institutions (C&I) (Bill Q): no report

Cooperation with the Professional Community (CPC) (Kevin K): no report

Literature (Susan A): no report

Public Information (PI) (Rodney C):

- Rodney reports that he has delivered AA literature to **three, new** locations in Lock Haven. The Hospital, the Lock Haven University health center and the police department.

Structure (Wayne L): no report

Visitation: The Visitation Committee is not active at present.

Concept 12 - General Warranties of the Conference: in all its proceedings, the General Service Conference shall observe the spirit of 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 principal; that none of the Conference Members shall ever be placed in a position of unqualified authority over any 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:

- The election of Officers to serve on Panel 65 continues. The open positions of ADCM, Secretary, Treasurer and Officer-at-Large are not yet filled. The DCM asks for those willing to serve and voting procedures take place. The result is -
 - > **Wayne L** will serve as **DCM**
 - > **Carrie S** will serve as **ADCM**
 - > **Kevin K** will serve as **Officer-at-Large**
 - > **Treasurer** is an **open position** (**Jan B** will serve on a temporary basis)
 - > **Vicki S** will serve as **Secretary**
 - > **Jenny L** will serve as **WebServant**

New Business: None

The outgoing DCM turns the meeting over to Panel 65 incoming DCM

DCM (Wayne L):

- Wayne starts his service as DCM with a brief welcoming speech.
 - He talks about his growth in his willingness to do service and how it has enriched his life. He intends to continue doing service at the Area level after his term as Panel 65 DCM.
 - He explains his role as DCM as a conduit for the flow of information between our district and Area 59. He also speaks about the responsibilities that he will take on at Area 59.
 - He speaks about his own personality and his "strong opinions" and makes reference to the 12&12, Step Ten, p.91 on learning the valuable lesson of "restraint of tongue and pen". He further talks about learning respect for the majority opinion and the tradition of "principles over personalities" as it relates to making the best choices for our district. He

also speaks about how profoundly affecting the minority opinion can be in altering the perception of an issue.

Officer Reports: are not requested at this time.

Officer-at-Large (Kevin K):

Secretary (Vicki S):

Treasurer (Jan B):

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

ADCM (Carrie S):

DCM (Wayne L):

Summaries: None

Actions: None

Tradition 12 – Anonymity is the spiritual foundation of all our traditions, ever reminding us to place principles before personalities.

Committee Reports: Committees will be assigned at the **January 2015** district meeting.

Archives (-):

Corrections & Institutions (C&I) (-):

Cooperation with the Professional Community (CPC) (-):

Literature (-):

Public Information (PI) (-):

Structure (-):

Visitation: The Visitation Committee is not active at present.

New Business: None

Adjournment:

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

Meeting adjourns at **9:05pm** with the Responsibility Pledge

Minutes submitted by Vicki S, District Secretary

Documents (distributed at meeting and archived with minutes)

- 1) Agenda
- 2) Roll Call
- 3) Financials (summary, contributions, expenses)
- 4) Advice sheet for incoming committee chairs
- 5) Sign up sheet and guidelines for Hotline volunteers