



Meeting Minutes, May 12, 2015

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

Groups Represented: **11**

Mon – Fri Attitude Adjustment >>> Mon Happy Hour Promises >>> Monday Night Winners >>> Saturday Centre Hall >>> Sun-Keep It Simple Sundays >>> Thursday Night Big Book >>> Thursday Sober Sisters >>> Wednesday Night Step >>> Wednesday Night Mill Hall >>> Wednesday Bellefonte Recovery >>> Wed Living In the Solution

Officer Reports:

Officer-at-Large (Kevin K): not in attendance because he is recovering from shoulder surgery. Schedule for upcoming district meetings –

- **June 9th** – Zion Lutheran Church, Church and Pine Sts., Boalsburg
- **July 14th** - Pleasant Gap United Methodist Church, 179 S. Main Street, Pleasant Gap

Secretary (Vicki S):

- No corrections or amendments are requested for the **April 14, 2015** meeting minutes. A motion is made to accept minutes as is and seconded, motion passes with **15** ayes, none opposed.
- There will be some new information added to the GSR Roster. An update will be e-mailed to the GSRs.

Treasurer (Earl M): See **April** contributions and expense report for full details.

- > Total contributions in **April** amounted to **\$303.64**
- > Total expenditures amounted to **\$277.22**
- > The C&I Literature fund has a balance of **\$254.19**
- > The available cash balance for all other expenditures is **\$422.88**
- > Prudent Reserve is at **\$1200.00**
- A motion is made to accept the Treasurer's report and seconded, motion passes with **15** ayes, none opposed.
- Earl has been getting "mystery" donations and asks the GSRs to tell their group treasurer to make sure that they put the group's name, number and contact information with the donation.

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

- Chris H has volunteered to serve as WebServant for Panel 65. A vote was taken and resulted in **16** ayes, none opposed. Welcome to District service, Chris!
- During the transition between WebServants, the DCM advises that using the website's email address is the best way to contact or leave information for the WebServant. info@district43.com
- A reminder to GSRs that their group's information can be posted on the website to give newcomers an idea of what type of meeting it is.

ADCM (Carrie S): No Report

DCM (Wayne L):

- Wayne reports that he and Carrie will attend the **2nd** quarter Area 59 Meeting and would love it if some GSRs would ride along. It is on **June 14th**, Tioga County. Fairgrounds facility in Wellsboro, Pa. Hosted by District 46.

Summaries:

- A memorial service and covered dish supper will be held for Rolf K on **Saturday, May 16th from 4:30pm to 6:00pm** at St Luke's Lutheran Church, 301 N. Pennsylvania Avenue, Centre Hall.

Actions: No Actions presented

Tradition 5 – "Each group has but one primary purpose -- to carry its message to the alcoholic who still suffers."

Committee Reports:

Archives (Vicki S):

- Vicki reports that a poster display was created for Medallion Night. The archives committee is making a commitment to attend every Medallion Night to increase awareness of District 43 history.

Corrections & Institutions (C&I) (Simon F):

- Simon reports that he has not had the opportunity yet to meet with Warden Smith at the **Centre County Correctional Facility** but he (Simon) will be attending the orientation for volunteers and hopes to speak with him then.
- Simon says he has found a potential volunteer for **Rockview** who has experience with AA meetings in prison. However, he will have to go through the DOC paperwork process again and wait for approval.
- Simon found himself in the position of having to apologize to the drug and alcohol counselor (and inmates) at **CSI Benner**. He had to cancel a meeting at the last minute because two out of three AA volunteers dropped out. Benner is dividing the Wednesday night meeting into two rooms and without AA volunteers there is no meeting. This is a good example of how having so few volunteers hinders us from carrying the message to the prison population.
- Simon will be gone from May **19th** through June **8th**.
 - John D and Sayed will attend all three Wednesday 6:30pm meetings.
 - The Monday 1:30pm meeting won't have an AA volunteer attending.

Cooperation with the Professional Community (CPC) (Tom M): not in attendance, no report.

Public Information (PI) (Shannon H):

- Shannon report that she visited and stocked the literature at the Student Health Center and University Police office on campus and the State College Police office in the Municipal Building downtown.
- Earl M has volunteered to take care of stocking the Community Help Centre in State College.

Structure (Carrie S): no report

Visitation: (Kevin K): no report

Literature (Drew P):

- Drew P will be a one-man committee until Andy S returns in the Fall.
- A literature order is ready to send and Craig A will continue to pick up the order in New York. The recent confusion has put us a month behind on the literature order. The May order will be available in June. The July order, available in August, will put us back on track.
- The DCM suggests that, at some point, we will need to address how shipping costs will be accounted for if Craig can no longer pick up the orders.

Concept 5 - "Throughout our world service structure, a traditional "Right of Appeal" ought to prevail, thus assuring us that majority opinion will be heard and that petitions for the redress of personal grievances will be carefully considered."

Old Business:

- Are there any new ideas for candidates that we would like to see as guest observer at EPGSA? None of the GSRs had any new candidates to offer.

New Business:

- Paul H, GSR for Monday Happy Hour Promises asked to re-visit the question of support for the Rule 62 Clubhouse. He asked several good questions which the DCM answered.
 - **Do most districts have a clubhouse and support it (financially)?** The DCM does not know if there are districts that operate their own clubhouse. In (mostly) urban areas there are AA intergroups which are financed and run by a large, collective of AA groups. They can usually afford to have a central office where AAs can go for a variety of purposes.
 - **What is the relationship between District 43 and the Rule 62 Clubhouse?** Rule 62 Clubhouse is a recovery clubhouse that hosts various recovery groups including AA, but it is independent of any of the groups it hosts. It is run by a board of directors and is funded by rental fees and dues paying members. District 43 does not give any financial support to the Rule 62 Clubhouse but groups within our district pay rent for meeting there and many individual AAs within the district are dues paying members of the Clubhouse.
- The DCM said that he will look into the question of districts operating and funding their own clubhouses when he attends the Area meeting in June.

Adjournment:

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

Meeting adjourns at **8:15pm** 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)

