



Meeting Minutes, June 9, 2015

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

Groups Represented: 12

Mon – Sat Attitude Adjustment >>> Monday Night Winners >>> Saturday Centre Hall >>> Sat Gratitude Meeting >>> Sun-Keep It Simple Sundays >>> Thursday Night Big Book >>> Thursday Sober Sisters >>> Tuesday Young Hope >>> Wednesday Night Step >>> Wednesday Night Mill Hall >>> Wednesday Bellefonte Recovery >>> Wed Living In

Officer Reports:

Officer-at-Large (Kevin K): Schedule for upcoming district meetings –

- **July 14th** - Pleasant Gap United Methodist Church, 179 S. Main Street, Pleasant Gap
- **August 11th** – St. Luke's Lutheran Church, 301 N. Pennsylvania Ave., Centre Hall

Secretary (Vicki S):

- No corrections or amendments are requested for the **May 12, 2015** meeting minutes. A motion is made to accept minutes as is and seconded, motion passes with **13** ayes, none opposed.
- The GSR roster was updated and e-mailed to the GSRs.

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

- > Total contributions in **May** amounted to **\$516.40**
- > Total expenditures amounted to **\$92.76**
- > The C&I Literature fund has a balance of **\$296.69**
- > The available cash balance for all other expenditures is **\$761.52**
- > Prudent Reserve is at **\$1200.00**
- A motion is made to accept the Treasurer's report and seconded, motion passes with **13** ayes, none opposed.

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

- Chris reports that Jenny L has helped him with the transition and he says that he has the website under control. He reminds GSR's to contact him when they need something posted to the website.
- Chris reported that he paid the website bill with his own money and that Jenny, the previous WebServant, was also paying the bill this way. The DCM advised Chris that he can either give the Treasurer his receipts for reimbursement or have the Treasurer pay the bills directly. Whichever way is easier for him.

ADCM (Carrie S): Not in attendance, on vacation, no report.

DCM (Wayne L):

- The DCM reports that he is attending two upcoming events. He encourages GSRs to attend. Both events are relatively close to us and attending them would be "a great opportunity to enrich your sobriety".
 - Saturday, **June 13th**, Delegate's Conference Report/Mini Assembly II, Susquehanna Valley Church of Christ, 200 Roosevelt Ave., Selinsgrove, Pa. Hosted by District 42

- Sunday, **June 14th**, Second Quarter Area 59 Meeting, Tioga County Fairgrounds facility in Wellsboro, Pa. Hosted by District 46.

Summaries:

- **July 4th 2015, Freedom Group** - Bald Eagle State Park, Pavilion 6, **8am to dusk**, Bring a covered dish, friends and family welcome but, please, no pets. Lunch at Noon, guest speaker at **1pm**.

Actions:

- Sue G., GSR for Saturday Gratitude, says her group has asked why the district doesn't have an Events Committee. A short discussion brought up these points.
 - Everyone agreed that it's helpful to AAs (especially newcomers) to have opportunities to socialize at picnics, dances, holiday get-togethers, restaurant outings, sports, etc. but should D43 be involved?
 - As a district, we look at how we can **most effectively** use our resources to help the sick and suffering alcoholic. Currently, supporting the seven existing committees in their efforts is a priority.
 - When the D43 uses its resources to host an event it carries the message of AA through a Workshop or the annual District Day. Hosting a social activity, such as a dance, would be an inappropriate use of funds.
 - There are social events that individual groups have been organizing and hosting without help from the District and they have been doing it very well for a long time. Groups should continue to take the lead on social activities.
 - Although D43 cannot bankroll social events, it is always on hand to advise and help groups if they have problems with their event.

Tradition 6 – “An A.A. group ought never endorse, finance, or lend the A.A. name to any related facility or outside enterprise, lest problems of money, property, and prestige divert us from our primary purpose.”

Committee Reports:

Archives (Vicki S):

- Vicki reports that the Archives cabinet in the second floor storage closet at St Andrews has been tampered with and the locking mechanism does not lock. It was never a very secure lock and anything of value was previously moved to a more secure location at the Rule 62 Clubhouse. The likely cause of the cabinet being broken into is to stash things away because there is no room left in the closet. All the shelves are jam packed and the containers for group materials take up the rest of the space. Vicki says she has found and inventoried three different lots of materials that mysteriously appeared in the cabinet. It's better to have things appear than disappear but the real question is what to do about this situation. A discussion about this resulted in -
 - See if lock can be fixed or replaced. Simon has offered to take a look at it.
 - Drill some holes in the acrylic, add a hasp closure and a padlock.
 - Rent a small storage unit and keep all the district's materials in one place. Vicki will research places and prices.

- See if the Rule 62 Clubhouse could rent us a space.

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

- Simon received an order of Grapevines for the inmates.
- Simon reports that he hasn't been able to speak with Warden Smith and is still pursuing opportunities to do so. Simon is still waiting to be cleared for **Centre County Correctional Facility**.
- Simon and John D attended the banquet and training for prison volunteers. Simon says he was surprised and disappointed that they were the only AAs to attend. Having a few more active prison volunteers would make their efforts **much** easier with the prison administration.

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

Literature (Drew P):

- Drew reports that the payments for the May order were given to Craig A. Drew says that he is unsure when the literature will be available. He will contact Craig to find out if he has been to New York to collect the order.
- The 3rd quarter order will be placed in July and available in August. All July order payments must be made no later than the next district meeting on July **14th**.

Public Information (PI) (Shannon H):

- Bill C has delivered literature to Lock Haven Geisinger and the Clinton County office.

Structure (Carrie S): not in attendance, no report

Visitation: (Kevin K):

- The Sunday Healing Group 6:30pm meeting at Mount Nittany Medical Center is alive and well! They don't send a GSR to district and there was some confusion about whether or not the group was intact. The DCM spoke with a group member who assured him that the group is doing fine and doesn't require help from the district.
- Kevin reports that the next stop for the Visitation Committee is the Friday's First group which meets at 5:30pm on campus at Pasquerilla Spiritual Center, Room 105.

Concept 6 - The Conference recognizes that the chief initiative and active responsibility in most world service matters should be exercised by the trustee members of the Conference acting as the General Service Board.

Old Business: None

New Business: None

Adjournment:

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

Meeting adjourns at **8:10pm** 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)