



Meeting Minutes, October 13, 2015

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

Groups represented: **14**

Monday Night Winners (2); Monday Happy Hour Promises; Thursday Sober Sisters; Wednesday Night Step (2); Mon-Sat Attitude Adjustment; Tuesday Twelve Step Bellefonte; Milesburg Friday Night; Wednesday Night Recovery; Sunday Came to Believe; Centre Hall One Hour Discussion; Penns Valley AA Groups; Wednesday Living in the Solution; Keep it Simple Sunday; Saturday Gratitude

Officer Reports:

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

- November **10th** – South Hills, State College

Secretary (Shannon H for Vicki S):

- No corrections or amendments are requested for the meeting minutes. Motion made to accept minutes as is and seconded, motion passes unanimously.

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

- > Total contributions in amounted to **\$479.35**
- > Total expenditures amounted to **\$361.82**
- > The C&I Literature fund has a balance of **\$554.14**
- > The available cash balance for all other expenditures is **\$1,133.37**
- > Prudent Reserve is at **\$1,200.00**
- Question was brought up by a visiting member about reported contributions from her home group. Earl has since sent out a corrected copy of the contributions by home group.
- Motion made to accept the financials with the correction, seconded and passed unanimously

WebServant (Wayne L for Chris): (Contact the WebServant at info@district43.com)

- Wayne is working with Chris to make sure that our website has the meeting minutes posted going forward.

ADCM (Carrie S)

- Carrie reported the relationship with St. Andrew's church has improved greatly over recent months. As liaison, she has a permanent connection with a woman there who provides plenty of notice for any changes and has been very helpful.

DCM (Wayne L):

- Wayne and Carrie will be attending Area Inventory on Sunday October **18th**, all are invited and encouraged to join them.
- Wayne participated in a conference call with the finance sub-committee to discuss preliminary numbers for the 2016 budget for Area.
- Wayne represented AA at the hospital's showing of the movie The Anonymous People on September **9th**. The message from the movie is that we should be willing to break our anonymity in order to help people. Staying

true to our traditions, Wayne was not willing to break his anonymity as a member of AA, but explained to the attendees that he would do so personally in order to help someone.

- Wayne and Carrie will be sharing a room at the upcoming EPGSA conference in Lancaster. They have one roommate and are looking for another. Wayne highly encourages all to attend the conference.

Summaries:

- On November **21st** the Saturday Night Centre Hall group is celebrating its anniversary with its Annual Anniversary Potluck Dinner and Meeting at St. Luke's Church. Fellowship and Dinner at 6pm, open speaker meeting at **7pm**. Flyers were handed out for distribution.

Actions:

- None

Tradition Ten – Alcoholics Anonymous has no opinion on outside issues, hence the A.A. name ought never be drawn into public controversy.

Committee Reports: Each committee chair will give a brief summary of what the committee did the past month, ask for help if they need it, and tell goals/plans of the next month.

Archives: No report but Wayne reminded us that they are still working on a panel discussion of old-timers to record for archives that will of course include a potluck meal.

Corrections & Institutions (C&I) – Dean reported that they tried to secure a meeting opportunity with the VA but were not successful. C&I, including the Meadows, are still in need of used Grapevines. Please consider donating any you may have accumulated.

Cooperation with the Professional Community (CPC) – See notes on Wayne's attendance at the hospital showing of The Anonymous People under the DCM report.

Public Information (PI) – Shannon reported that she hopes to visit the Bellefonte and State College locations again before the end of the year.

Structure – Carrie reported that the online structure manual needs to be updated to reflect the St. Andrew's liaison information.

Visitation – Todd reported that they now have a packet to distribute when visiting meetings that don't have a GSR. He passed around samples for the group to read.

Concept Ten – 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:

- Wayne reported that he had emailed John at the Rule 62 Clubhouse about use of a cabinet there to store archives materials. Wayne used his old work address so if John did respond, Wayne had no way of receiving it. Wayne has since emailed

John again but has not gotten any response. Storage of the archive materials remains open business.

- Use of pink cans was revisited and a good discussion took place. A question was brought to the table from a member's home group – why aren't district funds used for Corrections and Institutions? The answer is that district funds can be used for C&I, however use of the pink cans allows members to ensure that their contribution will be used for C&I. Another question was raised – should pink can funds be used to purchase literature for a for-profit institution such as the Meadows? After some discussion, it was noted that our primary purpose is to carry the message, and since this is a mental health facility, it would absolutely be acceptable to use pink can funds – however a facility like St. Joseph's, or any other rehabs would be a different situation entirely and we would not be purchasing literature for their use.

New Business:

- It's time to update the hotline volunteer list. Sign-up sheets were distributed to all of the members to take back to their home groups. The forms are due back to Wayne in December, he needs to submit them in January. The group discussed what it means to volunteer, how the calls work, and what is expected of you if you put your name down.

Adjournment:

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

Meeting adjourns at **8:18** pm with the Responsibility Pledge.

Minutes submitted by Shannon H., filling in for District Secretary

Documents (distributed at meeting and archived with minutes)

- 1) Agenda
- 2) Financials (summary, contributions, expenses)
- 3) Flyer for Centre Hall Anniversary