



Meeting Minutes, February 09, 2016

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

Groups represented: 13

Monday Night Boalsburg - As Bill Sees It; Monday Night Winners; Monday Happy Hour Promises; Tuesday Twelve Step Bellefonte; Tuesday Young Hope; Wednesday Night Recovery; Wednesday Mill Hall Group; Wednesday Living In The Solution; Thursday Sober Sisters; Thursday Bellefonte Big Book Discussion; Friday Milesburg Spiritual Side; Keep it Simple Sunday; Sober Sundays

Officer Reports:

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

- **March 8th** – South Hills Business School, 480 Waupelani Drive, State College
- **April 12th** – St. Andrews, State College
- **May 10th** – Tentatively St. Luke's Lutheran Church, Centre Hall
- The OAL asks about the possibility of having a single location for our District meetings. We reconfirmed that it's not feasible for our district to have a single location because there's such a large number of "outlying" groups. To encourage participation and be as inclusive as possible we will continue to rotate our district meetings over as wide a range as possible.

Secretary (Vicki S):

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

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

- > Total contributions amounted to **\$930.90**
- > Total expenditures amounted to **\$1394.75**
- > The C&I Literature fund has a balance of **\$98.35**
- > The available cash balance for all other expenditures is **\$738.63**
- > Prudent Reserve is at **\$1,200.00**
- The Treasurer reports that we can think about making another donation if we still have too much money following the oral history event in April. The DCM says that carrying the message within the district is top priority and the committees should not hesitate to spend district money on district needs.
- A question on when and who will be paying the Rule 62 Clubhouse for the space to store archives materials is discussed. It is agreed that the Treasurer will write checks for payments to the Clubhouse. Vicki S. will get the rest of the details worked out with the Clubhouse.
- Bob W from Tuesday 12 Step Bellefonte presented some questions from his home group about their recent contribution amount not being recorded correctly and about Pink Can contributions. The Treasurer will check the contribution amount

for that group and in general, reminds the GSRs to keep a record of their contributions so that amounts can be verified and to always add your group's number when giving a contribution to the Treasurer. The DCM spoke on the questions about the Pink Can contributions, explaining how the collection process works and what its purpose is.

- Motion made to accept the financials, seconded and passed unanimously.

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

- Todd reports that he has found a mentor (Jimmy H.) to help him with the whole process of creating a new and more efficient version of our website using WordPress as a platform. A budget of +/- **\$150.00** will be needed, with an initial outlay of **\$86.00**. Todd is ready to start as soon as the District approves the project.
- A motion is made to update the D43 website based on Todd's recommendations and to approve a budget of +/- **\$150.00** and to approve the immediate outlay of **\$86.00**. The motion is seconded and is approved with **15** in favor, none opposed.

ADCM (Carrie S):

- Carrie reports that St Andrews has a long history of reaching out to the recovery community and they are at capacity for the number of meetings and diversity of recovery groups that they host. They have been doing a great job lately hosting our many meetings and there are a few things that the GSRs should remind their home groups to keep in mind when attending meetings in St. Andrews.
 - Make sure that heat and lights are turned off at the end of a meeting.
 - Observe their smoking policy location and use the butt receptacle.
 - There have been a couple of incidents where food was taken from the kitchen without permission so don't eat anything in the church that doesn't belong to you without permission.

DCM (Wayne L):

- The DCM has been doing some preliminary work on hosting the **June 12th** Area 59 Committee Meeting. Milesburg Community Center will be looked into as a venue and providing food will likely be done as a large scale potluck.
- Wayne reports that Area 59 sent a thank you/acknowledgment letter for our recent contribution.
- Wayne thanks Carrie S. for all the work she has put into securing a location and designing the flyer for our upcoming "They Kept Coming Back" event.
- The DCM says that he will continue to ask that GSRs "**attend an Area event!**" The next event is **Sunday, March 13th, Area 59 Committee Meeting**. Hemlock Farms Volunteer Fire and rescue Company 402 Hemlock Farms Rd. Hawley, PA 18428 Doors open at 8am, meeting at 11am. Hosted by District 62

Summaries: None

Actions:

- Earl M. asks about District 43's ability to supply signers for the hearing impaired and language interpreters when needed. The DCM says that during the last Panel we spoke on this subject but no requests for assistance ever came up and it

has been on the back burner. We have ideas on how to reach out for interpreter skills but no actual contact list or plan is in place if we should suddenly need a signer or non-English speaker. The DCM says that he will contact other districts for their feedback.

- Vicki S. asks if anyone knows how the locks on the Archives cabinet in the big room at the Clubhouse came to be changed. Who has the keys? Kevin K. thinks that the Clubhouse remodel may have something to do with this and to get in touch with the board members.

Tradition Two - For our group purpose there is but one ultimate authority — a loving God as He may express Himself in our group conscience. Our leaders are but trusted servants; they do not govern.

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:

- Vicki S. reports that preparation for “They Kept Coming Back” oral history event is the priority.
 - The Area 59 Archives Committee and Area Archivist and Assistant Archivist have been invited to attend and if they choose, take part in our event. We are waiting to hear from them in order to finalize our plans.
 - We are on the lookout for people that have some experience with audio recording in our district.
- The Archives display case from St Andrews has been relocated to the back room at the Clubhouse. Moving the filing cabinet is on hold until the back room is de-cluttered. Vicki will contact John D. to find out if we can move things around to make the space we need.

Corrections & Institutions (C&I):

- Simon F. reports that he and Dean met to discuss their goals. Priority will be given to examining their written information to see what is relevant, disposing of what isn't and writing up a guideline that explains, for example, the current relationships we have with the correctional institutions, contact lists, visitation schedules, paperwork and bureaucracy involved, etc.
- Simon reports that there has been good attendance at Benner and Rockview and Clinton County expressed their thanks for the 12 and 12's they received.

Cooperation with the Professional Community (CPC): No Report

Public Information (PI):

- Shannon reports that the committee is impressed with the PSA's they received and suggests that having a block of time set aside for the GSRs to review and discuss the PSA's that the committee purchased should be a priority at the next district meeting. The DCM says that he will add it as an agenda item during next month's PI report.

Structure: No Report

- Notating references and dates when changes are made to the Structure Manual will be discussed with the WebServant to make sure it is clear and accurate on the website.

Visitation:

- Todd W. reports that he visited the State College Healing Group, Sunday **6:30pm** at Mount Nittany Medical Center. They have been around a long time but have just recently become a group. Todd says that this is the first of twenty one groups without a general service representative that the Visitation Committee will be reaching out to.

Concept Two – When, in 1955, the AA groups confirmed the permanent charter for their General Service Conference, they thereby delegated to the Conference complete authority for the active maintenance of our world services and thereby made the Conference—excepting for any change in the Twelve Traditions or in Article 12 of the Conference Charter—the actual voice and the effective conscience for our whole Society.

Old Business: None

New Business: None

Adjournment:

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

Meeting adjourns at **8:57pm** 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)