



Meeting Minutes, January, 12, 2016

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

Groups represented: **13**

Monday Night Winners (2); Monday Happy Hour Promises; Thursday Sober Sisters; Mon-Sat Attitude Adjustment; Tuesday Twelve Step Bellefonte; Milesburg Friday Night; Wednesday Night Recovery; Centre Hall One Hour Discussion; Keep it Simple Sunday; Saturday Gratitude (2); Tuesday Night Young Hope; Monday Night Boalsburg - As Bill Sees It; Sober Sundays

Officer Reports:

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

- February 9th – St. John’s Lutheran Church, Bellefonte
- March 8th – Tentatively Boalsburg (most likely changed to South Hills)
- April 12th – St. Andrews, State College
- May 10th – Tentatively St. Luke’s Lutheran Church, Centre Hall

Secretary (Wayne 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 December contributions and expense report for full details.

- > Total contributions amounted to **\$253.00**
- > Total expenditures amounted to **\$678.36**
- > The C&I Literature fund has a balance of **\$458.85**
- > The available cash balance for all other expenditures is **\$842.48**
- > Prudent Reserve is at **\$1,200.00**
- It was brought to Earl’s attention that there was a formula error in his spreadsheet so that has been corrected.
- There was a discussion about our prudent reserve and available funds. It was recommended that we consider making a donation to Area and GSO. Wayne encouraged all of the sub-committees to spend money in order to continue carrying the message in our district. This topic will be covered further in New Business.
- A question was asked about tracking of the pink can funds. Earl stated that they are currently not being tracked by group, but only as a monthly total.
- Paul acknowledged Earl’s hard work and diligence as our treasure. Thank you Earl!
- Motion made to accept the financials with the correction, seconded and passed unanimously

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

- The format of the meeting list on the website has been improved.

- Todd H. recommended that we consider updating our website into a more mobile-friendly format. Todd is somewhat familiar with WordPress and so would probably recommend using that platform. Our current website account is through Yahoo and it is not very mobile-friendly. There is not a large monetary commitment in order to make this change, however the time investment would be quite large. Todd could not commit to completing the project alone. More discussion in New Business.

ADCM (Carrie S):

- Update on the panel discussion being organized for April – The Mill House at Restek in Bellefonte has been rented for the event on **April 2nd at 12:30**. They are working on securing the old-timers who will speak, as well as pinning down the format. Since we are NOT calling it a workshop, Carrie passed around a ballot with three potential and very creative names which were voted on and the winner is “They Kept Coming Back”. The event will be recorded and transcribed for archives. Carrie will email a flyer once it has been finalized with the voted on title.

DCM (Wayne L):

- The DCM created and emailed everyone a flyer for upcoming events. “I wanted to give everyone a chance to see what we having coming up in the next year, so that you can do some planning and attend some area events with Carrie and I.”
 - **March 13** - Quarterly Area Business Meeting
 - **April 2** - Our workshop :)
 - **April 3** - Pre-Conference Sharing. This is where our voice goes with the delegate to the annual conference for voting. It is my favorite event of the year!!!
 - **June 11** - Mini Assembly- this is where we get the report back from the delegate on what happened at the conference
 - **June 12** - Quarterly Area Business Meeting (We're hosting!!)
 - **Sept 11** - Quarterly Area Business Meeting
 - **October 16** - Area Day--All members are warmly welcomed and invited to attend!!! Let's show up :) It is an informational day with roundtables and information.
 - **November 4-6** - EPGSA Conference. This is voting year, so this is one of your main duties!! Come for the whole weekend and help vote in the new panel...perhaps someone from District 43!!
 - **December 11** - Quarterly Area Business Meeting

Summaries:

- Medallion Night will be **Friday, January 15th, 8pm** at St. Andrews in State College, hosted by the Wednesday night 8pm Step Meeting.

Actions:

- None

Tradition One – Our common welfare should come first, personal recovery depends upon AA unity.

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 attended the Area Archives meeting on **Dec 13th** and told them about our “old-timers thing” in April. They are very interested and will attend if we ask them. We will send them an invitation when we nail down the venue. We'll have them bring their new Area History video and other fun stuff. They also showed interest in reviewing our District Archives Manual since they are in the process of creating the same sort of thing for Area.
- John D at the Clubhouse recommends the moving the cabinet(s) in before or after a meeting so there are people on hand to help. No problem to get filing cabinet moved but we need to organize a date and time and a couple of volunteers to move the display case from St Andrews.

Corrections & Institutions (C&I):

- Centre County prison received some big books. Benner prison got the large print big books that didn't find a home elsewhere and Lisa T requested some 12&12's for Clinton County prison which have been ordered.

Cooperation with the Professional Community (CPC):

- No report but Wayne mentioned that they are working on developing a letter to be mailed out to professionals in our district. Wayne also noted that Jason with the CRC continues to schedule speakers for YOP.

Public Information (PI):

- Shannon reported that she has received the disks with both the audio and video PSA's, as well as 300 more pamphlets for distribution. The committee needs to review them and hopes to make a recommendation for the panel to vote on.
- Steve inquired about appropriate locations for the AA flyer with rip off phone numbers. Anywhere they will let you!

Structure:

- Carrie reported that the current version of the structure manual is published on the District website, however a small change needs to be added for the date of a revision. Let Carrie know if you need a hard copy, however they are available for printing off of the website.

Visitation:

- Todd W. reported that the committee met with Wayne and they put packets together that can be passed out to groups that don't currently have GSR's. They split up the groups without GSR's between the 3 committee members in hopes of reaching out to all of them.

Concept One – Final responsibility and ultimate authority for AA world services should always reside in the collective conscience of our whole Fellowship.

Old Business:

- More discussion about the April event “They Kept Coming Back”. Carrie will send out flyers that can be distributed.

New Business:

- Discussion about what to do with our excess funds of about **\$800.00**.
 - It was noted that we are hosting an Area event in the second quarter and will need to have some money available for that, however that should not stop us from spending some of the excess now. Earl said that as treasurer, he would be comfortable with spending **\$500** but not more than that in order to have an appropriate cushion for upcoming expenses.
 - Some suggestions were to use the money to **(1)** upgrade our website, **(2)** paying for the PSA’s if the group votes to move forward with that (although Wayne thinks that these spots would likely be free to us), or **(3)** making a donation to Area and GSO.
 - Discussion about upgrading our website led to the determination that this would likely be a time investment and not a monetary one. Ultimately the motion was made to send **\$200 to Area and \$200 to GSO**, and the motion carried unanimously.

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) Roll Call
- 3) Financials (summary, contributions, expenses)
- 4) Flyer prepared by the DCM of upcoming events in 2016