



# Meeting Minutes, March 08, 2016

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

Groups represented: **14**

Monday Night Winners; Monday Happy Hour Promises; Monday-Sat Attitude Adjustment; Tuesday Twelve Step Bellefonte; Tuesday Young Hope; Wednesday Night Recovery; Wednesday Living In the Solution; Thursday Sober Sisters; Thursday Bellefonte Big Book Discussion; Friday Milesburg Spiritual Side; Saturday Centre Hall; Saturday Gratitude Group; Sober Sundays; Sunday Came to Believe;

## Officer Reports:

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

- **April 12<sup>th</sup>** – St. Andrews Episcopal Church, 208 W. Foster Ave., State College
- **May 10<sup>th</sup>** – St. Luke's Lutheran Church, 301 N. Pennsylvania Ave., Centre Hall

**Secretary** (Vicki S):

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

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

- > Total contributions amounted to **\$761.25**
- > Total expenditures amounted to **\$86.89**
- > The C&I Literature fund has a balance of **\$118.60**
- > The available cash balance for all other expenditures **\$1392.74**
- > Prudent Reserve is at **\$1,200.00**
- The treasurer passed around a Thank You letter he received from GSO for our recent donation.
- Motion made to accept the financials, seconded and passed unanimously.

**WebServant** (Todd H): (Contact the WebServant at [info@district43.com](mailto:info@district43.com))

- Todd reports that he has begun work on updating the website and has spent **\$106.26** from his budget. The website is under construction at [district43.org](http://district43.org)
- Todd asks about posting D43 financials to the website. The DCM explains why we do not. (Note: This issue was discussed in August 2013 and there was significant opposition from the groups to posting financials on the website.)
- Todd is creating a page on the website for young people in recovery and he raises the question of adding a link to the Campus Recovery Community (CRC). Since AA does not affiliate with outside organizations a discussion about the appropriateness of this is held. The DCM requests that the GSRs take this issue to their home groups for feedback on adding a link to CRC and possibly links to other resources.

**ADCM** (Carrie S):

- Carrie reports that she will be attending the Area 59 Meeting on March **13<sup>th</sup>** and the D43 event planning meeting at St Andrews Church, 5:30pm on March **9<sup>th</sup>**

**DCM** (Wayne L):

- The DCM reports that there will be an event planning meeting at St Andrews, **5:30pm** on March **9<sup>th</sup>** to finalize the agenda for "They Kept Coming Back". All are welcome to attend.
- The DCM will be attending Area 59 Meeting on March **13<sup>th</sup>**, at Hemlock Farms Volunteer Fire and Rescue Company, 402 Hemlock Farms Rd., Hawley, PA Doors open at **8am**, meeting at **11am**. Hosted by District 62. He has a list of action items to present at Area, including audio recording an inmate, use of interpreters in closed meetings, links on the website and D43 support of social events.
- The DCM received a copy of the Pre-Conference Sharing agenda items. Everyone is welcome to review them and give the DCM feedback. The Pre-Conference Sharing Session is on **April 3<sup>rd</sup>**. **Doors open at 8AM. Meeting starts at 9AM**. The Washington @ Historic Yellow Springs, 1701 Art School Road, Chester Springs, PA. The DCM encourages attendance at this event

**Summaries:** None

**Actions:** None

Tradition Three - The only requirement for A.A. membership is a desire to stop drinking.

**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 reports that planning for our April **2<sup>nd</sup>** event continues. The DCM has scheduled a meeting on Wednesday, March **9<sup>th</sup> at 5:30 pm** at St Andrews to finalize preparations. Anyone can attend. Vicki also received confirmation from the Area59 Archivist Donald H. that he will attend our event.
- An agreement with the Rule 62 Clubhouse for an annual rental donation of **\$200.00** to allow storage of our Archive has been made. The D43 Treasurer will include a budget item of two donations per year of **\$100.00** each, to be paid in January and July.
  - The question of having a written agreement with the Clubhouse was presented and a lively discussion of whether or not this would be of any value took place. The question was tabled for the next meeting.
- The Archives Committee has two goals they would like to achieve by mid-year.
  - A re-inventory of all the archival materials as they are stored at the Clubhouse.
  - To work with the WebServant to create an Archives page(s) on the newly updated website.

**Corrections & Institutions (C&I):**

- Simon reports that Grapevines have been distributed to the facilities that need them.
- The Committee is creating a document to explain how things work with correctional institutions, including procedures for dealing with specific facilities.
- Simon is taking steps to see if it is possible to make an audio only recording of prison inmates for use in the Youth Offender Program (YOP). He has spoken with Superintendent Ferguson, who is enthusiastic and advises that a written proposal will have to be presented to the State for approval. Simon has asked the DCM to ask about this at the Area meeting to see what problems might pop-up from an AA standpoint.

**Cooperation with the Professional Community (CPC): No Report****Public Information (PI):**

- The public service announcements for radio were played and the DCM asked the GSRs to share their impressions. The PSA's are well made and speak to a diverse population of alcoholics. At the April meeting the television PSA's will be played and discussion will continue on getting them broadcast.

**Structure: No Report****Visitation: No Report**

- The Archives Committee asked the Visitation Committee to distribute a newly formatted group history form with the other material they take to groups.

Concept Three - "As a traditional means of creating and maintaining a clearly defined working relation between the groups, the Conference, the A.A. General Service Board and its several service corporations, staffs, committees and executives, and of thus insuring their effective leadership, it is here suggested that we endow each of these elements of world service with a traditional "Right of Decision".

**Old Business:**

- Working on providing ASL signers and interpreters for non-English speaking alcoholics.
  - The DCM has asked District **68** (the non-geographical Spanish speaking district) to help a Spanish speaking alcoholic in our district. He will also speak with the Special Needs Committee at the Area meeting for information on what we can do for special needs AAs.
  - A discussion on what we can do for special needs AAs took place. One idea, is to find and add to our roster any AAs in our district with special skills, such as ASL or language proficiency, that are willing to make themselves available when needed. GSRs have been asked to check with their group members for special skills individuals.

### **New Business:**

- Kris R and Brianna J attended the meeting to inform the District of two related items.
  - **Food, Fellowship and Fun** - a combined potluck dinner, meeting and dance, Saturday, **April 30**, 2016, **6pm – 11pm**, St Luke's Lutheran, Centre Hall. GSR's are requested to let their groups know that the event organizers need support and donations for this event.
  - Kris R explains that there is a significant increase in the number of young people in our district and some AAs have been thinking of ways to organize and support more social events. To that end, they would like to get the word out that they are thinking of creating a "**Fellowship Committee**". This committee would operate independently of D43 but would accept any support that the District could offer. The DCM thinks it unlikely that the District could offer any financial support but will take the issue to the Area 59 meeting as an action item.

### **Adjournment:**

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

Meeting adjourns at **8:52pm** with the Responsibility Pledge.

Minutes submitted by Vicki S., District Secretary

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### **Documents** (distributed at meeting and archived with minutes)

- 1) Agenda
- 2) Roll Call
- 3) Financials (summary, contributions, expenses)
- 4) Flyer for Food, Fellowship and Fun, April **30**, 2016