



Meeting Minutes

Date: September 10, 2019

Groups Represented:

Sunday Came to Believe
Tuesday Night Young Hope
Sunday Sober Sundays
Monday Night Winners
Wednesday Living in the Solution
Thursday Night Big Book Meeting Bellefonte
Friday Teachables
Saturday Night Living Sober
Monday-Friday, Serenity at Noon
Tuesday Night 12 Step Meeting Bellefonte
Sunday Eleventh Step Healing Group
Wednesday Night One Hour Step Meeting
Sunday Keep It Simple Sunday
Saturday Night Discussion Group Centre Hall

The meeting was held at St. John Lutheran Church, Bellefonte PA and was called to order at 7:15 pm with the Serenity Prayer.

Officer Reports:

Officer-at-Large (Jamie): Our next meeting will be held on Oct 8th at 7:15 pm at St. Luke's Lutheran Church, Centre Hall.

Secretary (Jen): August minutes were approved.

Treasurer (Lisa): In the month of August, we received \$540.00 in total contributions (\$535.00 in regular contributions and \$5.00 in Pink Can contributions) and our total expenses were \$66.20. We have a current balance of \$1,934.35, including a prudent reserve of \$1,200 and total available funds of \$734.35 (\$165.39 for C&I and \$568.96 for other expenses). Lisa reported that we are trying to purchase grapevines to send directly to the prisons. She also reminded GSRs to be planning for their attendance at EPGSA – plan for ~\$100 to attend for the day Saturday and ~\$350 for the whole weekend. If you need help funding your attendance, please bring this to the district and/or via email. August financials were approved.

Web Servant (Tad): No report. Please let Tad know of any changes to scheduled committee meetings or events that need to be added to the website.

ADCM (Bill): Medallion night will be held on Oct 11th at St. Andrew's Episcopal Church, State College; fellowship starts at 7 pm and the event starts at 8 pm. Both PSU and State College High School football will be away. Bill attended the Quarterly Area meeting on Sept 8th and presented his report. Flyers were passed around for upcoming events (see area59.org).

Some highlights:

- At the 2020 International Convention being held July 2 – 5 in Detroit, Areas 59 & 60 will be hosting a hospitality suit; donations are being accepted and volunteers are needed.
- EPGSA needs volunteers for the hospitality suit. Per Area's request, a motion was made to donate \$25 to contribute to the cost of the EPGSA hospitality room. Motion passed.
- There is a new pamphlet 'AA for alcoholics with Mental Health Issues and their sponsors' and new literature 'Take me to your sponsor — best jokes and cartoons from AA grapevine'.
- The Area Finance subcommittee is requesting the Treasurer for each group complete the 'banking on sobriety survey' at <https://rebrand.ly/a59bank44>.
- Area Subcommittee members are willing to attend our district meetings, if requested.

Bill reminded GSRs to find a roommate for EPGSA or expect to pay \$440 for a single room. There is construction from Harrisburg to Lancaster so plan your travels accordingly.

DCM (Bob): Absent

Summaries and Actions:

The Glennland Building was locked Thursday evening and the 'Hear the Oldtimers' meeting held at 5:30 pm at the Clubhouse was locked; members were unable to get into the meeting. The issue is being revolved. The Clubhouse has new owners and while we can continue to hold our meetings there, some regulations have changed. On weekdays the building is to be opened by the new owner at 6:00 am and the last group in the evening is supposed to lock up. On weekend days the building should be locked after each meeting. Lisa M will make sure each group has a key to the building.

Committee Reports:

Archives: At the last committee meeting, all archived papers were protected in clear sleeves. The committee spent \$20.60 on organization supplies. Jen asked the Panel advice on whether we should:

- 1) Keep old GSR packets? Solution: the committee will bring these packets to the next district meeting for anyone who would like them or we can throw them away.
- 2) Keep printed copies of all District minutes? Solution: the committee will decide. Bill noted that Area Subcommittees are trying to go paperless.

C&I (Corrections & Institutions): The committee purchased literature for Centre Country Correctional Facility. PREA training is next Tuesday — we really need women volunteers. Please announce at meetings. Jules passed around a list of references for volunteering at Centre County. We also need volunteers at YDC. The next committee meeting will be Saturday Oct 12th after the Gratitude meeting. Please see our District website for other opportunities to volunteer.

CPC (Cooperation with the Professional Community): The committee did not meet and has nothing new to report. Bill reported that Bob would like to talk with the Hotline volunteers (non-AA) to see if they can call more than 2-3 AA members, maybe 5-6 AA members, before forwarding callers elsewhere. Andrew will ask but it is important to know that during this time, the caller is on hold and if kept on hold too long, they may hang up.

PI (Public Information): The committee has not visited Lock Haven area yet. Pamphlets and meeting lists are needed for distribution. Crossroads Counseling copies their own pamphlets because we have been unable to keep up.

Eric made a motion to spend \$100 to purchase pamphlets for PI. Motion passed.

Jamie found Big Books in 11 different languages and asked what to do with these? He will bring the books to the next District meeting. One suggestion was to give them to Area.

Structure: The committee did not meet. The next meeting will be Oct 13th at 2 pm at Wegmans.

Visitation: The committee met last night and reported that they visited most groups without GSR representation and gave them a district structure manual. Only 3 groups still need to be visited.

Bill announced that some group change forms have not been updated. If your group's form has not been updated, please go online at area59.com and update your GSR information.

Old Business: N/A

New Business: N/A

The meeting adjourned at 8:15 pm. .