

Date: January 12, 2021

District 43 Meeting Minutes

Open with Serenity Prayer

Opening notes

- Introductions for new members
- links from the chat:
 - http://www.district43.com/wp-content/uploads/2016/02/Structure_Manual_11-04-2015.pdf
 - Structure manual (old, newer version being posted on website)
 - <https://form.jotform.com/52563626092154>
 - Group change form to register homegroup at GSO and Area level
- Overview of meeting structure
 - See structure manual for additional information on committees and their responsibilities
- New members: (27 members at the meeting)
 - All members introduced themselves for the new panel

Officer Reports:

Officer-at-Large: Jules

- Next meeting February 9th on zoom, link will be sent again.
 - Same meeting ID and password as January zoom link.
 - Zoom link will be put on the website for future reference.
 - Link will not be changing

Secretary: Anna (temporary)

- Emily C motions to approve minutes from December, Dan D seconds the motion
 - Simple majority approves the minutes

Treasurer: Kizzy

- Report emailed and discussed with the district members
- \$824.28 available finances for business not including prudent reserve
- Anna B motions to approve the treasurer's report, Scott N seconds the motion
 - Majority approves the report
- Share at home groups that district has paypal for donations
 - https://www.paypal.com/signin?returnUri=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.paypal.com%2Fcgi-bin%2Fwebscr%3fcmd%3d_account
 - Link for paypal
 - Or: paypal.me/district43AA
 - Paypal email is: district43AA@gmail.com

- If donating to pink can on behalf of your group, please specify in the notes on paypal donation
- Discuss changing venmo account donations
- PO box still accepting donations
 - PO Box 912 in Lemont, PA
- District website donations:
 - <http://www.district43.com/uncategorized/donations/>

Web Servant: (Tad)

- Creating “captcha” tool on email to reduce amount of “junk” mail
- Message to GSRs: help Tad with reminders on what needs to be on website
 - Tad’s email: Taddio99@gmail.com
- Medallion night posted on district website
 - Meeting ID 710-142-0994

ADCM: (Alex)

- St. Andrew’s contact
- Registering group: <https://form.jotform.com/52563626092154>
- Area quarterly meeting attended

DCM: (Andrew)

- Finish registering your group to get GSO informed and also for GSR packet
 - GSR pamphlet: https://aa.org/assets/en_US/p-19_gsr.pdf
 - More information on GSRs
- Area meeting information
 - Last meeting of Panel and 69 and first of Panel 71
 - Panel 69:
 - Area has \$86,000
 - \$55,000 in active funds
 - \$31,000 in prudent reserve
 - GSO (in debt), area has enough money to operate
 - Think about different distribution of funding for group donations
 - Bridging the gap coordinator
 - Vote passes to create this position
 - 2 motions that were tabled to be brought back to homegroups for next quarterly meeting
 - Create technology subcommittee
 - Question to ask: Do we need this committee? Ask homegroup
 - Motion for digital communication subcommittee
 - Specifically for communication digitally (zoom)

- Would explore how to better use zoom and alternate methods to hold meetings
 - Question to ask: Do we need this committee?
Ask homegroups
 - More specific motions will be brought at next district meeting
- Panel 71 meeting
 - Delegate recommendation list
 - Emailed to all
 - Items 1-24 have been passed already
 - Items 25-31 to have group conscious
 - *Recommendations 25 – 31*
 - Will be presented for approval at the March 2021 Area Committee meeting. This will give DCMs the opportunity to seek their districts' conscience on these matters prior to acting on them. Any recommendation, of course, can be revisited at a later date should the Area Committee wish to do so. *Please discuss the following Recommendations at district meetings prior to the 2021 March Area Committee Meeting.* The Delegate respectfully recommends that EPGSA:
 - 25. Fund the Area Officers, Web Servant, Assistant Web Servant, Archivist, Assistant Archivist, and Tech Servant to attend the annual EPGSA Convention each year.
 - 26. Continue to fund the Delegate, or designated Area Officer, to attend the PA State Convention each year of the Panel. (See also Delegate's Recommendation 17.)
 - 27. Continue to fund the Delegate, or designated Area Officer, and the Area YPAA Liaison to attend PENNSCYPAA each year of the Panel.
 - 28. Fund the Archivist and the Assistant Archivist to attend the National A.A. Archives Workshop (NAAAW) each year of the Panel.
 - 29. Fund the Web Servant, the Assistant Web Servant, and the Tech Servant to attend the National A.A. Technology Workshop (NAATW) each year of the Panel. If the Workshop is held on a digital platform, also support the attendance of the Digital Communications Subcommittee Chair and members and the Technology Subcommittee Chair and members.

- 30. Continue to fund a member of Eastern PA to the National Corrections Conference each year of the Panel. In the case that an Area Corrections subcommittee member cannot attend (possibly due to conflict with EPGSA Convention) the Delegate will select a member with solid Corrections service experience to attend and report back to the Area Committee.
- 31. Support the formation of a NERAASA 2024 Host Committee, with elections to be held in the first quarter of 2022. (NERAASA 2024 will be held at the Hershey Lodge in Hershey, PA, February 22-25, 2024, hosted by Area 59.)
- Andrew's email is: agc_now@yahoo.com if anyone needs someone to be added to email list.

Tradition 1 is read and discussed (long form)

Structure manual link for committee descriptions: http://www.district43.com/wp-content/uploads/2016/02/Structure_Manual_11-04-2015.pdf

Summaries and Actions:

- Medallion night is being hosted by Wednesday Night Step Meeting
 - Next Medallion night will be in April
 - Meeting ID for Medallion night on January 22nd at 8pm is 710-142-0994

Committee Reports:

Archives:

- Kizzy: working on creating digital records of district archives
 - Willing to help set up committee for this current panel

C&I (Corrections & Institutions):

- Hans is past chair for this committee

CPC (Cooperation with the Professional Community):

- Andrew has gotten new current phone list to Centre Helps for potential alcoholics in need

PI (Public Information):

- Jamie was past chair

- Placed pamphlets, meeting lists, posters in different areas and QR codes to create accessible information in public areas

Structure:

- No report
- Alex is the chair
- Create most current and accurate version of service manual to be most useful to the district

Visitation:

- Emily C. was chair
 - How to best reach meetings that do not have representation.

Old Business:

- Website committee and verbiage associated with this committee
 - Anna B gives group conscious on website committee being useful and would like this to be created and then verbiage be created
 - Jules N and Tad R both agree with Anna
 - Emily C. agrees that committee is useful but verbiage is not as important
 - Kizzy N homegroup still agrees with creation, no opinion has changed
 - John C. living in the solution agrees with creation
 - Jenne R Primary purpose agrees with creation
 - Taylor B Home group agrees with creation
- Motion by Anna B: **To create website committee** seconded by Dan D
 - Motion to call to question by Sean O and seconded by Taylor B
 - Results for voting:
 - 21 voted yes 0 voted no, motion approved
 - No minority opinion given
 - Website created and will be headed by Tad and will begin next month

New Business:

- Secretary position that needs to be filled
 - Anne T and Sean O both make themselves available for position
 - Voting with substantial unanimity (2/3 majority)
 - First round vote: Sean O 39%, Anne T 61%
 - Second round Anne T 67% Sean O 33%
 - **Anne T is the new district Secretary**
- Paypal vs. Venmo
 - Venmo: linked to a phone number
 - Paypal can be linked to an email
 - Create phone number via google voice or get throwaway phone to allow for exchangeable venmo between district members
 - Jaime S and Anna B express opinions that venmo is not necessary
 - **Venmo account will be discontinued and removed from the website**

- Excess area money and where to send it
 - Give money to pink cans?
 - Motion by Emily C: Donate \$824.28 (entirety of budget surplus) to GSO. Seconded by Anna B.
 - Motion to call to question by Anna B seconded by Ryan P (substantial unanimity)
 - 100% vote for yes
 - No minority opinion given
 - Kizzy will take care of donation

Motion to close by Scott N seconded by Daniel D (I believe this is correct)

Closed with responsibility pledge at 9:30