

District 43 Meeting Minutes

September 12, 2023

Open with Serenity Prayer at 6:46pm

Officer Reports

Officer-at-Large

Kelli reported for Todd. Next meeting location is TBD.

Secretary

Kelli reported for Shannon. Report was emailed out. Any questions, addendums? Motion to approve minutes (Pass)

Treasurer:

Report was sent out. There was a correction for July, so we are reviewing July and August reports. At the total line for July, Jules had forgotten to update the month. It had a June date but should have had a July date, so we just wanted to make sure it was updated. The numbers were right, the date was just off for July.

We started August with \$3,452.55 in the bank. August's expenses were \$116.54 which included the Verizon bill and a \$50 sub-committee allotment. We had \$50.00 in 7th Tradition contributions and \$169.00 in Pink Can contributions. We spent \$269.15 for the Meadows books and Benner, so we have \$15.67 available pink can funds. The District's available funds above prudent reserve are \$869.86. August's ending overall balance was \$3,285.53. Motion to approve the July and August financial report passed unanimously.

Web Servant:

Kelli reported for Brock. The biggest update for him was that they got in touch with the Meeting Guide app, and they should be connecting all the meetings on the website with the app. Paul asked if they're matching it with the printable meeting list or the dropdown meeting list. The printable meeting list has been sent to the web servant, and it still hasn't been done, so we need to know which one it's linked with. The printable meeting list is the most updated list currently. Paul isn't aware of anything incorrect on the dropdown list. The printable meeting list on the website is not the most updated. The dropdown menu list is current as far as Paul knows.

ADCM/DCM:

Kelli is here filling in for Alex. He sent some info and will give the update for the quarterly meeting in October. The Grapevine app is live, so please spread the word. Paul told us that it costs \$29.99 a year, or you can get it for \$2.99 a month.

Summaries and Actions

Kristin asked about what to do if nobody shows up for meetings that are listed. Kelli said that in other places, she's seen people listed as a group contact person for the group in the app. She's sat with people and read "How it Works" if no one shows up. Paul said that the noon meeting at the clubhouse struggles with a regular group of the same attendees. The Christ Community meeting is sort of an offshoot with a few members. Those groups need support. Noon as a rule is not the best time for most people who work. Paul said that there's no way to fit a contact person on the meeting list. In other places, the meeting list is more of a booklet. Jimi S is the Christ Community noon group leader. Kelli encouraged people to reach out to anyone they know at these meetings to check in.

Paul announced that this coming Saturday is the monthly Millheim potluck breakfast at 9 am and meeting at 9:30 am. It's a good time. It could use support on the third Saturday of every month, and even when it's a non-breakfast meeting. It is an open meeting for anybody who might want to bring a friend or a child.

Monthly Tradition Discussion

Tradition 9

Committee Reports:

Archives, Structure, Visitation -

Paul reported:

Archives - A district-focused archive was created as was suggested by the group at the last meeting. At the moment, that consists of past minutes from the last 10 years, because the minutes are the best archival representation of what goes on here. They would also like some old meeting lists. If anyone has them, please bring them to the archive committee. If you know someone in your homegroup who has old meeting lists, bring them in.

Visitation - They have one lone meeting to visit and they will have visited all the meetings in our district. He has sent the updated meeting list to Brock to upload to the website under the printable meeting list. They also sent some info to Brock about what needs to be added to the app, and it sounds like the wheels are in motion with that.

Kelli added that if you want the updated meeting list for your home group, just ask Paul for it and he can send it to you to print out. Then Kelli will let us know when they are updated on the website. They took meeting lists to Lock Haven to their representatives so that they had the Lock Haven meetings on their list. We decided that Paul would email everyone the updated meeting list so that we can print out for our homegroups to pass out.

Structure - No report.

NEXT MEETING IS THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 28th at 7PM on ZOOM

Corrections & Institutions -

Jules reported:

They bought Big Books, Living in the Solution, and Grapevines for the Meadows. The pink can is very very low on money. Let your homegroups know.

NEXT MEETING IS SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 24th at 7PM on ZOOM

CPC/PI/Website-

Andrew reported:

The committee met a couple of weeks ago. They made an email and have a new email attached to the CPC/PI/Website to create Google docs to make lists and keep an updated version of the Centre Helps website. They feel that if they can have a presentation for the professionals that work with Drug Court participants, they will understand what AA does. The Google Drive is for collecting names, thoughts, and information. They gave out AA books to the little free libraries and asked for \$120 to buy 10 more books to distribute to the little free libraries. The website and phone number is stamped in the Big Books, and Paul suggested printing out a new meeting list to put in each of the Big Books. They asked Jamie where all of the literature racks are, and he's going to send us a list. picpcweb@gmail.com is the new email for this group!

Old Business

The internet service provider situation that we will eventually figure out.

New Business

Kelli asked if we should have a group contact person listed for each meeting. Jayson brought up that having to update that printable list way more often may mean a lot of updates. Paul told us that the last update for the meeting list was last December, so it's updated every 8-9 months. Jules said that it's basically updated when something new happens. Kelli said that with an active visitation committee, we should know more about meetings. Paul said to bear in mind that we didn't have a visitation committee last year and said that it would take a significant restructuring of the current way we do things. Darren asked what the purpose is of having a contact listed. Kelli said it's there for questions about the meeting and if someone shows up and no one is there. Scott said it's worth doing a temperature check with groups to see if they would want to do it. We can take it back to our groups. Paul spoke for his group and said that people didn't jump at the idea to put their phone number out there. Vince said that it's been helpful to have numbers on a list when he's traveling. Paul said that it's worth noting that the AA hotline number is on the front page of our meeting list. The phone number is listed in the app. The AA number is listed under the contact section of the Meeting Guide and on the website. Darren pointed out that we are paying the Centre Helps hotline. Kristin asked if we should put the AA hotline number on the outside of the clubhouse, and Paul mentioned that we would need to bring it to the Clubhouse board.

Kelli said that when she went to the Lock Haven meeting, there were some people there that wanted to know why we rotated the District meeting. They seem to think that if it was in a centralized location every month, they would be more likely to come. We were about 6 months behind with updating the website, so they had people checking the website and didn't know where the meetings were and were glad that Kelli visited. Jules spoke to this and said that the idea was to allow homegroups to show people where they have meetings. Jules said it's also to equal out the traveling distance. Kelli said if it's the same time every time, then we could put it in the meeting guide with the DCM phone number and ADCM phone number. Sue said that the district meetings were in State College a lot, and people were complaining about them always being in State College!

Nick said that it thinks it gives legitimacy to the groups and shows people that AA's a bigger thing. Kelli asked if the district meeting is on the meeting list and wondered if we could put the date and time of the district meetings on the meeting list. Darren said that we just need to encourage the web servant and officer-at-large to update the website with the district meeting information. Kristin asked if we could add the app to the printable meeting list. Kelli asked that we put the regular district meeting information on the printable meeting list, and Paul and Jules said that probably doesn't belong on there. We as the district may want to encourage the officer-at-large to find the location of the meeting a month or two in advance. We also want to remind the web servant to have this information on the website as soon as possible.

Close with the Declaration of Unity at 8:00 pm.

Attendance (13)

Kelli (ADCM)
Jules (Treasurer)
Paul (GSR Attitude Adjustment)
Randy (GSR Wed. Candlelight Bellefonte)
Jayson (GSR Snow Shoe Group/Alt-GSR Wed. Candle Light)
Jamie (GSR Friday Night Teachables)
Scott (Alt GSR Friday Night Teachable)
Kristin (GSR- Gratitude)
Nick (GSR- Philipsburg Group)
Sue T. (GSR- Promises/Primary Purpose Group)
Vince (GSR- Milesburg)
Andrew (Chair CPC/PI committee)
Darren (Visitor)