

District 43 Meeting Minutes

December 12, 2023

Open with Serenity Prayer at 6:45pm

Officer Reports

Officer-at-Large

Todd reported that the district meetings for the first quarter of 2024 (Jan, Feb, March) will be held in Canterbury Hall at St. Andrew's in downtown State College.

Secretary

Motion to approve the November minutes (Pass)

Treasurer:

Report was sent out. We started November with \$2,656.35 in the bank. November's expenses consisted of only the Verizon bill. We had \$903 in 7th Tradition contributions and \$257.00 in Pink Can contributions. Out of Pink Can, we spent \$281.46 for books on hand and literature for the Meadows, so we have \$158.71 available pink can funds. The District's available funds above prudent reserve are \$2,268.35. November's ending balance including the prudent reserve was \$3,468.35. Motion to approve the November financial report passed unanimously.

Web Servant:

Brock reported that the October meeting minutes will be posted on the website shortly. He also set up a new gmail email address created specifically for the District 43 web servant so that any inquiries sent to district 43 will be directed there instead of to the treasurer's gmail. And now all the email alerts specific to the website will come to this address too.

ADCM:

No report

DCM:

Alex reported:

December 2023 Area Quarterly Meeting Notes:

- 2022 membership survey is now available
- Questions from our EPGSA were forwarded to trustees literature committee
 - o There will be a second set of questions to improve the group conscience for the next GSC
 - o Potential google groups

- NERAASA is still coming up in February if you want to attend
- Survey regarding topics at NERAASA will come soon
- 3 topics of DCM Sharing Session
 - o District Morale: Keeping GSRs engaged and participating
 - o Participation: Too many subcommittees/area events
 - o Sacrifice while staying in service
- Finance presented budget
 - o Approved
- Structure Subcommittee motion
 - o Approved

Update on our motion, here is what Alex said at the Area Quarterly Meeting:

“This action item is an attempt to have an open discussion amongst the DCMs. My district has on two separate occasions attempted to submit a motion in a timely manner to be reviewed by the Pre areas officers meeting for the quarterly agenda. The first time it was submitted it was decided to not be put on the agenda and an alternate motion was brought to new business that was eventually taken on by the archives committee about area business traditions and practices. Bringing that information back to my district from the archives committee, there was a decision to resubmit the original motion which was not placed on the agenda again for this quarterly. After talking to many people and trying to figure out the best way to address this, it seems to be best to get the collective group conscience of all the DCMs. Sometimes it is difficult to determine if a problem is singular to my district or if it a joint experience amongst other districts. Because denied motions are not distributed amongst the DCMs, in an effort to generate conversation, improve transparency and to have a better report to take back to my district, my action item was to ask if any other districts have experienced motions not being placed on the agenda and if so why. I don’t know what I don’t know and I appreciate having feedback from the area to be a better informed DCM for my district. Thank you.”

Summaries and Actions

Wayne visited to tell us that a sister fellowship, AIAnon, is hoping to start a local AlaTeen meeting and needs financial support if anyone or their groups would be interested in helping. (Please see Alex’s email from 12/16/23 regarding this matter)

Sue T. asked if other groups are having issues with folks bringing their dogs to meetings. There was a short discussion and it was noted that we should find out what the building/church allows and also have a group conscience so that each home group has something in place for these situations.

Nick from Philipsburg shared that his home group has an elderly member who is mentally disabled and has been really distracting in meetings. Most recently he has threatened people in the meeting. Nick shared that his group has started using the yellow safety card which they read at the start of the meeting and it helps them to set guidelines for conduct during the meeting and ask the gentleman to

leave if he is being disruptive. Nick reminded us that we can escort someone out of a meeting, this does not go against traditions, but we cannot ban them from the meeting.

Monthly Tradition Discussion

Tradition 12

Committee Reports:

Archives, Structure, Visitation -

Archives- Paul reported that they are still looking for old phone lists or meeting lists. They will continue to add the monthly meeting minutes to the archives. We got an old hand-typed meeting list from 1984 that a friend of Shannon's found in an old 12x12 she bought at a garage sale.

Structure- no report

Visitation- talked about doubling back their efforts, and revisiting some of the meetings that they went to early on to see if we can get more meetings represented.

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

Corrections & Institutions -

Jules reported that John D. is the only person going into Rockview and Benner so we could use some more men to support those meetings as well as both men and women to go to Centre County Correctional Facility on Monday nights at 6:30; PREA training will likely start up at the beginning of the year for current and new volunteers but we haven't had any updates on that. Nick said that Clearfield prison may be ready to have in person meetings again (post-Covid), this is not in our district but maybe we could help.

CPC/PI/Website-

Darren reported on Andrew's behalf that there is no report this month. The committee didn't meet in November and their regularly scheduled meeting falls on Christmas so will most likely be moved to a different date or postponed until January.

Old Business

Brock reported that he, Todd and Darren have discussed adding a login to our website so the district can put things that need to remain anonymous on the website. We were asked to take this back to our home groups to see if members would be willing to create a simple login - email address and password only, as well as checking a box confirming that you are an AA member. This way we could publish things behind the scenes such as flyers for social events or documents that contain personal information - without concern that we are going against the traditions. The meeting list and basic information about AA would still be available to anyone who does not create a login to the website.

New Business

NONE

Close with the Declaration of Unity at 7:45 pm.

Attendance (19)

Alex (DCM)

Todd (Officer at Large)

Shannon (Secretary)

Jules (Treasurer)

Brock (Web Servant)

Randy (GSR Wed. Candlelight Bellefonte)

Jayson (GSR Snow Shoe Group/Alt-GSR Wed. Candle Light)

Jamie (GSR Centre Hall Saturday Night)

Scott (GSR Friday Night Teachable)

Mary Beth (Alt GSR- Gratitude)

Jan B. (GSR- KISS)

Sue T. (GSR Tues/Thurs Primary Purpose and Monday Promises)

Daniel (GSR Young Hope)

Paul (GSR Attitude Adjustment)

Nick (GSR Living in the Solution)

Nick (GSR Philipsburg Group)

Darren (Visitor)

Andy (Visitor)

Wayne (Visitor)