

District 43 Meeting Minutes

November 14, 2023

Open with Serenity Prayer at 6:45pm

Officer Reports

Officer-at-Large

We'll have our next meeting here at South Hills again on December 12, and Todd has not secured a location for the first quarter of 2024 yet.

Secretary

Motion to approve the October minutes (Pass)

Treasurer:

Report was sent out. Jules pointed out that the missing donations from last month are accounted for. They were sitting in Paypal and just hadn't been accounted for yet. Mystery solved! We started October with \$3,273.99 in the bank. October's expenses were \$886.64 which included the Verizon bill, Centre Helps, Grapevine subscription, check reorder and money for committee work. We had \$127 in 7th Tradition contributions and \$269.00 in Pink Can contributions. Out of Pink Can, we spent \$127.00 on literature for CCCF and Clinton County, so we have \$183.17 available pink can funds. The District's available funds above prudent reserve are \$1,273.18. October's ending overall balance was \$2,656.35. Motion to approve the October financial report passed unanimously. (Jules will send out a revised copy with the correct dates. All of the financial info was accurate but the dates weren't changed from the prior month)

Web Servant:

Brock had no report but Todd was standing in for Brock last month and he reported that the printable meeting list on the website is the most current version. He set the plug-ins to auto-update so the website should run better. We now have statistics on the website traffic so we can track analytics. This is tracked through Google analytics which is currently connected to Todd's personal gmail account. He contacted the meeting guide app and has those connections all fixed now. He also contacted aa.org and they now have our website included in their listings. He updated word press and changed some of the images on the website to keep it fresh. There was discussion about the web servant having/needing access to the district's email address.

ADCM:

No report

DCM:

Alex reported:

EPGSA-

Class A Trustee, Kerry Meyer

- o How AA changed her life
- o The importance of class A trustees
- o Her own experience “I’ve heard that’s hard vs. I know that’s hard”, Made amends with grandmother

Former Grapevine rep, Jeff Wine

- o If you’re ever in NY, go to GSO and ask for a tour

GSB Trustee at-large, Marita H

- o Very compelling story
- o AA kept telling me when I would be done, and I’m not done yet

CPC

- o Update on chair position
 - o Report given
 - o Would love to have you all there to represent district 43
 - o Honor being on stage to give report
- I keep saying it, but I’m really proud of our district and how many people have stepped up for AA service
- o Spoke with former delegate, and it was validated that our district should have had our original motion heard

Area Inventory-

Topics that were touched on by myself

- o Being able to speak in a language that was relatable and understood by all, with as much transparency as possible

Helping make what the DCMs are asking for a reality in the context of area language

- o Making use of past DCMs to help with service opportunities like chairing subcommittee
- DCMs seem overwhelmed at area level and it would be great to have experience there to lead

- o Where can we talk about stuff? It seems there’s no place set aside to just have conversations at area quarterly meetings

Spoke with Area OAL, and she suggested talk to the Delegate about the “actions section”

- o I made printed copies of the area inventory questions if anyone wants to look at all the questions asked and ask for how the discussion went surrounding the question

AA membership survey-

Can be found online and filled out by November 26 th

Please fill it out if you have the time

Summaries and Actions

Shannon reminded us about the potluck breakfast in Millheim on the 3rd Saturday of every month at 9am with the meeting starting at 9:30am.

Monthly Tradition Discussion

Tradition 11

Committee Reports:

Archives, Structure, Visitation -

Kelli reported that there is no report this month but the committee is still looking for old meeting lists if anyone has one.

NEXT MEETING IS THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 30th at 7PM on ZOOM

Corrections & Institutions -

Jules reported that John D. is the only person going into Rockview and Benner; Grapevines were purchased for CCCF and Clinton County; PREA training will start up at the beginning of the year for current and new volunteers. We are always looking for new volunteers to take meetings into the prisons/institutions.

NEXT MEETING IS SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 26th at 7PM on ZOOM

CPC/PI/Website-

Andrew reported:

They continue to put Big Books w/ the new updated meeting list in Little Libraries around our district. Andrew drafted a letter to the woman in charge of the drug court program to offer a presentation about what AA does and doesn't do. It was noted that an anonymity workshop may also be needed/wanted.

NEXT MEETING IS MONDAY, NOVEMBER 27th at 7PM on ZOOM

Old Business

NONE

New Business

Darren said that the Living in the Solution home group voted unanimously to resubmit our motion at Area to conduct Area business at every quarterly meeting. Following that, a motion was presented

to draft a cover letter and get the old motion submitted ahead of the Saturday 11/18/23 deadline to make the December Area meeting. Motion passed.

Jules asked if we want to make a motion to add verbiage to Tradition 11 about social media and the internet. Alex and Darren explained why that would be a huge undertaking so nothing further was done.

Alex started a discussion about posting flyers on the website for social events, specifically the Halloween party flyer that Todd was asked to post in late October. There was lots of good discussion about what the website is for, and what should and shouldn't be posted on the website in keeping with the traditions. To be continued.

Close with the Declaration of Unity at 8:25 pm.

Attendance (18)

Alex (DCM)

Kelli (ADCM)

Todd (Officer at Large)

Shannon (Secretary)

Jules (Treasurer)

Randy (GSR Wed. Candlelight Bellefonte)

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

Jamie (GSR Friday Night Teachables & Centre Hall Saturday Night)

Scott (Alt GSR Friday Night Teachable)

Kristin (GSR- Gratitude)

Jan B. (GSR- KISS)

Vince (GSR- Milesburg)

Mark W. (Alt GSR Tues/Thurs Primary Purpose)

Daniel (GSR Young Hope)

Andrew (Chair CPC/PI committee)

Darren (Visitor)

Kristen (Visitor)