

District 41 Minutes, February 20th, 2013

Hiram G Andrews Center Seminar Theatre, 727 Goucher Street, Johnstown Pa. 15905

Attendance

Matt S. (Alt. GSR - Matt Talbott Group)
Barb K. (Acting GSR - Attitude Adjustment Group)
Frazier D. (GSR - East Hills Group)
Jon M. (DCM) (Member – East Hills Group)
Bob S. (District Treasurer) (Member – Longtimers Group)
Dave D. (GSR - Easy Does It Group)
Helen B. (Member – Longtimers Group)
Randy W. (GSR - Tuesday Night Serenity Group) (Alt. DCM)
Bill M. (Member) (Area 60 Webmaster)
Tonya R. (GSR - New Freedom Group)
Natalie M. (GSR – Longtimers Group)
Heuston (GSR – Hard Knocks Beginners Meeting)
Bob Sh. (GSR – New Freedom Group, Sunday)
Cyndy H. (Member – New Freedom Group, Sunday)

Meeting was opened with the Serenity Prayer.

Secretary's report: Karen S. was not in attendance; Bob S. presented the minutes; Bill M. made a motion to accept; Natalie M. seconded; Motion passed.

Treasurer's Report: Helen (former treasurer) gave oral report; Balance is \$246.20. District 41 line item budget was passed around. Tonya R. asked for clarification on why the answering service line item has a negative balance; Helen S. explained the answering service is paid for even if there are no funds designated for it. (Someone) made a motion to accept report, (Someone) seconded, motion passed.

Website / Meeting List Report: Bill M. said the website was “still up”.

Literature Report: Stan C. was not in attendance; no literature report this month.

Old Business District 41 Guidelines remain out of date; motion was made to table this item until the Fall when Area 60 updates their guidelines. Seconded and passed. Dave D. formed the District 41 Treatment Facilities committee after researching initial goals; Heuston and Jon M. volunteered to help Dave D. reach initial goals for Feb/Mar in finding treatment centers in the area, getting other district AA's to join the committee, defining the region within which to operate, and getting a contact person at each TF. Dave D. also gave the final literature inventory in printed form, showing the district's current balance of books, chips, and pamphlets at \$799.21. Day of Sharing: interest was continued in having a day of sharing; next steps are for Jon M. to contact neighboring DCM's in districts 17, 43, and 44 to make contact and coordinate the four districts thoughts on the matter as of February/March, as well as reaching out to John K. with Area 60; results to be reported at the March district meeting. Natalie M. suggested the Queenamahoning dam as a possible location; Frazier D. suggested Mt. Calvary church as a possible location. Bob S. reported on the state of the banking information since taking the position of Treasurer; the checks still have Helen B. and Bill M.'s information on them and he is looking into

getting new checks that have 'District 41' as the contact, or alternative solutions; Motion to table this until next month; seconded, passed.

DCM Report:

A written report & agenda was passed around and Jon gave a report as follows; [SEE DCM REPORT on P3]; Discussion from the report: Dave D. suggested all GSR's give their GSR report to their group, not just their home group conscience meeting; there was discussion on this and general consensus to suggest but not dictate to the groups, by the GSRs.

Upcoming District 41 Events:

February 24th, 2013: Sunday Morning Big Book Study at the hospital in downtown Johnstown is having their 25th Anniversary Potluck Brunch; 10:30am

February 26th, 2013: Longtimers Group, 17th anniversary; Coffee and Cake at 7pm, double speaker meeting from 7:30 – 8:30pm.

GSR Reports:

Frazier D. (East Hills) Anniversary went well – good crowd. 3rd Thursday of each month is mini lead and discussion; 4th Thursday of each month is a step meeting, next step is step 4.

Natalie M. (Longtimers) Attendance is good; still holding tradition meeting and step meeting; anniversary coming up on the 26th.

Dave D. (Easy Does It) Bruce is now the alternate GSR; discussion meeting but now with the 1st Wednesday of each month as a speaker meeting. Having group conscience meetings roughly 4x per year; Looking for anniversary date in order to plan anniversary.

Randy W. (Tues Night Serenity) Needs involvement – 40-45 people in attendance but 3-4 home group members active.

Heuston (Hard Knocks) Beginners meeting, going well, getting more involvement. Heuston is now secretary and GSR.

Matt S (Matt Talbott) Going good; Friday night discussion group.

Tonya R. (New Freedom) Open discussion meeting; planning anniversary; 4-6 people in home group; "It's a hoot"

Barb K. (Attitude Adjustment) Big Book, 12&12 study with initial discussion; stable; 3 active in home group.

New Bus.: No new business

Natalie M. made the motion to adjourn; Frazier seconded; motion passed.

Closed with the "*I am Responsible*" Statement

The 1st quarterly area 60 meeting was held on January 27th in Pittsburgh. In attendance were myself (Jon M.), Randy W., Bob S., Bill M., Natalie M., Dave D., Helen B., and Barb K. The minutes have not yet been released but will be made available at the next district meeting (or earlier if possible).

Pertinent items from Area applicable to our district:

Mini Conference (Getaway Weekend), April 5-7

Area is looking for volunteers at all levels (Alcothon, Greeters, etc). Contact Alt. Delegate George K. for more info.

Service Coordinator Availability

All Area Service Coordinators will make themselves available to attend a district meeting or day of sharing with enough advanced notice. This includes Archives, Corrections, Grapevine, Literature, Newsletter, TF/SNA (etc).

NERAASA Bid

Area Delegate Yvette N. is seeking to bring NERAASA to Pennsylvania, interested districts should contact her.

Day of Sharing, Seed Money & Upcoming Days of Sharing

\$200 Seed money is available for hosting a day of sharing - this is to be considered an advance and while it is not technically 'required' that it be repaid, it should be repaid to Area after the day of sharing. The following days of sharing have been reserved: District 19, Sept 14th; District 23, March 9th; District 27, May 4th.

Seeds of Service

The new printing of the seeds of service was distributed and I have given them to most groups in our district. If you have not received one for your group, ask and you shall receive (or I will find you anyway). To pass on to your groups: anyone may submit stories, cartoons, poems, etc... for the seeds of service.

Group Information Forms

Group Information Forms (GIFs) have been updated for most groups in the district. If you have not updated your information with me, let me know (or I will find you anyways). My goal is to get all the groups in our district listed with the proper information with the area registrar by the end of February.

Random Tidbits of Usefulness

- + It is better to leave positions vacant than have one person with multiple votes.
- + Rotate the GSR Reports to your groups so that the largest/longest report is just after the district meeting, then shortening each week (without leaving out anything important of course).
- + AA has no position on how to handle disruptive members/visitors at an AA meeting. It is up to each group to handle such incidents on a case-by-case basis, being careful to not violate the third tradition (or others).

GSR Stuff

GSR District Report Forms: Optional - use this form for next month's district meeting if you find it helpful.

Email List: I am passing around a list for anyone who would like to be emailed district minutes (or other district related items) -- if you do not have email fill it in anyway and talk to me about arranging for print outs.

GSR Reports for Groups: Talk to your homegroups about having a GSR report as part of the meeting format, or however you like - the goal is to have more service involvement from our district and one way to get there is to have consistent GSR visibility in the meetings so that people become aware that service exists outside of coffee.