

## District 36 Meeting Minutes May 13, 2019

Members present: Alicia S, Neill D, Susan J, Tonya F, Bob M, Jason M, Steve M, Jeffrey M, Carl L, Sarah B, Ed S, Carrie D, Ashely R, Maggie D, Jayne B, Devin R, Steve S, Jeff G, Dennis H, Joe W, Ciera M, Stephanie W, Chris B, Jay L, Ryan C

Meeting called to order at 6:30 pm with the Declaration of Unity Statement

Summaries and Actions: Middletown Trudgers Memorial service for Jared went well. More to Life Group had 30<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebration attendance was good collection taken for new flooring was successful. The Area 59 Pre-Conference Sharing event went well and Area thanks District 36 for their service. Ed S won prize for bringing a guest – standing challenge to bring guest(s) was reiterated – Service is Exciting!

Concept 5 – Dale, past DCM for District 38 Panel 65 was our guest presenter – **Throughout our structure, a traditional “Right of Appeal” ought to prevail, so that minority opinion will be heard, and personal grievances receive careful consideration.** The minority opinion can be right. Concepts can be changed but the warranties of the Concepts cannot. Everyone has a voice in AA and minority opinion is important.

### **DCM Report – Alicia** – see attached report

- Noted events attended and future events she will attend.
- Pre-Conference Sharing feedback – 38 attended from District 36. Area 59 sent thank you email and Ken D sent personal note thanking groups who sent their feedback.
- Reminder EPGSA is coming up in November. Remind your groups to start saving putting aside money for your attendance.
- Press Release a new book Our Great Responsibility which can be ordered for \$10 at AA World Service. DCM will order a copy for our District Library. District has a lending library – see Archivist to borrow.
- Two upcoming workshops 5/19 Brookhaven Boro Hall and 6/15 Limerick, sponsored by District 38
- District 36 is responsible for tear down at Mini Assembly June 8, 2019, in Bloomsburg, PA. Registration begins 9 and event begins at 10am. You can drive yourself or hop on the rented Van to the Mini Assembly if room is still available. Information to follow for van riders. All others, we will see you there!

### **ADCM Report:** Report attached

**Treasurer:** Report provided – see attached, the District PO box bill was not paid by due date and the po box address was not reissued. If your group’s check was returned, that is why. Neill is securing a new PO Box address and will share it at next meeting.

**Secretary:** Minutes approved

### **Committee Reports:**

- Archives – Dennis H new chair. Committee gave pamphlets out to each GSR “The A.A. Archives”. Committee also got two DVDs which anyone is able to borrow “Markings on the Journey” and “History of Service”
- Finance – met last month discussed possible semiannual budget reviews – one at start of each panel and every 6 months the committees do a budget review for funding. Committee is meeting again after this district meeting.
- Workshop – Workshops June 22<sup>nd</sup> unity, service, recovery – three legacies will be held at 16<sup>th</sup> and Bridge they are working on flyer.
- Structure – met before district meeting. Have copies of recommended changes for voting procedures to district manual. Will review and meet next month to discuss.
- District Split – met twice since last district meeting and district map and service structure are two handouts they have decided on. They are discussing script. Next meeting 5/22 at 7:30pm at fellowship house and working on rent prices for their meetings.

**Tech Servant:** no report

**Intergroup:** new business controversy regarding activities committee. Money will remain as is – separate from Intergroup's treasury funds.

**Cumberland Valley Intergroup:** No report

**ICYPAA Bid Committee:** pancake/concept workshop went well. June 29<sup>th</sup> free workshop Leadership in AA and paintball event \$44.00 to follow workshop in Dillsburg PA.

**Old Business:**

- Mini Assembly June 8 see prior notes – DCM presented having District rent a 15-passenger van for all volunteers to ride into the event since we are on cleanup committee. Vote passed with minority opinion shared felt each group should pay for the member to attend. Van will leave at 7:30 on June 8. Those committed to attend, ride on van and assist with cleanup: Bob M, Dennis, Susan, Ed and possibly a guest, Alicia, Katie, Curt, Joe, Ciera, Maggie, Sarah, Tonya and Devon. Tonya will make van registration; Ciera will drive the van and Susan will email everyone on the van riding list the information about where and when to meet.

**New Business:**

- There is a flyer "anonymity in the digital age" and someone suggested to the DCM that perhaps District should purchase a flyer for all the groups. Discussion was held:
  - The poster is good, but District should not purchase for each group
  - It is a very important subject and would make a good workshop topic
  - Shipping and handling is expensive – Intergroup maybe able to order some with their other literature order and save on postage and groups could purchase individual flyers from Intergroup
- On next month's agenda will be Grapevine committee as neither our District nor Intergroup offices have a Grapevine committee to educate people and groups on the value of Grapevine.

**Tradition 5** Carrie D – Each group has but one primary purpose – to carry its message to the alcoholic who still suffers. Grapevine this month has a Tradition 5 article.

- Meeting Adjourned 7:38 pm and closed with the Responsibility Declaration.

## DCM Report -District 36 – May 13, 2019

Welcome to the first year of Panel 69! As a GSR, you are the vital link between your home group and the General Service Conference. The **GSR Preamble** pretty much says it all:

**“We are the General Service Representatives. We are the link in the chain of communication for our groups with the General Service Conference and the world of A.A. We realize that the ultimate authority in A.A. is a loving God as He may express Himself in our group conscience. As trusted servants, our job is to bring information to our groups in order that the group can reach an informed group conscience. Passing along this group conscience, we are helping to maintain the unity and strength so vital to our fellowship. Let us, therefore, have the patience and tolerance to listen while others share, the courage to speak up when we have something to share, and the wisdom to do what is right for our groups and A.A. as a whole.”**

**Events DCM Attended:** Monthly meeting of District 21 in Southampton, PA on Thursday, May 9; Pre-conference Sharing Session, May 4 in Hershey; Pancakes – What A Concept! workshop on May 5 in Wormleysburg.

**Events DCM Will Attend:** Northeast Regional Forum (NERF) in Tarrytown, NY, 5/31-6/2/2019; Mini Assembly I, Saturday 6/8/2019; Quarterly Meeting, 6/9/2019; District 36 Workshop 6/15/2019, and Mini Assembly II, Sunday June 30<sup>th</sup>,

**Pre-Conference Sharing Session Feedback:** Thank you all for an excellent representation of service in action by members of District 36. There were 38 individuals who signed in and either participated in, or volunteered for this event. I received positive feedback from several DCM's as well as Area Officers. Special thanks to planning committee members Bob B, Katie D, Tanya F, Jeff M and Paul L. for their dedication to making this event the great success that it was! Thanks also to the groups who provided oral and written feedback regarding the Conference Agenda Items. A beautiful demonstration of Unity by everyone involved!

**EPGSA:** I have provided each of you with a formal invitation to attend this year's Convention/Assembly. The Convention Committee felt it would be helpful to provide some background information to General Service Representatives. Please note: Registration begins in late June.

**Press Release – Our Great Responsibility:** A new book “Our Great Responsibility” which is a selection of Bill W's General Service Conference Talks 1955-1970 is available now and can be ordered at AAWS Online bookstore. Price is \$10. I will order a copy of this book to be placed in District 36 Archives Library, unless there are any objections.

**Upcoming Workshops:** Remember, there is always something to do in A.A.! The Area website (Area59aa.org) is the place to check for events, and it's fun to travel outside the district to meet other service-minded AA's! Two upcoming workshops to note are on 5/19/2018 at Brookhaven Boro Hall “Everything You Need to Know that You Didn't Know You Needed to Know” sponsored by Districts 54 & 55, and “Balance – How We Keep It All Together” on 6/15/2019 in Limerick, sponsored by District 38.

**The time is nigh!** – District 36 is responsible for assisting with tear-down following the Mini Assembly I on **Saturday, June 8, 2019**. I would “guess-timate” that the assembly will conclude by 3:30 p.m. We are going to Bloomsburg, and car-pooling is encouraged. I have thoughts on transportation that we can discuss in new business. It is **strongly suggested** that GSR's plan to be in attendance, not only to fulfill our commitment, but to hear the Delegate Report-back post his attending the General Service Conference.

In grateful service,

Alicia Ann Shenk, DCM

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## ADCM Report

### In attendance since last district meeting:

- Pre-Conference Sharing planning meeting  
Big thanks to: Bob B., Jeff M., and Tonya F. for all the efforts in putting this event on
- Pre-Conference Sharing  
Thank you to all GSR's and all District 36 members for involvement and support.
- Pancakes! What A Concept! (PA Bid for ICYPAA)

### Will be attending:

- Mini Assembly I / Delegate Conference Report (DCR)  
**June 8**  
St. Luke Lutheran Church, 9 St. Lukes Way  
Bloomsburg, 17815 United States
- Literature Subcommittee (Area)  
**June 9 Before Quarterly meeting**

### We will be discussing:

- ★ District 55's proposal to revise the first 164 pgs of the Big Book.
- ★ Pronoun usage – where possible the gender-neutral form should be incorporated
- ★ Passages or sections that are no longer consistent with or relevant when taken in context of society in general or the A.A. membership composition
- ★ The chapters To Wives and The Family Afterward should specifically be evaluated for revisions to be more consistent with today's membership  
**Please forward me you Home groups thoughts. [adcmd36a59@gmail.com](mailto:adcmd36a59@gmail.com)**
- Quarterly Area 59 Committee Meeting  
**June 9**  
Hen's Nest, 241 Lake Spangenberg Rd  
Jefferson Township, PA 18436 United States

### Please review

- AA Service Manual
- District 36 Structure Manual  
<http://aaharrisburg.org/Docs/district/D36%20FINAL%20Structure%20Manual%20Revised%20July%202018.pdf>
- Area 59 (E.P.G.S.A Newsletter) "WE" <https://area59aa.org/services-resources/>  
(bottom right)

**Please keep group info updated. We need to look over the number of group members.**

**Please Communicate me ASAP on this matter!**

Thank you for your service,

Katherine (katie)

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**Eastern Pennsylvania General Service Assembly  
District 36**

**Treasurer's Financial Summary  
4/1/19 through 4/30/19**

				Income	Expenses	Balance
<b>Beginning Balance:</b>						\$5,319.16
Income:	Source	CK #	Description			
			Contributions			
			Contributions			
			Contributions			
			Contributions			
			Contributions			
			Contributions			
			Contributions			
<b>Total Income:</b>						
<b>YTD Contributions</b>				\$1,038.70		
Expenses:	Check Issued To	CK #	Description			
					\$0.00	
					\$0.00	
					\$0.00	
					\$0.00	
					\$0.00	
					\$0.00	
<b>Incurred Expenses Sub Total:</b>					\$0.00	\$0.00
<b>Year to Date</b>						
<b>Expenses:</b>	<b>Travel Expenses:</b>				\$641.54	
	<b>Workshops:</b>				\$0.00	
	<b>Printing:</b>				\$94.92	
	<b>Archives:</b>				\$0.00	
	<b>D36 Split:</b>				\$0.00	
	<b>Structure:</b>	150	Copys		\$16.14	16.14
	<b>Donations:</b>				\$0.00	
	<b>Rent:</b>				\$180.00	
	<b>Postage</b>				\$0.00	
	<b>Other:</b>				\$0.00	
<b>Year to Date Exp. Sub Total:</b>					\$736.46	
<b>After Incurred Expense:</b>						\$5,303.00
<b>Prudent Reserve:</b>						\$1,500.00
<b>Current End Balance:</b>						\$3,803.00

Submitted: Neill Dickson - Treasurer  
Date: April 30, 2019

**Proposed District 36 Budget for 2019**

<b>Income</b>			
	Budget	YTD	Balance
Projected contributions	\$4,500.00	\$693.97	-\$3,806.03
Prudent reserve	\$1,500.00	\$1,500.00	\$0.00
2018 carryover	\$5,422.39	\$5,422.39	\$0.00
<b>YTD Total</b>	<b>\$11,422.39</b>	<b>\$7,616.36</b>	<b>-\$3,806.03</b>
<b>Expenses</b>			
Category	Budget	YTD	Balance
Travel:	\$2,500.00	\$641.54	\$1,858.46
Workshops:	\$1,200.00		\$1,200.00
Printing:	\$700.00	\$94.92	\$605.08
Archives	\$650.00		\$650.00
D36 Split Comm.:	\$500.00		\$500.00
Structure Comm. :	\$500.00	\$16.14	\$483.86
Donations:	\$220.00		\$220.00
Rent:	\$360.00		\$360.00
Postage:	\$120.00		\$120.00
Other:	\$100.00		\$100.00
Reserve:	\$1,500.00	\$1,500.00	\$0.00
<b>Total:</b>	<b>\$8,350.00</b>	<b>\$2,252.60</b>	<b>\$6,097.40</b>