

# District 36 Meeting Minutes May 11, 2020

**Members present via Zoom meeting:** Alicia S, Katie D, Neill D, Susan J, Joe, Andy H, Bob M, Dennis H, Devin R, Ken H, Maggie, Chris R, Ciera M, Grace N, Nancy K, Jeff M, Deb S, Lisa F, Ed S, Jane B

Meeting called to order at 6:30 pm with the Declaration of Unity Statement. Katie explained using zoom and voting via zoom.

**Summaries and Actions:** Dennis Middletown Trudgers summary starting to use zoom for their meetings. Jayne Out of Dark summary group has started zoom Sunday meetings, Andy Day by Day Young Peoples group 1. Postponing 5<sup>th</sup> year anniversary get together 2. Zoom meeting Saturday nights 6:30 pm. They will be having speakers sharing. Ed Hershey Nooner is meeting in parking lot at noon Monday through Friday. Bring your own chair and own drink, possibly blanket if its cold or rainy... See AAHarrisburg.org for info on various zoom meetings in our area.

**Concept 5 – Chris R –** Throughout our world service structure, a traditional “Right of Appeal” ought to prevail, thus assuring us that minority opinion will be heard and that petitions for the redress of personal grievances will be carefully considered.

**DCM Report – Alicia –** see emailed report. Events attended and will attend listed on report. See report for information regarding Covid 19 and EPGSA. See Area59 website for information. Workshop May 26 presented by Area 59 in Zoom meeting info on website. Tuesday evening at 7-9 on May 26. Area 59 Archivist is asking for information on how groups are handling Covid 19. Information in DCM Report on how to send that information to Donald our Area 59 Archivist. June 7 Delegates Conference Report. New literature catalogs available message Alicia. Great resources on Area59 website and Intergroup website both are wealth of information. Almost all the groups within the District have virtual meetings – thank you all who have put in the extra work to make this happen! Wednesday evening zoom meeting regarding opening back up our meetings. DCM will forward info to Secretary and Susan will send out.

**ADCM Report:** See emailed report. Events attended listed on report and other information please see report. GSO still three months behind in sending out information.

**Treasurer:** Reports emailed to GSRS. We have still brought in more than we spent. Even though contributions are fairly low for this month, we have not even gotten close to our prudent reserve. We are doing fine even though times are trying and difficult right now. Rent is paid through June. We pay 6 months at a time. Next month we will pay \$180 for the next six months rent.

**Secretary:** Susan asked for corrections to Minutes, none were offered. Minutes approved as written for March. No Minutes for April due to meeting being cancelled however, Officer reports were sent out for April.

## **Committee Reports:**

- Archives – all archives are up to date, will be looking for members to do some creative writing regarding how groups are dealing with Covid 19, looking for old meeting lists and anything anyone wants to donate for archives.
- Finance – nothing much going on did attend a zoom meeting on 7<sup>th</sup> tradition and received information on how to setup virtual contributions. There is information on Intergroup website you can use.
- Structure – have had no activity in the past two months. Several updates do need made to the Structure Manual and they will be made in the fall.
- Workshop – discussions about possibly doing a workshop on zoom and looking for dates and planning on having a meeting of workshop committee
- District Split – working on reducing all the listings of active and inactive groups
- Grapevine – Newsletter will be forthcoming in email and on AAHarrisburg.org. Writing opportunities available for stories. See Newsletter for information. If anyone would want to step up and be the Grapevine Committee Chair please do so as Joe is now Officer Area At Large of District.

**Intergroup:** Accessibilities Committee per Keegan – orange card provides brief synopsis of what AA is and where they can find virtual meetings. Link is on AAHarrisburg.org. Let homegroups know please. Andy H. Liaison – no reports from Chair, etc. Jose is updating zoom meetings ID on website. Sobriety News mailer is coming out you can sign up to receive the monthly email of Sobriety News. A donations tab has been added to HAI. Motion made that long form of 7<sup>th</sup> Tradition be added so they only receive donations from AA Members. PSAs are playing. No activities right now and are considering cancelling the picnic and the campout in September is in question as well. Alanon is having online meetings.

**ICYPAA Bid Committee:** No Report

**Archivist's Alley** – Bob M - Anonymity and the protection of it was presented to District Panel. Thanks Bob!

**Old Business:** Guest observer for EPGSA nominations are due June 14<sup>th</sup>. Would like to see our District nominate someone. Historically they have been judges, parole officers, police officers, physicians. Please get names for nominations to DCM asap.

**New Business:** Zoom subscription / Future use Proposals (looks like June meeting will be via Zoom). How we can bring this to our meetings once we are able to physically get together again? Can be used for workshop meetings and when District meetings need to be cancelled due to world events or weather. There is opportunity for breakout rooms where subcommittees can meet in meetings after the main meeting. Currently our Zoom District account is setup to do a meeting every single day through middle of June. Do we continue with a District zoom account? Please take back to your homegroup and discuss so we can come back in June and discuss what to do with the account. Possibly we will have a motion in June regarding our zoom account. Opened meeting for discussion on continuing a zoom account. Cost is \$15.99/month. A year subscription does bring discounts. We used a coupon and it cost us \$13.99 for a month. \$119.99 for a year and taxes are included is the believed cost but Katie will check for sure and let us know.

**Tradition 5:** Each group has but one primary purpose – to carry its message to the alcoholic who still suffers.

Meeting Adjourned 8:08 pm and closed with the Responsibility Declaration.

## ADCM Report

### Updates:

- In attendance since last district meeting/active involvement during COVID-19:
  - Meetings all over the world.
  - 2nd Preconference Sharing
  - Outreach to GSR's
  - Spoke on panel for step 10
  - Spoke on Tradition 12 for ICYPAA workshop
- Will be attending and actively working on:
  - ★ District level
    - Zoom and technical support
    - Continued advising of District Split and workshops
    - Close collaboration with Harrisburg Area Intergroup (HAI)
  - ★ Area level
    - Formating the WE Newsletter
    - Participating in all literature committee meetings and workshops (virtual)

### Reminders:

- **All virtual meeting information should be directed to [aaharrisburg.org](http://aaharrisburg.org) via [info@aaharrisburg.org](mailto:info@aaharrisburg.org) to make certain all AA members have access to the most current information regarding meeting schedules**
- Developing best-practices from group experiences, creating digital meetings for established groups
  - This is what we've learned so far, this information will continue to evolve
  - First, create email account that is unique to the group (not John Doe's email account or Work account, but an account for the group i.e. [BigBookMeeting@gmail.com](mailto:BigBookMeeting@gmail.com))
  - Create an account through teleconference service (ie. Zoom, Skype, Google Hangout, etc)
  - 7th Tradition can be established virtually through mobile payment services (PayPal, Venmo, etc.) using the groups email account
    - See [Box 459 Winter 2017 "Passing the \(Digital\) Basket"](#) for additional group experience
  - For additional information on Zoom best practices for online meetings visit [Area59.org](http://Area59.org) [Member Services](#)

### Resources:

- [Emotional Sobriety, Language of the Heart, Grapevine](#)
- [Current updates, press releases, etc. related to COVID-19 from GSO](#)
- Free access to [Grapevine articles and audio](#) during COVID-19

### Recommendations:

- Intensive collaboration with intergroup to strengthen our emergency preparedness during times of disaster
- Subscribe to the newsletter from Harrisburg Area Intergroup of A.A. to stay current with updates and resources. [Intergroup Newsletter "Sobriety News"](#)

**As always 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.**
- **Have you received your GSR packet Yet?**
- **What is the number of home group members? Please communicate to me ASAP on this matter!**
- **If you are in need of additional information PLEASE send email or text to us.**

**Thank you for your service,**

**Katherine (Katie)**

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