

## DISTRICT 36 MEETING OCTOBER 12, 2020

Open meeting 6:30 with Declaration of Unity Statement

Attendees: Alicia S, Katie D, Neill D, Joe W, Susan J, Tonya F, Elizabeth R, Bob M, Deb S, Lisa F, Andrew H, Grace N, Ed S, Jayne B, Devin R, Travis N, Jeff G, Dennis H, Eric B, Ciera M, Chris B

There's More to Life Group might be reopening live meetings shortly. West Shore Area Group looking for new locations for live meetings. BBSG West starting 10/13 7pm live meetings start can have up to 30 people, will be taking temperatures and requiring everyone to wear masks. Lisa F has contact for New Cumberland Senior Center a possible location for a Wednesday night at 7pm meeting if your group needs a place to meet. BBSG East will resume their Thursday Zoom meetings. Progress group will be making decisions about how to move back into church. Trudgers Group will be moving inside but does not have location secured yet. New Freedom Womens Group still trying to figure out what to do about meetings not allowed back inside yet. Hershey Nooner is meeting inside now.

Dale S EPGSA Convention Committee Secretary – upcoming convention lots of available sessions left for technical stuff highly recommend attendance at one of these sessions prior to EPGSA with a 15-20 min instruction and time for questions. Wed 10/21 7-9 pm, Fri 10/30 7-9pm, Sun 11/8 4-6pm. On Friday 11/13 4:30-6pm going over how to participate in online assembly – highly recommended GSRs attend..... No cost, no registration fees, no travel expenses, and you can pop in and out if you have family responsibilities. Going to have a full schedule for everyone with full convention Friday evening through Sunday noon. VDAT committee secure secret voting. Meeting pulse and zoom are the platforms they are using. You will sign into meeting pulse and sign on to securely vote. Voter registration – who is voting members? GSRs, elected DCM, Area officers and past Delegates, AGSR if GSR cannot make it. Voter registration – must register on Area website [www.area59.org](http://www.area59.org) drop dead registration date/time is 11/9 at 23:59 must be registered or cannot vote. You will get a confirmation back once you register if you do not get this you are not registered and need to re-register. Registration is open now and you will get your passcode shortly after you register. It's an ID for each voting member. Do not share the passcode it is for you alone. You will be asked for the passcode on election day. Only one vote per passcode for each



election. You won't have to name yourself you will be named. Role call won't be taken due to the way we are voting and the tally will be immediate. Positions to be filled are Area Delegate, Alt Delegate, Chair, Secretary, Treasurer, Area Office at Large and possible candidate for Trustee at Large for US. Eligible candidates are all Area officers and elected DCMs are eligible to stand. They will go through each District asking the DCM if they accept or decline to stand for each position and they will have a picture of the people who are standing for each position. Frances G will conduct election and Jay Gary will be the parliamentarian in case we need clarification. Recommendations: do not use a smart phone for voting and if you do use in landscape mode. It will make voting much more difficult on a phone also no Kindles, Fires or \$30 tablets. If you have a MAC use either Edge or Chrome for audio. If you go to one of the sessions and have any tech questions, they can answer them for you. What if you can't meet the above recommendations. You could vote by proxy and ask someone to vote for you by giving them your passcode. VDAT is seeking volunteers to help throughout the convention if you have zoom experience and technical experience please consider volunteering if you are not a voting member. If you have 3<sup>rd</sup> legacy voting experience as well, please consider volunteering. Virtual election delegates advisory team is working hard for the virtual election. Why attend, you are connecting your home group and yourself to AA as a whole. You are setting the stage for the next panel. It is a big deal. Area 59 is known throughout the Northeast region and beyond for it's robust service. Voting is first session on Saturday morning. The program is on Area website for EPGSA. Dale's email Dalepshee@aol.com

Katie can provide you with your group service number as they will ask for this when you register to vote though you don't need it however, registration is mandatory. It takes less than 5 minutes and you get confirmation right away.

Treasurer: one check came in and we had our donation to GSO that went out.

ADCM: If you do not get your group number from Katie reach out again she may have missed you.

DCM: Read the email with the attachments when you get it for all the reports. GSO drew 1.5 million from Prudent Reserve – letter attached.



Subcommittees will be submitting reports to District Secretary to be sent out GSRs.

Intergroup: will submit written report. Will have a drive-in event for Intergroup workshop to get people involved.

OLD Business: Revisions to structure manual Ed S changes to structure Manual are self-explanatory but does require vote. Page 8 bullet 5 District Secretary forwards a copy of unapproved minutes to panel members in 14 days as BCC, number 2 on page 8 delete reference to Cumberland Valley Intergroup and also on last bullet on page 8 remove reference to Cumberland Valley Intergroup, page 10 under District Tech Coordinator bullet 2 referenced both Harrisburg area and Cumberland remove Cumberland Valley; under Intergroup liaison representatives change to indicate removing the reference to Cumberland Valley. We do not have mention of Officer at Large because we did not have one but is a discussion point - are we ready to add that position to the manual? Do we not want to codify that yet but let the next panel to decide if they want to add that position to the structure manual? Make that recommendation to the next panel. Suggested we put the structure manual on website and provide hard copies to GSRs when requested. Discussion held – idea to only print the pages that were changed. Will discuss the printing of the manuals. Will be two votes held. Discussion held on BCC of District minutes being added to manual. Change District Manual to update sending minutes to GSRs via blind carbon copies and removing all references to Cumberland Valley Intergroup. Passed by quick vote.

New Business: District Elections coming up next month. Committee has been working on the election for next month. When will they know who is standing for positions and it needs to be a blind election so everyone voting will be renamed as a number. Those who are not voting but running will need to leave the virtual meeting so they are not present during the vote. Also, the “hat” if there is a tie which will be setup and Bob B will literally have a hat to pick from if there is a tie that goes to the “hat”. You cannot vote by phone so you can call Paul to make votes because you cannot vote with your phone. Either Paul or Terri will need to be the host that night for the election and someone else will need to rename everyone for voting purposes. GSRs really think about how and meditate on how



you can be involved and whether to run for position at District. Please consider standing for an officer position at District.

Area 59 structure subcommittee Alicia has provided all the recommendations and information to last months meeting minutes. Create two new subcommittees one being digital like printed communications recommendation III and the tech committee II and bridging the gap coordinator I be made a permanent position. Structure subcommittee III vote passed, structure subcommittee II vote passed, structure subcommittee I vote passed.

Make sure sobriety news is given the updated info about your groups meeting changes. 11/9 District 36 elections next month.

Meeting adjourned 07:56 with Responsibility statement