

District 36
Panel 71

District Meeting Minutes
January 11, 2021

The Meeting was called to Order by Katie, ADCM. The new officers introduced themselves. The new GSRs and alternate GSRs introduced themselves. The Secretary asked the GSRs to confirm their group, name, telephone number, and email.

Meeting Reports. The Bridge Street Group noted that challenges have emerged with Venmo & similar contributions for the 7th Tradition. The West Shore Area Group reported that they are meeting in person Tuesday & Thursday and may attempt to do a hybrid approach to their meetings where physical meetings are also accompanied by an internet meeting. The Young Peoples' Group had Bob M. as a guest and their meetings have been moved back to only online.

HAI Report. Andy the Archivist reported on HAI. Their finances are doing well but the 12/20 contributions were down. Carlisle area groups have been doing the hotline with assistance from the Keep It Simple group. Subscriptions to Sobriety News are growing. There is no update on county institutions and Covid although most are closed. Cumberland County is looking for Big Books. There will be an Intergroup Talent Show that will be in Sobriety News. Accessibility is open and will be combined with Unity. A question was asked about Grapevine for the prisons but it was noted that county practices vary considerably, for example some don't allow staples, so it is a good idea to check with Ashley before doing Grapevine.

New Business. NERASSA. A Motion was made and seconded to spend \$100 so that all 5 District Officers could attend the NERASSA at \$20 a person. This is a considerable savings given that attendance by one person in person can cost \$500 so we should take this opportunity. The motion passed 76% for, 18% abstaining, 6% nay. **AREA.** The subject of funding Area officer activity came up. It was moved to act on all 3 items at once but only after each topic to be funded was mentioned. That passed. 76% yes, 18% abstain, 6% nay.

Committee Work. The DCM discussed each of the Committee works starting with *Archive*. *Finance* helps with the budget and keeps things on track. Each subcommittee will be asked to do a budget that Finance goes over. A big financial cost, which is rare, can always result in Finance being asked. *Workshops* are asked to do 4 throughout the year like Unity, Service, Recovery (which can cover a lot of territory) and it can be a lot of things that also involves making flyers and getting the word out. *Structure* is getting out the manual and seeing where things could change so, for example, if you see that we are doing things one way and another way is better or if wording changes are a good idea, that can be looked at. For example, we're doing an Officer At Large position now and the structure committee will make that happen and come back with a recommendation on changing that. The bi-annual print will be virtual for this year since we meeting virtual. *District Split* involves visiting groups that do not have representation and getting them information so that they can be more active. *Ad Hoc Grapevine* began last panel and will be moving forward this panel. The GSR are asked to indicate what interest they have so that they do not have to be assigned.

Committee Composition. Archive was volunteered by Carrie volunteered along with Terri Z. & Kevin. Some meet before the monthly meeting. *Finance* was volunteered by Daniel M. Young People along with Glenn S. *HAI Liaison* is Jesse. *Workshops* was done by Lindsay, John, Terri, Meghan, and Kathleen. *Structure* is Eric, Rod, and XX. *District Split* is left open. *Ad Hoc Grapevine* will be Jeff.

Each subcommittee will meet with their advisor. The advisor will contact the subcommittee members. The subcommittee should meet before the next meeting to determine the chair and secretary.

We aim to end at 8:00. Susan will do Concept 1. Tanya actually planned to do it. Bill sat down and wrote the 12 Concepts and how to do it. Concept 1 says that the collective conscience of the fellowship is the core of AA – a good idea since we have a way of being power driven. This is why the GSR role is important. It is the voice of the group connecting to the District, to the Area, to World Service. Unity ensures Recovery Through Service. Unity is Traditions, Recovery is Steps, Service is Concepts. Firmly grounded in Tradition 2. Tonya is not taking questions but she is taking feedback.