

District 36
Panel 71

District Meeting Minutes
February 8, 2021

The Meeting was called to Order by Katie, ADCM. Glenn S. spoke on the 2nd Tradition stating that The Tradition emerge from experience that, in turn, is transformed into a customer that works. This particular one was first published in the January 1948 Grapevine.

Meeting Reports. The OAL groups didn't meet but will. The Treasurer reported that the bank account transition had been arranged. The ADCM groups didn't meet but will. The Secretary reported that the Structure Group didn't meet but will.

DCM Report. The DCM conducted a presentation at D67. A program on Bridging the Gap will occur on 2/13 and the DCM will attend. The CPC will conduct a program and you can click on the link and it will take you there. The Mini-Assembly of 5/23 (Saturday) is scheduled to be in person but likely will be held virtually. D36 has signed up for take-down should that occur. The Mini-Assembly is free and one learns not by osmosis but by attending. The members should read the minutes for accuracy and propose corrections. The GSR training link can also be virtual so you can click on that and get the Training Packet if you did not get it physically yet.

Archivist. Andy H. and Terry Z. addressed the organization and leadership as well as work on the History of Intergroup. They plan to invite others, particularly Bob M., to work with them. They also expressed an interest in doing a History of Corrections and delve into the history of treatment centers & corrections after talking to Jim D. and Bob I. Kevin will call Jim S. on this, particularly given his nearly 40 years of recovery. Andy will work with Pennsypaa to get information. Andy will reach out to Bob, Jim, Mandy, and Steve. They also expressed an interest in any historical materials from Box 459. The next meeting will be March 6, 2020. Terry Z. will do the inventory.

Finance. A meeting was held 1/25. Glenn will be chair and Dan M. will be Secretary. They plan to meet the First Monday at 6:00 before the District meeting. They will talk to Neil about budgets and ask the subcommittees to think about their budgets. DCM suggested that a comparison be done to what was budgeted compared to what was actually spent although that would be different this year given the Covid impact. Susan will send the 12/20 budget.

Intergroup. They met 1/4/21. Sobriety News would like information on events. Public Information and Contact with the Professional Community (CPC) may work together and look into doing an 8 ½ by 11 sheet using the Bus advertisement and distribute that. Corrections and Treatment are not doing much due to Covid. Al-Anon rep was not present. There is discussion about the hotline provider and the cost for the current interlink of calls to Fellowship House and the mobile phone.

New Business. The group watched most of the Delegate Video on the Big Book and Conference. The number of questions to Conference addressing “reliability” have in part resulted in this video. The GSRs are asked to look at it and provide feedback. It will be distributed again.

Group Reports.

BBSGW. They are meeting in person as the church allows this. Temperatures are taken, masks are expected but not while speaking, and a sign-in sheet with information is provided in the event there is a need for contact tracing although most already know each other.

Carrie reported that their group has greeters at the door and hand sanitizer.

Jason reported that they use hand sanitizer and masks with one person taken the basket around and they also laminate the literature and clean the materials.

Jeff reported that the Grapevine no longer has staples so it can be provided to this prisons that don't allow staples.

DCM proposed to create a District Webpage, since the District can afford it, and asks the GSRs to take this back to the group.

The meeting ended with Jesse doing a presentation on Concept 2. Concept 2 emphasizes that the General Service Conference is the voice and conscience of AA.