

D36A59 11 July 22 District meeting

The meeting was called order at 6:30 on 11 July 22 by Neil D our DCM, secretary, OAL and treasurer were present

GSR's present were

GSR's's present were Terri Z Big Book Study West, Kevin A keep it simple Big Book Study, , Joe B happy destiny group, Susan M Dillsburg group, Carrie B more to life, Glen S Big Book Study East, Norm Westshore area group, Lorraine There is a solution group, Jeff C Bridge Street group, Zach sobriety warriors
Bridging the Gap coordinator was also present

Tradition 7

Every AA group all to be 40 self-supporting declining outside contributions

By being self-supporting and declining outside contributions, 12-step groups protect the fellowship structure and basic spiritual foundations. Tradition 7 of Alcoholics Anonymous (AA) says, "Every group ought to be fully self supporting, declining outside contributions. makes it clear that responsibility extends to the members of each local

group as it passes the basket for contributions to pay the rent and maintain its literature library.

If the group collects more than is necessary to meet its expenses, the group can contribute to its World Service Office, which also follows this

tradition by accepting no outside contributions. Although such contributions have fallen off in recent years, they are important in helping

to carry the message worldwide.

Rejecting Outside Contributions

The second part of this tradition addresses the issue of the fellowship not becoming involved with outside issues or conflicts that could arise by accepting "outside contributions." If such contributions were accepted the group and its members might feel obligated to make some kind of concessions to the individual or organization making the donation. Declining these contributions keeps the fellowship independent from outside influences. It also cuts out the need to constantly chase donor funding and government grants. As the Internet became a part of daily life, members of 12-step groups naturally began gathering together online for mutual support.

Eric B is going to share tradition eight next month

DCM Report

Attended
District 45 Service workshop 6/25
Area 59 Literature Committee
Harrisburg Intergroup

Will be attending:

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Area 59 Literature Committee

What's New:

Talked with the intergroup regarding Hotspot Vs Wifi and that D36 is paying, they seemed open to further discussion regarding both.

EPGSA is in November 11-13 Registration is \$35 July 5, able to register on the web site

Story Solicitations: Black and African-American Alcoholic Pamphlet 10/31/22

4th Edition of the Spanish Big book 12/15/22

5th Edition of the Big Book 10/31/22

2025 International Convention

Frequently asked questions

As always please remember the Bridging the Gap Program Area 59 has links

that are easily accessible on the website, look for the bridge picture.

Please remember to keep your groups updated with GSO and Area 59

If you haven't been on the web site lately, check it out

We ask that you read our business meeting minutes before the district meeting

and let us know if you have any questions or corrections.

Treasurers report

See attachment

OAL report

Went to PENNSCYPAA bid committee cookout

Committee reports

Archives report

Got a call from Jason M our district 36 secretary as had 23rd Pennsylvania State convention from 2016 and primary purpose big book weekend from 2016, research climate control storage, Jim S do you the archivist some grapevines the earliest being from the 80s, Bob from BBSE reached out to the archivist

Finance
No report

Workshops
August 6 flyer beyond the big book is posted online. I have managed to set up a lot of committee work by text

Structure
See attachment

Grapevine
No report

Bridging the gap
See attachment

PENNSCYPAA
PENNSCYPAA as fast approaching turned in bid sheet on July 8
PENNSCYPAA has a commitment with Arcview bringing in speakers

New business

Terri Z made a motion that, due to the unreliability of WiFi at the Fellowship House, making the Zoom meeting aspect undependable, all GSRs should now be required to attend District 36 meetings in person until a permanent technical solution can be implemented
Motion was seconded and discussion was done and concerns were made about ending hybrid district meetings and the motion failed to pass

Old business

D36 tech servant

Chelsea volunteered for the text servant position it was seconded and voted and Chelsea's new text servant

Zach from sobriety warriors shared concept seven

The Conference recognises that the Charter and the Bylaws of the General Service Board are legal instruments: that the trustees are thereby fully empowered to manage and conduct all of the world service affairs of Alcoholics Anonymous. It is further understood that the Conference Charter itself is not a legal document: that it relies instead upon the force of tradition and the power of the AA purse for its final effectiveness. Not sending money to GSO we lose the power of the money and it's effectiveness

Crystal is going to share on concept eight next month

And the HR archivist is going to contact a board member from Alanon Inc. about adding the possibility to have Wi-Fi at the fellowship house

Meeting Closed at 19:56 with responsibility declaration