

District 36 Meeting Minutes June 14, 2021

Members present: Katie D, Neill D, Joe W, Susan J, Tonya F, Carrie B, Jayne B, Linz M, Terri Z, Susan M, Jesse M, Eric B, Jason M, Jake S, Glenn S, Renae M, Kathleen H, Ben S, Bruce N, Lorraine W, Rob P, Laura P, Leigh L, Justin Y, Meghan

Meeting called to order at 6:30 pm with the Declaration of Unity Statement

Introductions, Summaries and Actions:

- There Is More to Life Group: No longer requiring masks or social distancing
 - Out of the Dark Group: No longer requiring masks but social distancing still in effect
 - 19th Street Group: June 26th Fish Fry Noon to 4pm
 - Big Book Study Group West: No longer requiring masks
 - As Bill Sees It Group: Will be meeting outside on nice days
 - Carlisle 12 & 12: Open and everything is a go, masks not required. Mondays @ 7pm
 - Big Book Study Group East: Open, no restrictions, coffee back, literature for sale and no longer meeting on Zoom
 - 40th Street Women's Group: Meeting in person and masks are required
 - Young People Group: Meetings are back to JFT at 7:30pm
- Tradition 6 presented by Leigh L
Officer at Large Report: (no report)
Secretary Report: Minutes were sent out previously and two corrections were noted.
- Susan J was not present at May meeting, name removed

- Correct the budget year from 2022 to 2021

Treasurer Report: Copy of the financial report for May was distributed, one correction will be made to update the report date to May 31, 2021

ADCM Report:

Attended the Area Quarterly Meeting in place of DCM. (June 13, 2021)

- Area Treasurer: all bills are up-to-date and paid
 - o Waiting on suggestions on how to spend down, currently over prudent reserve by \$33,000
- Area Archivist: requesting groups to submit information on how their AA homegroup responded to COVID. Forms can be found on the Area 59 website. <https://area59aa.org/wp-content/uploads/2021/05/Covid-Group-History-form-2021.pdf>
 - o Want to document how AA's stay sober in difficult times
- EPGSA dates are set! November 12th through 14th; registration is \$20.00 at the Lancaster Host in Lancaster, PA
 1. Make hotel accommodations through registration process
 2. This is not a voting year! All GSR's are encouraged to attend!
 3. Information will be out soon! Keep an eye on the Area website www.area59aa.org
- Pennsylvania State Conference will be online, August 6th through the 7th
- Voted on three items during the quarterly meeting
 1. Next quarterly meeting will be in person. Sunday, September 12th (not yet listed on Area website)
 2. EPGSA Observer selected. The vote went four rounds and then to the hat because majority was not met.

3. Technology Committee requesting funds to purchase new equipment. Motion passed to approve purchases.

Also attended both mini-assemblies (May 23rd & June 12th)

- The Area Delegate reported on the General Service conference and there is a lot happening. Here are the highlights:

- o AA Preamble language officially changed to gender neutral.

Changed from 'we are men and women' to 'we are people'.

- o Webservant position filled by Scott F & Lenny T. (will also be presenting a workshop at EPGSA)

- o 5th edition of the Big Book

- o Big Book will be rewritten in common/plain language to aid those with reading and comprehension issues

- o General Service Conference report will be coming out soon and will contain the full update.

Also, NERAASA will be hosted by Pennsylvania by Area 60 (Western PA) in 2022 and by Area 59 in 2024. The planning will start soon, so look for opportunities to serve.

DCM Report:

Attended the following:

- Area 59 Literature workshop on May 29th: It was a great workshop, 4 speakers that presented various current topics through AA pamphlets, the language of the heart was very evident in all presentations

- District 36 workshop on June 5th was very informative and well put together. If you weren't able to attend, please be sure to catch the next one.

- Have copies of both the delegates and secretary's report from the GSO Conference. Will distribute to all GSR's

- New Technology Servant identified! Welcome Aboard Rod S.

- Secretary position for District is currently vacant. Joe W – Thank you for your service!

- Area Digital Communications is moving forward with making the 'We' newsletter more accessible

Committee Reports:

- Archives: (no report) ◦

Finance:

- o Did not meet this month, will evaluate necessity to meet on as needed basis ◦ Workshop: th th
 - o Met May 24 @ 7pm to finalize details for the June 5 Workshop – great success! Was able to utilize Keegan as resource for technology assistance before & during the workshop
 - o Next workshop tentatively 9/11/2021 @ 1pm at lower pavilion of Negley Park
 - Workshop theme “Bridging the Gap between Zoom and Room”
 - Old Fashioned AA Barbeque & Picnic
 - o Next committee meeting is June 28th on Zoom at 8pm
 - Discussing ways to incorporate/work with Intergroup and inviting Norm S to participate in the next committee meeting
 - District Split (no report/group not formed)
 - o ADCM is the advisor to this group and will rally new members to this committee
 - Grapevine:
 - o Next meeting not yet set
 - o Discussing visiting various meetings to introduce the Grapevine, discover what groups have a Grapevine Rep, which meetings purchase grapevines
 - o Newsletter was created by Jason M and distributed
 - Structure: (no report) Intergroup Liaison Report:
 - o Everything seems to be opening up.
 - o AA Hotline is going well
 - o Dauphin County Corrections are still closed
 - o Treatment Centers are mostly open. Concept 90 is always looking for speakers and support, as well as, donation of literature
- #### Old Business:

- Motion to move to District 36 meetings to a hybrid (in person & zoom meeting) format, motion carried and passed unanimously
 - o Small group formed to discuss logistics, Jason M & Tonya F, along with DCM New Business:
- Voting in of new Secretary or new Officer at Large
 - o DCM will send out description of the secretary position to all GSR's to review
 - o All GSR's are asked to be prepared to vote at next month's meeting
 - o In the Interim the current Officer at Large will perform the duties of Secretary
- Request made of all GSR's to submit any new business items to DCM prior to next district meeting to ensure that all topics are discussed

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Concept 6 presented by Renae M.

Meeting adjourned 8:00 pm and closed with the Responsibility Declaration