

**District 36 Monthly Group Conscience Meeting**  
**April 10, 2023**

1. Attendance: Amanda G (GSR BBW), Jeff C (GSR Bridge St Group), Craig Y (GSR Some Are Sicker Than Others), James O (GSR Hershey Nooner), Norman S (GSR West Shore Area Group) and Josh G (AGSR), Lore R (GSR Women's Serenity), Irena R (GSR Out of the Dark), Lorraine W (GSR There is a Solution), Carrie B (TMTL group), Joshua B (GSR Young People's Group) and Ava L (AGSR), Jessi E (GSR Big Book East), Chrystal M (GSR Women's BB Study group), Rachel C (GSR As Bill Sees it), Jim K (HAI co-chair), Maria C (GSR 19<sup>th</sup> St Group) and Denise G (AGSR), Christian B (GSR Hershey Group), Joe D. (GSR Rebellion Dogs), Andy (Fellowship House Chair), Kris S.(GSR, Easier Softer Way)
2. Opened with Declaration of Unity @ 6:30 pm
  - a. Introductions, Summaries, and Actions from Groups:
    - i. Irena (Out of the Dark): Prayer and Meditation workshop in the works
    - ii. Rachel (As Bill Sees It): Walk at Wildwood and Picnic with meeting; well attended and good time
3. Tradition 4: Jeff C
  - a. Tradition 5 will be presented by Denise
4. Officer Reports
  - a. Officer at Large: Terri Z.
    - i. Thank you to everyone who participated in Unity/Share-A-Day
    - ii. WE newsletter by Area 59 – new issue
  - b. Secretary: Chelsea T.
    - i. Please sign-in, copies of minutes at front. Stapled officer's reports.
  - c. Treasurer: Ben S.
    - i. See attached report. Ending balance: \$2656.63 – \$1500 (prudent): \$1156.63
    - ii. \$140 is 3 months of hotspot/wi-fi/internet
  - d. ADCM Andy H.
    - i. See attached report.
    - ii. Pre-conference Sharing: April 15<sup>th</sup> in Allentown
  - e. DCM Neill D.
    - i. See attached report.
    - ii. September 15<sup>th</sup> is the deadline for agenda items for GSO Conference 2024
    - iii. Mini-Assembly II & Delegate's Conference Report: June 10<sup>th</sup>, D36 is providing manpower to help with registration
5. Subcommittees
  - a. Archives: Irena R. - Chair
    - i. Jeff C is new archivist
    - ii. Craig Y shared young Bill W's history, brought a piece of marble from the original East Dorset, Massachusetts house that Bill grew up in; discussed how he grew up in MA
  - b. Finance: James O. – Chair

- i. Only 1 budget submitted, considering 20% increase in all budgets
  - c. Workshop: Rachel C.– Chair
    - i. Great event - Unity/Share-A-Day
    - ii. June 17<sup>th</sup> and October 7<sup>th</sup> are next workshops, save-the-date!
  - d. Structure – Josh B. – Chair
    - i. Still working on things, next meeting is the first Monday in May
  - e. Split – unknown Chair
    - i. There’s a nice map with pins that mark meetings in D36
    - ii. CD discussing district splits at NERAASA, Andy will digitize
- 6. Liaison Reports
  - a. Bridging the Gap Coordinator: Chris B.
    - i. Met with the IG corrections committee and exchanged information
    - ii. Pamphlets in all TC in Harrisburg Area
    - iii. In contact with other treatment centers that have meetings brought in
    - iv. Working on PPI meetings to bring in
  - b. Harrisburg Bid for PENNSCYPAA: Jason M. (not present)
    - i. Starting twice a month
    - ii. Next event Saturday, April 22 @ 10:00-1:00 pm in Lemoyne – Breakfast as God Understands It – see attached flyer
    - iii. PENNSCYPAA in Bucks county July 14-16<sup>th</sup>
  - c. Intergroup: Terri Z.
    - i. Did not attend
    - ii. GSO bus trip is almost sold out, 4 tickets are sponsored by IG activities committee
  - d. NERAASA: Lorraine W.
    - i. Flyer and registration form are available from Lorraine
    - ii. 2024 in Hershey
    - iii. Next meeting May 13<sup>th</sup> 12:00-2:00 pm in Springfield
- 7. Old business
  - a. Motion: Give intergroup \$35/month. Seconded. Passed.
- 8. New business
  - a. Agenda items: from the delegate to begin discussion – email already sent
    - 1. Member’s eye view pamphlet, looking to retire the pamphlet: several would like to keep the pamphlet
    - 2. Discussing revisions of: Safety, our common welfare; 5 page document
    - 3. Discuss proposed new agenda items regarding 12&12: changing the wording back to original, as it is not printed yet
    - 4. Review progress report on updates on pamphlet the Black and African-American Alcoholic
    - 5. Review progress report regarding development of 4<sup>th</sup> edition Spanish Big Book
    - 6. Review progress report regarding 5<sup>th</sup> edition of Alcoholics Anonymous
    - 7. Discuss new proposed agenda items related to the plain language big book development

8. Discuss cost effective media options that welcome YP to AA as an alternative to revising the Too Young pamphlet: consider option to not replace the pamphlet, but to revise it in addition to the media options
  9. Review update on the proposal for Big book or 12 steps/12 traditions study guide: discussed how study guides can be helpful, Al-Anon has study guide for 4<sup>th</sup> step; may be difficult to do; big book may be just enough as a study guide with the help of sponsor; may be encouraging folks to go through the steps themselves
  10. Review report of the GSB Ad-Hoc Committee on Participation of online groups in the US/Canada service structure: keep reviewing, does not have to be a 'physical' district like District 68 (linguistic district)
  11. Consider request to implement an AAWS, Inc. Instagram account: brought up 11<sup>th</sup> tradition (attraction rather than promotion); consideration of following what is popular at this time and AA 'keeping up with the times'
9. Concept 4 reviewed by Ava L.
    - a. Concept 5: Joe
  10. Closed meeting at 8:08 with responsibility pledge
  11. Next district meeting is May 8, 2023 @ 6:30 pm

12. Attachments:

- a. Treasurer report
- b. ADCM report
- c. DCM report
- d. Archives subcommittee report
- e. Harrisburg Bid for PENNSCYPAA event