

**District 36 Monthly Group Conscience Meeting  
November 13, 2023**

1. Attendance: Jeff C (GSR Bridge St.), Lorraine W (GSR There is a Solution), Josh B (GSR Young Peoples), Sam S (AGSR Young People), Craig Y (GSR Some Are Sicker Than Others), James O (GSR Hershey Nooner), Norm S (GSR West Shore Area), Carrie B (GSR There's More to Life), Dana S (GSR Dillsburg Group), Rachel R (GSR As Bill Sees It), Louis J (GSR 19<sup>th</sup> St), Andy (Fellowship House Chair), Chrystal M (GSR Women's BB Study), Irena R (GSR Out of the Dark), Jessi G (GSR BB East), Trevor B (GSR Day by Day), Robin W (AGSR Carlisle Women's BB Study)
2. Opened at 6:31 pm with Serenity prayer
3. Introductions, Summaries, and Actions
  - a. Norm S - Summary- West Shore Area group celebrated 66th anniversary
  - b. Craig Y - Summary - Some are Sick than Others: end of the year indoor picnic December 29th at 5:30
  - c. Jessi G - Summar - BB East: questionnaires will be out for the next month or so in preparation of doing a group inventory
  - d. Dana S - Action - Dillsburg group: thinking about doing a group inventory, looking for input who has done it recently, lessons learned, outside facilitator, etc
  - e. Rachel R -As Bill Sees It - 18 month chip added to the meeting
4. Monthly Tradition
  - a. Tradition 11: Jeff C.
5. Officer Reports
  - a. Officer-at-Large (OAL) - Open position
  - b. Secretary Chelsea T.
    - i. Minutes are typically sent out within the week. They are also posted on [aaharrisburg.org](http://aaharrisburg.org). Please contact me with any questions, concerns, or corrections.
  - c. Treasurer Ben S. (not present)
    - i. See attached report
    - ii. Total balance: \$1246.64
  - d. ADCM Andy H.
    - i. See attached report
    - ii. Will email out speakers/tapes
  - e. DCM Neill D.
    - i. See attached report
    - ii. Please make sure to update your GSR/group information
    - iii. NERAASA information/registration: [2024 NERAASA - Northeast Regional A.A. Service Assembly \(www.neraasa.org\)](#)
    - iv. QR code sheet for Area 59
    - v. 73rd annual meeting of the General Service Conference booklet available
    - vi. Please let Neill know if you're interested in attending the December area quarterly meeting
6. Subcommittee Reports
  - a. Archives (Irena-chair, Jeff-Archivist)

- i. Craig provided information about one of Bill W's 'drunks'; 1927 story as told by Lois' diary (which happened in Area 59)
    - ii. Excerpt read from pg 45 "Lois Remembers"
  - b. Finance (James-chair)
    - i. No new business.
    - ii. Subcommittees: Please submit new budgets to the committee for January 2024
  - c. Workshop (Rachel-chair)
    - i. Last workshop on October 21st (12 concepts), well attended (\$429.32 expenses)
    - ii. Next workshop - sticking with same location, looking around February 2024, please reach out to give ideas for upcoming workshops
  - d. Structure (Josh B- chair): No new business
    - i. EPGSA was helpful, spoke with Area 59 structure chair
    - ii. Reaching out to previous secretary and treasurer
  - e. Splits: No chair
- 7. Liaison Reports
  - a. Harrisburg Area Intergroup
    - i. No report
  - b. Bridging the Gap (Chris B)
    - i. Every month prior to D36 meeting @ 5:30 pm
    - ii. Looking to attend an upcoming addictions' conference - would like to have volunteers to sit at the table for BTG and provide information
    - iii. See attached report
  - c. PENNSCYPAA Bid (Ken S.)
    - i. Flannel fest was well attended, next business meeting is December 2nd at 3:00 pm at 442 Hummel Avenue, Lemoyne
    - ii. NYE event at Fellowship House (December 31st)
  - d. NERAASA (Lorraine W.)
    - i. See attached 'postcard' for information
    - ii. Goal to register 900 people, only 314 registered currently
    - iii. Trying to negotiate with Hershey Lodge for additional rooms, looking at nearby hotels
    - iv. Several greeters are required due to the large facility  
([neraasa2024greeter@a59aa.org](mailto:neraasa2024greeter@a59aa.org))
    - v. Registration is \$35.00. T-shirts are \$20.00 - required if you are volunteering/greeting
    - vi. YouTube video coming out from hospitality subcommittee regarding NERAASA
    - vii. Next meeting: December 9th at 10:00 am in the Empire Room at Hershey Lodge
    - viii. After: January 27th at 10:00 am at Hershey Lodge (TBD assigned room)
- 8. Old business
  - a. Officer-at-Large: Josh B. standing
  - b. Passed Motion: EPGSA hospitality room donation of \$220
  - c. Passed Motion: fund DCM Neill to EPGSA
  - d. Proposed structure manual changes from Area 59
- 9. New business

- a. Voting Officer-At-Large: Josh standing
    - i. Reviewed officer-at-large duties from structure manual
    - ii. Third legacy procedure voting commenced: 1st round - (17 voters total) -  $\frac{2}{3}$  majority voted 'Yay'
    - iii. Josh B. is now the Officer-At-Large
  - b. Action item: GSR Dana S (Dillsburg group) regarding group inventory
    - i. Pamphlet available for home group questions to help facilitate inventory
    - ii. Moderator who used traditions and concepts checklist
    - iii. Encouraged to use moderator from Area officers or past delegates (unbiased)
    - iv. Consider using questionnaires from members who are attending the meeting to compile information
  - c. Tradition 12: Carrie B.
  - d. Concept 12: James O.
10. Monthly concept
- a. Concept 11: Rachel K.
11. Closed meeting at 8:09 pm with Responsibility Declaration
12. Next district meeting is December 11th @ 6:30 pm
13. Attachments
- a. Treasurer Report
  - b. ADCM Report
  - c. DCM Report
  - d. Bridging the Gap minutes
  - e. NERAASA postcard

Eastern Pennsylvania General Service Assembly District 36 Treasurer's Financial Summary October 1-31, 2023				Income	Expenses	Balance
<b>Beginning Balance:</b>						\$3,267.16
<b>Income:</b>	<b>Group Name</b>	<b>CK #</b>	<b>Description</b>			
	Bridge Street Group		Contributions	\$30.00		
	There Is A Solution Group		Contributions	\$150.00		
	Easier Softer Way Group		Contributions	\$60.00		
	Contribution		Contributions	\$100.00		
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			<b>Total Income:</b>	\$340.00		
			<b>YTD Contributions</b>	\$3,125.25		
<b>Expenses:</b>	<b>Check Issued To</b>	<b>CK #</b>	<b>Description</b>			
	Zoom	Debit	Zoom	14.41		
	EPGSA DCM Room	Debit	Attendance	550.82		
	EPGSA DCM Registration	Debit	Attendance	31.11		
	EPGSA DCM Mileage	Check	Reimbursement	44.18		
	EPGSA Hospitality Room	Debit	Donation	220.00		
			<b>Incurred Expenses Sub Total:</b>		\$860.52	
<b>Year to Date Expenses:</b>	<b>Travel Expenses:</b>				\$1,878.66	
	<b>Workshops:</b>				\$389.28	
	<b>Printing:</b>				\$40.00	
	<b>Archives:</b>				\$76.30	
	<b>D36 Split:</b>				\$0.00	
	<b>Structure:</b>				\$0.00	
	<b>Donations:</b>		EPGSA Hosp Room		\$220.00	
	<b>Rent:</b>				\$180.00	
	<b>Postage</b>				\$0.00	
	<b>Zoom</b>				\$144.10	
	<b>Other</b>				\$0.00	
	<b>Hot Spot</b>				\$240.00	
			<b>Year to Date Exp. Sub Total:</b>		\$3,168.34	
			After Incurred Expense:			\$2,746.64
			Prudent Reserve:			\$1,500.00
			Current End Balance:			\$1,246.64
<b>Submitted:</b> <i>Ben Schaum - Treasurer</i>						
<b>Date:</b> October 31, 2023						

Proposed District 36 Budget for 2023			
Income			
	Budget	YTD	Balance
Projected contributions	\$4,345.56	\$3,125.25	-\$1,220.31
Prudent reserve	\$1,500.00	\$1,500.00	\$1,500.00
Carryover			\$0.00
<b>Projected YTD Total</b>	<b>\$5,845.56</b>	<b>\$4,285.25</b>	<b>\$1,638.92</b>
Expenses			
Category	Budget	YTD	Balance
<b>Travel:</b>	\$3,500.00	\$1,878.66	\$1,621.34
<b>Workshops:</b>	\$1,200.00	\$653.57	\$546.43
<b>Printing:</b>	\$60.00	\$40.00	\$20.00
<b>Archives</b>	\$650.00	\$76.30	\$573.70
<b>D36 Split Comm.:</b>	\$250.00	\$0.00	\$250.00
<b>Structure Comm. :</b>	\$250.00	\$0.00	\$250.00
<b>Donations:</b>	\$220.00	\$220.00	\$0.00
<b>Rent:</b>	\$360.00	\$180.00	\$180.00
<b>Postage:</b>	\$226.00	\$113.00	\$113.00
<b>Other:</b>	\$500.00	\$0.00	\$500.00
<b>Zoom:</b>	\$172.92	\$144.10	\$28.82
<b>Hot spot</b>	\$360.00	\$240.00	\$120.00
<b>Reserve:</b>	\$1,500.00	\$0.00	\$1,500.00
<b>Total:</b>	<b>\$9,248.92</b>	<b>\$3,545.63</b>	<b>\$3,649.59</b>

Notes: Could not go to bank in person over the weekend. There is a contribution in the amount of 128.98 that will need to be deposited in person.

**ADCM Report  
October 2023**

- **In attendance since last district meeting:**
- **Visited 2 more groups in district 36.**
- **Attended the district concepts workshop**  
For those who were not in attendance, the workshop was very informative and helpful. Presenters covered the Upside down triangle, our service structure, the concepts including a powerpoint presentation by the delegate on the six warranties in concept 12 (sometimes referred to as the AA bill of rights) There was an amazing turnout considering the topic including the four area 59 officers
- **I was assigned as greeter Friday night at EPGSA between 6 and 7 and attended the main presentation- The first speaker was Hon. Kerry Myer who serves as class A trustee (non alcoholic) from MN. She is a circuit court judge presiding over a DUI court. She spoke about how AA has transformed many lives surrounding her and her experience witnessing it had moved her to serve the fellowship and has changed her life as well.**
- **The main speaker was Jeff W. a past General Service Office Staff, who shared his experience how a Dr who had been informed of AA through a CPC/ PI committee changed the course of his life when his father became sober in AA early in his life. To me it is a testimony, and an example of how service can and does reach the alcoholic who does not yet know there is a way out, and proof for us our work is meaningful and impactful, even though we may not directly see the results.**

**Will Be Attending This Month:**

- **December 10th Area Quarterly**
- **Thanksgiving Alcathon hosted by Desperados Group**

**Speaking commitments:**

**Nov. 22nd- at Roosevelt 12 and 12 in York, PA 8pm- Steps 10,11 and 12**

**Dec 4th- At the Firing Line Big Book ^pm Eastern Zoom- 6436436422 PW: 643643**

**To anyone who may be interested, I've been collecting speaker recordings and have a Google drive, including the Stepping stones workshop, The Fellowship Of the Spirit Speaker Jam workshop and my Homegroup's Foundation Stone 12 step Workshop. Also I've collected plenty more awesome tapes..email me and I'll send you a link to access them.**

**Speaker**

**As always PLEASE review:**

- **AA Service Manual**
- **District 36 Structure Manual**
  - <http://aaharrisburg.org/Docs/district/D36%20FINAL%20Structure%20Manual%20Revised%20July%202018.pdf>



**Thank you for your service,**

**Andy  
ADCM D36 A59  
717-839-8844**

# Bridging the gap

- Opened the meeting at 5:30pm - 11/13/23
- Discussed department of corrections (DOC). Discussed PV Center. Meeting with someone to find out more-Chris
- Make it a part of discharge packet that gives the pamphlet 90 days from discharge. Will be speaking to Cumberland county prison treatment warden about this.
- Addictions conference coming up. Look into having an aa table with BTG. Also may want to have table for future conferences in aa and community events. Will speak to intergroup.
- **See below for BTG Info:** Ask for either a clinical supervisor or a director.

“My name is (NAME) and I am a member of the Bridging The Gap Program of Alcoholics Anonymous. We would like to inform you and your staff about how we can help your (patients/offenders) get connected with Alcoholics Anonymous upon release. Is there a time we would be able to speak to your staff about this program?”

If so, ask them for a contact persons information and give them my contact info (Chris Benedetto 717-903-7150) number and tell them I will reach out shortly. Send me a text/email with the contact.

## **Key: X= no meeting**

### **Treatment Centers**

Common ground X (BBE group Tuesdays 6pm)

Conawago (Jon)

Dauphin county drug and alcohol X (Chris)

New insights II X (Joey)

Concept 90 X (Andy H)

### **Hospitals**

PPI (Josh G)

Holy Spirit (Odie and Larry)

Judge Herbert A. Schaffner Center

### **Corrections**

Dauphin county work release (Tonya/Ken)

Cumberland county work release X

Dauphin county prison X

Cumberland county prison X (Mandy/Steve)

Perry county prison X (Steve)

Perry county work release

### **DOC**

PV Center (Chris)

Camp Hill

# Bridging the gap

Request form:

<https://form.jotform.com/EPGSA/btgcontact>

Volunteer form:

[https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSfrphkZS4dCMok60iPHGzUoYRINtzRCgQ23m2XNZpeqJxcMeQ/viewform?usp=send\\_form](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSfrphkZS4dCMok60iPHGzUoYRINtzRCgQ23m2XNZpeqJxcMeQ/viewform?usp=send_form)

BTG Pamphlet:

[https://www.aa.org/sites/default/files/literature/assets/p-49\\_BridgingTheGap.pdf](https://www.aa.org/sites/default/files/literature/assets/p-49_BridgingTheGap.pdf)

BRG Workbook:

<https://drive.google.com/file/d/16RyOZpVgZN6QIEJVHKbC2sv1j7ZAB7mN/view>

Chris Benedetto

717-903-7150

# DCM Report

## November 13, 2023

### In attendance:

Archives meeting oct 23  
EPGSA Nov 9-12

### Will be attending:

Archives Meeting Nov 20th  
Area 59 quarterly meeting Dec 10

### What's News:

- 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 ([area59aa.org](http://area59aa.org))
- We ask that you read our business meeting minutes before the district meeting and let us know if you have any questions or corrections.
- Any of the Area officers or Committee chairs are happy to come out and give a presentation or answer questions
- NERASSA is quickly approaching February 22-25 2024, They will need HUNDREDS of volunteers.
- At EPGSA I attended all major sessions, including the workshop Robert's Rules Vs AA. I spent a considerable time with the Archives and Donald is always a joy to be around.



**Helpful Links- Just click and go!**

[GSR Kit](#)

[Group Change Form](#)

[Orange Card](#)

[Printable Area 59 calendar](#)

[Practicing the Seventh Tradition at Virtual Meetings](#)

[Reopening A.A. Meetings as COVID-19 public health restrictions are eased](#)

[District 36 Structure Manual | AA Harrisburg](#)

Thank you for your service,

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