

District 49 Minutes Friday June 12th, 2020

1. John R opened w/ "The Serenity Prayer" & "The Declaration of Unity."
2. Guests/Visitors-None
3. Roll Call-Groups in attendance: 2nd Step Group, Center City Group, Daily Reflections Group, Conyngham Group, Greater Lehigh Group, How it Works Group, Last Chance Group, Open Minds Women's Group (8/23).
4. Tradition & Concepts
 - a) Tradition 6- "An A.A. group ought never endorse, finance, or lend the A.A. name to any related facility or outside enterprise, lest problems of money, property, and prestige divert us from our primary purpose." Read and discussed by Celia.
 - b) Concept 6- "On behalf of A.A. as a whole, our General Service Conference has the principal responsibility for the maintenance of our world services, and it traditionally has the final decision respecting large matters of general policy and finance. But the Conference also recognizes that the chief initiative and the active responsibility in most of these matters should be exercised primarily by the Trustee members of the Conference when they act among themselves as the General Service Board of Alcoholics Anonymous." Read and discussed by Joe.
5. Officers Reports
 - a) DCM Report-John R-Received an email Steve Schmidt, Area 59 Delegate, about how to restart or re-open meetings. They are not rules, just suggestions. 1. Individual members who have underlying health risks that could make them more susceptible to COVID-19 2. Learn and follow County & State Health Guidelines-AA Traditions are not above the Law 3. Communicate and work with the Groups Landlord, understand what their expectations and requirements are for re-opening 4. For personal and community Health, educate yourselves about the symptoms of the Covid-19 Virus. 5. If you have any questions or doubt about whether you have been in contact or have become exposed, contact your personal Doctor. Information about these guidelines as of June 5th, 2020 can be found at the AA website. 6. Finally, stay aware of your specific location-public health guidelines have to be somewhat broad and specific areas may have a spike in cases, you may want to stay in touch with County or Borough/Town. Other guidelines are 1. When you pass the basket, have one person do it with Gloves and a Mask. 2. Perhaps one person handles making the coffee. 3. After the meeting, wipe down as much as you can with Sanitizing wipes or sprays. This coming Sunday is our Area 59 Quarterly meeting, it will probably be 4 hours. Hoping that Joe joins me. Will have more of an update with hopefully a person to person meeting. Vickie asked if John could send her the guidelines.

- b) ADCM Report- Joe L- It has been a quiet month, will be joining John for the Quarterly meeting. There are some local AA meetings that are re-opening up, mainly with outside meetings. Hazleton has re-opened all their meetings.
 - c) Secretary Report-Lou D-No minutes from last month (May). The Zoom meeting was recorded. I am voice recording this meeting with my phone. No expenses to report at this time.
 - d) Treasurer's Report-Vickie B-There has been no money in or money out. Groups have been offering to pay for the District Zoom account. Vickie is planning to use the District card and reimburse herself for what she has paid. John asked when the last time we donated money to Area 59, as they are asking for contributions. Can we send them \$25 or \$50? They stressed the fact that they need money. Our balance is currently \$1621.64. Paula made a motion to send them money, Joe 2nd to send them \$100, which was what we sent GSO and EPGSA. Vickie stated that she sent Lou the District 49 Accounting, and the District 49 Structure Manual. This should give groups a chance to look things over for next month.
 - e) Intergroup Report-Joe L-No report, there have been no Intergroup meetings. They are looking for a Trusted Servant to fill the Treasurer's position. He does not know when they will have a meeting next.
6. Group Problems, Issues, or Question on the District, Intergroup, Area, and GSO
Barbara-Was wondering why she could not get on the Tuesday meeting this past Tuesday. Paula stated that we received no notification about people waiting to get into the meeting. Dan was trying to get on as well as Barbara. Lou stated that the Group has not had many people to step up and cover the Zoom meeting but I he did not receive a notification. Dan-brought up a concern about the Contact list for the answering service District 49 Hotline 12 Step Call List. One of the biggest problems was our expense for maintaining the Answering service, which cost \$75 a month. For this reason, we joined Intergroup, it was not the main reason but it helped. There were at least 25 people, 1 for each group. In 2012, there were 56 people on the list, 31 men and 25 women, just to field Hotline calls, not necessarily 12 Step Calls. That covered Jim Thorpe, Nesquehoning, Lehighton, Hazleton, Tamaqua. It was spread out. In 2020, we have 3 people, me one, and two other women. If someone calls from Lehighton, Jim Thorpe, or Tamaqua, there is no one to cover those calls. That is to cover the entire District. We have a problem, very few people find us through the Internet. There is no one for Hazleton, Lehighton, Jim Thorpe, or Tamaqua. We get calls all the time. What do we want to do about this? We need to get people back on the list. Joe the IGR should be handling adding names. John stated that we really need to take care of this. Dan asked that we take this back to our Home Groups. Dan said the problem is people on the list died, or went back out, and the list was not maintained. Lou asked how it had gotten

this far depleted and suggested that there be Policy in the Structure Manual that would cover the maintaining of the list, follow up of those already on the list to make sure they are still in recovery or not deceased, and who is responsible to manage this. John stated it would be something they would bring up at the Area Quarterly to get ramped up again, and that this is a very important and crucial to carrying the message. Joe asked that everyone present take this back and get volunteers to be put on the list, and that he would contact Intergroup regarding this. Someone inquired what is the requirements for being on the list, i.e. length of Sobriety. Dan said he thinks it is 2 years Sobriety. He suggested Joe ask this question at Intergroup. Vickie asked if there was anything in the Structure Manual about this. Vickie said there is nothing in the Structure Manual for District 49. Vickie asked if there was information on Intergroup and Joe said it has information about the 12 Step Call List and Hotline Coordinator. Dan said that Jimmy B is the new Hotline Coordinator.

7. Committees

- a) Archives-Dan B-Not Present
- b) Corrections Men-Chris H-Not Present-Not much changing-Sonny still goes once a month at least. Having a lot of difficulty
- c) Corrections Women-Millie-Not Present- No meetings yet, they will be opening back up. They will be having a meeting to review specifics on the re-opening. She will be delivering Literature that she got at her last visit to District.
- d) Hospitals & Institutions- John R-No change-no meetings currently-no one allowed in.
- e) Public Information-Frank B-Not Present-John stated there is not much going on with the Public right now because of Covid-19. Hopefully events will resume where PI can participate.
- f) Unity Breakfast/Workshops-Dan-Unity Breakfast-John said we should be hearing about a new date soon.
- g) Grapevine-Monica-Not present.
- h) Website Report-Vickie B-There are a lot of updates she has to do, but she wanted to know specifically about the Choices Group, if it re-opened or they are Zooming. Celia said she thinks nothing is taking place with Choices right now. The Website has been updated with Zoom Meeting information, person to Person info, and Event Cancellations.
- i) Unity Report-Celia-Not much happening because there aren't many person to person meetings

8. Upcoming Events

- a) John-Sunday-Area 59 Quarterly meeting. It will be held via Teleconference. Also, Paul Marshall would like to attend one of our Live District 49 meetings. Waiting until we open up. Unity Breakfast-more info to come. Vickie-Founders Day-2 Day Online

Event. Vickie also announced that Last Chance cancelled their picnic. Linda Q-No meetings at Center City for the time being, due to the restrictions and extra precautions needed to re-open. John mentioned that Hickory Run Campout has been cancelled. Joe said he thinks H and H is still on but hasn't heard anything new.

9. Old Business-

- a) Vickie-emailed everyone the 2019-2020 Structure Manual and the 2019-2020 Financials.

10. New Business-

- a) John-Handling updating the 12 Step Call List.

11. Motion to Close- John asked for a motion to Close. Vickie Motioned to close, Lou 2nd. Closed with the Responsibility Pledge.

Yours in Service

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Information regarding the AA Meeting App

<https://meetingguide.aa.org/>