

## District 49 Minutes Friday June 14<sup>th</sup>, 2019

1. Lou D opened w/ "The Serenity Prayer" & "The Declaration of Unity."
2. Guests/Visitors-None
3. Roll Call-Groups in attendance: Conyngham Group, Daily Reflections Group, Greater Leighton Group, How It Works Group, Last Chance Group, Open Minds Womens Group, Serenity Sunday Group, Singleness of Purpose Group, Sober Saturdays Group, Tamaqua Group (10/24)
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 Vickie B.
  - 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 Paula S.
5. Officers Reports
  - a) DCM Report-John R-Not Present
  - b) ADCM Report- Joe L.- Report was tabled until he arrived. Joe L apologized for being late. On Saturday John and I went to the Report out for the Assembly Conference. They will be releasing the actual outcomes of all the questions for the GSO. Not much has changed, but one thing that was reported on is that the Big Book revision was pushed back and will not be starting on it. They decided to work on the Spanish Edition, as it is not written correctly. Joe was able to get Steve S email, and he will be updating John and Joe on upcoming meetings as they were not aware of a Sunday meeting as well.
  - c) Secretary Report-Lou D.-Did mail out 12 mailings and printed 8 additional copies. All other GSR's and Officers were emailed minutes, along with Contact Information update, if anyone needed contact information updated or changed please let Secretary know. I currently have three months of Expense Reports for the Secretary. Vickie said she would reimburse secretary for Expense reports, which totaled \$34.82. Motion was made to accept Secretary report by Vickie B, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Sid. Minutes accepted

- d) Treasurer's Report-Vickie B-. Contributions for the month were \$445.00, Expenses of \$25 for Rent for Facility, leaving a balance of \$3,295.33. Fred Motioned to accept, and Fred 2<sup>nd</sup>.
  - e) Intergroup Report-Do not have a Representative. Please take back to your Groups that we are still in need of an Intergroup Representative.
6. Group Problems, Issues, or Question on the District, Intergroup, Area, and GSO.
- a) Fred-Singleness of Purpose Group, First Presbyterian Church, 201 W Broad St (rear entrance), Hazelton, PA 18201-meeting has been closed.
7. Committees:
- a) Archives-Dan B-Not present.
  - b) Corrections Men-Chris-Nothing to report
  - c) Corrections Women-Vickie B-Women's Corrections going well, still looking for a Chair for the Committee, please take back to Home Groups.
  - d) Hospitals & Institutions-Not Present
  - e) Public Information-Frank B.-Not present but did submit a report: On June 8<sup>th</sup> I met with Keith, Office Manager for the materials and bookstore in Pittston and Chloe from PI from the NEPA Area. We determined
    - a: There will be no cost for pamphlets, unless unusually large amounts are required. Area pays thru the 7<sup>th</sup> Tradition funds as long as order forms are filled out. b: A reasonable amount of material is always on hand. c: I can order directly or thru Area PI (Chloe) d: Chloe is experiencing the same problem as we are. I will coordinate with her as we get going. e: At this time, I think it best if I make a monthly pickup. All suggestions and Criticism Welcome. The GSR's discussed 1) The Groups be permitted to select what Pamphlets they require based on location. Allow groups to place an assortment, not just 3 different Pamphlets and a meeting list. We don't always know who and what demographic of people may be wanting information regardless of where they are placed. 2)Spanish would be a good idea in higher populated areas (Hazelton for example)
  - f) Unity Breakfast/Workshops- Joe L- Joe also met with Don, the Archives Chair, he will be coming to the workshop. He also spoke with Tate with Bridging the Gap who will be attending our Workshop as well. The Workshop will be called The Fall Workshop, will have the AA Symbol for Fall. Will try and have everything ready (Flyers, Program, etc.) in August, does not want to put it out in the middle of Summer with all the Summer Events as well. The date is October 5<sup>th</sup>, 2019, which is scheduled with the Church with the times being

8:30AM to 1PM. Going to have a little breakfast. Planning on having a Noon speaker, which will wrap things up.

- g) Grapevine-Monica-Not present.
- h) Website Report-Vickie B-Asked if she could post flyer from the VAC of AA in Charlottesville, VA, Hosted by Jefferson District #9. Chris made a motion to post it, Fred 2<sup>nd</sup>. It was voted on and approved. Everything else is good, Vickie asked that Groups keep up on forwarding upcoming Celebrations. Chris suggested a change in Navigation Bars, perhaps a left Navigation Bar for certain contacts-information is posted on the Bulletin Board. Perhaps a more granular breakdown so that info is found easier. Vickie said she would look into possibly renaming some of the tabs or streamlining the Navigation a bit more.
- i) Unity Report-Celia-Joe and Celia split up the list of Dark meetings, and they gave the groups a form asking them about their participation at District. Celia has received back some of hers, Joe did not receive any information back yet. Hopefully will have a full report, with updated contact information soon.

#### 8. Upcoming Events-

- a) Lou-provided flyers for the How It Works Group 31<sup>st</sup> Annual Anniversary Picnic will be August 10<sup>th</sup>, 11AM to 6PM at the Bungalow in Tamaqua.
- b) Last Chance Picnic will be July 27<sup>th</sup>, Salem Bible Fellowship Church, Last Chance Group, 1105 Fredericks Grove Rd., Lehighton, PA 18235. Website has been updated.

#### 9. Old Business-

- a) Did any groups review the Structure Manual, and were there any suggestions on changes. There was also a question on the method to make copies. Lou suggested that we table this until next District when there are more GSR's. Vickie noted that we need to update the District Meeting Agenda, and she will review the Website and Treasurer sections to see if there have been any changes. Lou suggested if someone wanted to do the actual editing it would be greatly appreciated. Vickie asked that if any changes needed to be made, they should bring them to District. Lou said he would include it in the emailed minutes for Groups to review and will have some copies available at next District.

#### 10. New Business-

- a) Vickie B: She received some information on the release of the new book coming out: Our Great Responsibility-the flyer for Input on that is available on the Bulletin Board. John asked Vickie to order Yellow Cards, it's up to the Group if they want to use them or not. Vickie discussed the importance of the cards. Joe L.-It was brought up at the Assembly, in regards to whether or not it

is OK to contact the Authorities if there is an issue or problem at the meeting and the answer is yes. Chris mentioned, if an individual comes to a meeting and they are intoxicated and driving, what should we do? Can we call the Police? It stated it has brought a lot of disagreement amongst members. Best case scenario is to ask the member for their keys, because they are a danger to themselves and the community, and if that does not work, it is suggested to call the authorities if they refuse. The statement on the bottom of one side of the Yellow Card states: Calling the proper Authorities does not go against any AA Traditions and is recommended when someone may have broken the law or is a danger to other people.

11. Motion to Close-Chris motion, Fred 2nd. Closed with- Lords Prayer

Yours in Service

Lou D

[aadistrict49secretary@gmail.com](mailto:aadistrict49secretary@gmail.com)