

District 49 Minutes Friday April 12th, 2019

1. John R opened w/ "The Serenity Prayer" & "The Declaration of Unity."
2. Guests/Visitors-Wayne (Tamaqua Group), Drew, Dave (Daily Reflections Group) and Paul
3. Roll Call-Groups in attendance: Center City Group, Choices Group, Conyngham Group, Daily Reflections Group, Greater Lehigh Group, How It Works Group, Last Chance Group, Living Sober Group, Open Minds Women's Group, Recovery-Unity-Service Group, Serenity Sunday Night Group, Sober Saturdays Group, Tamaqua Group (13/24)
4. Tradition & Concepts
 - a. Tradition 4- "Each Group should be autonomous except in matters affecting other Groups or AA as a whole". Joe L Read and discussed
 - b. Concept 4- "Throughout our Conference structure, we ought to maintain at all responsible levels a traditional "Right of Participation," taking care that each classification or group of our world servants shall be allowed a voting representation in reasonable proportion to the responsibility that each must discharge". Read and discussed by Monica.
5. Officers Reports
 - a) DCM Report-John R-A lot of things happened since the last meeting. Vickie and I attended an Intergroup Meeting, plan on going again, as it can be very helpful for us. Also went to a District Meeting in Scranton, That I was told by the GSO that I was elected for PI and that I needed to be there. Meeting was about the same size as ours, and facing the same problems as we have, needing Officers and Chairs for various positions. While I was at Intergroup, I got Dans books. Joe and I will be going to Hershey for a Pre-Sharing Conference. Joe and I will be going to a Mini-Assembly on June 8th in Bloomsburg, and District 49 is responsible for break down at the end of the meeting. I received my first Bridging the Gap assignment for a guy who is in Lehigh getting out of State Prison in Florida, and he is looking for more volunteers. John asked if all GSR's received their Welcome Packets.
 - b) ADCM Report- Joe L.-Going to start getting to some of these Dark Meetings, as I haven't had a chance to get to any last month. Will be attending the meetings in Hershey and Bloomsburg with John.
 - c) Secretary Report-Lou D.-Lou wanted to know if everyone who was at District the previous month whether they received their minutes or not. Lou requested information from a few of the GSR to update contact info. Verified contact info for Chris, Dan, Fred, Celia, and Center City Group Hazleton. Minutes voted on and accepted.

- d) Treasurer's Report-Vickie B.- she handed a copy of report. Balance Forwarded=\$903.73; Deposits=\$313.00; Expenses \$118.40. Balance of \$1098.33. See attached District 49 Treasure's Report. Motion was made to accept report, and 2nd. GSR's accepted.
 - e) Intergroup Report-Do not have an Intergroup Representative at this time. If anyone is willing to do it we will take them to their first one. I have an order form for supplies and literature we may need. Gave Frank a copy for PI. Vickie mentioned that she and Don will be going up, so if anyone needs copies of anything, please let us know, or pamphlets, etc.
6. Group Problems, Issues, or Question on the District, Intergroup, Area, and GSO.
- a) No issues brought up. John mentioned if there are any questions about District. Please understand this is all new to him and we are learning as we go.
7. Committees:
- a) Archives-Need Chairperson-Frank has the Workbook on Archives, H&I, and Bridging the Gap. Dan had a question, have the Archives always been stored in Vickie's garage, and how much stuff is it? How would we get it? John asked if he was going to sign himself up for that. Vickie stated that the main job is to go to functions and meetings when requested. John gave a short history on where Archives have been. There was a great deal of discussion about the commitment. John wrapped it up by saying "So Dan, Archives?". Dan accepted the commitment and was welcomed with a round of applause.
 - b) Corrections Men-No Chair-Chris said that he was considering doing it, and he accepted the position. Had a question about contacts for Men who take the meetings into the Prison. He wanted to know if they were still active. Chris said he would find out who is and who isn't cleared to go in. Chris said that everyone needed to be cleared. Chris said he would establish contact with the Deputy Warden, find out if there is a new Clearance Form, and establish who is and who is not cleared to go into the Prison. John thanked Chris for taking over the commitment. Chris also wanted to know what days we are doing, and he is looking for consistency. Also asked about the Youth Camp in Hickory Run. That is a Correctional Institution. He and Dan will work on establishing contact with the person in charge there.
 - c) Corrections Women-Vickie B is the temporary contact, everyone is plugged in and is very organized. The 2nd Wednesday of the month is Teen Challenge, which affects both the Men's and Women's meetings.

- d) Hospitals & Institutions-No Chair-St Luke's-currently still suspended. There was discussion about possible other Hospitals and Institutions, specifically Hazelton, but they do not have In Patient. Dan said he is taking speakers to the Out Patient there. John mentioned perhaps he wanted to take this commitment as well, Dan said he would not be doing so.
- e) Public Information-Frank-had their first Seminar on Tuesday at a local High School. Got to Network with other folks who were involved in Prevention, Treatment, and Post Treatment. It was mainly focused on Narcotics, Youth prevention. He had hoped to have a procedure ready to get the Adopt-A-Spot going but unfortunately, he had a Bear break into his garage and tear it up, and lost his wallet and was spending a lot of time cleaning this up. He hopes to have it set up by next month. He has been in touch with Intergroup and has some materials on order and will be picking them up when they are ready, hoping to have them ready for next month.
- f) Unity Breakfast/Workshops-Dan B.- He has the money from the Unity Breakfast, which was \$1561, minus the Deposit, the total profit was \$1311. The Bill from Capriotti's was \$2300. Will have to discuss the Tickets next year, as most of the profits were realized from the Basket Drawings and 50/50 raffle. We sold 212 Tickets, at \$12, \$2544. Invoice for Breakfast \$2326. \$217 profit from Ticket sales. 50/50, \$880, \$440 Profit. Raffles were \$904. Total \$1561. Great Job, round of applause after. John said that perhaps we could get started earlier, but Dan wasn't sure starting earlier would help, as we sold more this year than last year.
- g) Grapevine-Monica-Grapevine is doing well, the only two meetings she attends are Sober Saturdays and Tamaqua. She asked that people spread the word to take the Grapevine to meetings and Anniversaries. Monica's contact info is available on the Website. She had a question about being reimbursed for books that she purchases and submit a report to District for reimbursement. Someone had taken a book at the Breakfast and didn't pay for it. Spread the word at your groups, it is the Grapevine's 75th Anniversary. It's free, so promote it! Lou asked her to go to Lehighton on April 26th. Chris asked if Grapevine has a budget, Vickie suggested that she figures out an annual budget. Joe asked if her gas/travel expenses get reimbursed, Vickie stated that in the Structure Manual the only Service members who get Travel reimbursements are the DCM and ADCM. Vickie asked if Monica had registered with Grapevine and if she received a Startup Kit, Monica stated that she had been registered for a few years now. John said he had a contact for Grapevine at the Area level.

- h) Website Report-Vickie B-started posting the minutes. She had received some hate mail about taking Mahanoy City Prison report off the Website. Chris said that it wasn't that we didn't care, but that Mahanoy City Prison is not within our District. Vickie did not want to respond to the email until she had brought the issue to our meeting. Chris said it is District 59's responsibility.
- i) Unity Report-Celia-now that the weather has broken some of her and her friends will be visiting Dark Groups to try and get them involved.

8. Upcoming Events-

- a) Dan-wanted to thank everyone for selling tickets and for providing baskets for the raffle. Tweedle Park Picnic will be coming up on August 4th, 2019. There is no flyer, but Dan will be bringing it next month. He believes the time is 11AM to 5PM. Copies can be made, and flyer can be added to the Website. Intergroup can be utilized to make additional copies.
- b) Hickory Run Campout-July 19th to July 21st. Vickie mentioned there will be a Spring cleanup will be held there on April 20th. Volunteers are asked to help get the Campground ready, from 9AM to 3PM. Camp Daddy Allen, Route 534, Whitehaven, PA.
- c) Unity Workshop-Joe L-reached out to the Church looking at either October 5th or 12th, waiting for response, looking at a time of 1PM to 4PM. Looking into planning the Lunch and the Workshops. Joe brought up questions about topics for the Workshops, John stated that it's up to the Group what the workshops will be and what to provide for the Luncheon. Paula asked, is District providing the food, or footing the bill, for the workshop, and the answer is yes. Chris asked isn't it the District who determines the Workshops. John asked to table the Workshops question until next month to discuss. John said we will form a Committee when we have a definite date. Vickie stated that in the past with Workshops that the Group should find local Caterer's and get some quotes for District to approve.

9. Old Business-

- a) Paula-Stated that after reviewing the minutes that she had a question about why it was stated that Traditions were violated by not sending the minutes out. She wanted to make it clear that it was not a Tradition violation, that District does have a right of vote, we are permitted to change our District Structure Manual, if it is for the good of the District. For example, we had a question if GSR's could hold Chair or Officer positions, and that it wasn't stated in District 49 Structure Manual. We can amend it by voting. Paula was not

asking to change the votes, or to re-vote the question of sending out minutes, but to clarify that it wasn't a Tradition Break. The main reason this was originally brought up was that GSR's have not been attending and/or Groups have not been supporting the District, and this was a way to possibly get them more involved. We can amend our Structure Manual as we need to. She also asked who is responsible for keeping it updated, and if John could find out who is responsible for this. John said he would ask this question at the Conference Sharing Meeting. Vickie stated that at least the minutes are being read on the Website, and that she feels it's important to get the information out to the Groups to keep them informed. There was much discussion about this afterwards. John felt we were able to accomplish at least getting some groups more involved, as the word spread about the change.

10. New Business-

- a) Members List-John asked if it could be updated. Lou stated that it would be a good tool to have if he has a question about it. Lou D stated that he could do this but that he doesn't have all the Groups information. Chris made a Motion that a Contact list be compiled for next month with all available GSR's, Officers, Chairs for the District. The motion was 2nd and approved by the Committee. Lou will provide this information at the May District meeting.

11. Motion to Close-Linda motion, Fred 2nd. Closed with- I Am Responsible

Yours in Service

Lou D

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