

District 49 Minutes Friday February 14th, 2020

- John R opened w/ "The Serenity Prayer" & "The Declaration of Unity."
- Guests/Visitors-
- Roll Call-Groups in attendance: 2nd Step Group, Conyngham Group, Greater Lehigh Group, Last Chance Group, Open Minds Womens Group, Recovery, Unity, and Service Group, Sober Saturdays Group, Tamaqua Group (8/24)
- Tradition & Concepts
- Tradition 2- "For our group purpose there is but one ultimate authority - a loving God as He may express Himself in our group conscience." Read and discussed by Dan.
- Concept 2- "The General Service Conference of A.A. has become, for nearly every practical purpose, the active voice and the effective conscience of our whole society in its world affairs." Read and discussed by
- Officers Reports
- DCM Report-John R-Received a Quarterly report from the GSO. It covers everything, Corrections, Finance, GSO, etc. Not much going on, a couple items on the agenda next month. Wanted to revisit the discussion on forming a budget. Should we form a Committee on it. Vickie mentioned that she did a final accounting of last year, I am moving that conversation under the Treasurers report.
- ADCM Report- Joe L-Area contacted Joe, they are looking for volunteers for the Districts to hold Workshops for GSR and Service Work. They are trying to get more GSR's involved. They are looking for August, nothing is in stone yet, but they are looking for volunteers to sponsor it. March 8th John and Joe will be going to Quakertown for the first Area Quarterly.
- Secretary Report-Lou D-Asked if everyone got their minutes. I do have an expense report to turn in. For the last 4 or 5 months of minutes work, \$45.10 in expenses for Postage, Copies, etc. No changes for any Group contacts. Vickie asked if there was an issue with the file because they are seeing December minutes in January minutes. It shows from old business on. **NOTE: After reviewing the file, what happened was the file reverted back to a previous Save, which included some of Novembers Minutes, not December. I do not have a correct Digital File available, however I do have a correct hard copy, which I will turn it to Dan for Archives.**
- Treasurer's Report-Vickie B-Balance from 2019 is \$1818.68. There was a mistake on last month's balance (\$2046.51) due to an error in accounting for a Check for \$246.90 made out to the Grapevine. Vickie explained that the Check was electronically deposited and Vickie didn't realize the money was actually taken out, she had Deposited it back into the Account. The current Treasurer report does not reflect that discrepancy between last month and this month. She will send an update out or bring a corrected report next month. Vickie mentioned that she did a final accounting of last years Income and Expenses in a Spreadsheet and verified it against Bank Statements. YOY, there was an Increase in the working Balance, between 2018/2019 Surplus (+945.36) to 2019/2020 Surplus (1828.68). Chris asked what our expenses are. Chris stated that technically we profited \$900 over what we had the year before. Chris asked what our total expenses were for 2019 (-\$883.32). It was asked if there was a Donation to GSO or Area. Dan mentioned the idea of making a Budget is to see what we need every year, to have a Prudent Reserve, and whatever is left over should be forwarded to either GSO or Area. Paula asked if Judy turned over all the Financials from 2018. Joe stated we need to look at what we need as a baseline and then set up a Prudent Reserve. Chris stated that the Prudent reserve should only be set up for expenses such as rent and the necessary expenses. In other words, to send DCM and ADCM to go to Convention and for Rent for the Facility for District. It should be held separately and taken off the Balance so that we don't include that in our Working Balance. Technically, our balance should be roughly \$1200 if we were to take \$700 out as a Prudent Reserve. Grapevine and other things such as Unity Breakfast are usually a wash. Vickie will be bringing a balance sheet for review next month. There was a ton of discussion that followed, but the General consensus was that we not call the money that carries over from year to year as a Surplus, but as a Net Working Balance, and that Best Practice or previous Panels used a 3 month average of expenses as the basis for a Prudent Reserve. Joe asked that Vickie figure out what the Prudent Reserve would look like as an average of 3 months expenses over the year.

- Intergroup Report-Joe L- Speaking about Prudent Reserves, Intergroup is wrangling with their Prudent Reserve is \$11,450.00. They are asking for a Group Conscience on changing it \$7,000.00. They feel they don't need to have as much Literature on hand as they currently do. They are also looking at reducing the Mileage reimbursement from .55 cents a mile to .25 cents a mile. Chris stated it should match whatever the Federal Government allows for Mileage reimbursement for Charitable Organizations. Joe stated that the Committee reviewed the IRS Tax deduction allowed for Charitable Organizations and went with 1% over what it allows. So Intergroup is reviewing their expenses and are trying to reduce costs. HDH is coming up on March 27th, Tickets are available at \$35 per person. 14th Annual Campout at Hickory Run is coming up. Back to Basics Beginners meeting in Pittston. Also, Chloe is our PI Chair and would like to visit District 49 Meeting in April.
- Group Problems, Issues, or Question on the District, Intergroup, Area, and GSO

- Committees

- Archives-Dan B-Doing the best I can with Archives, I haven't been able to attend all the requested Meetings, Steve has been helping me out. I also have another Sponsee who I am trying to get involved. Just let me know if you need Archives anywhere and I will do the best I can to attend.
- Corrections Men-Chris H- Nothing new, still working on having a meeting with Deputy Warden Long. I am trying to find out what is happening with the Clearances, and what and or if there are any new regulations. Just need to figure out the Logistics of it all. Someone asked what the Sobriety requirement is. The Jail has nothing to do with that part, only the Background Check. John explained how the Prison determines whether someone can go into the Prison. Chris will attempt to call again Tuesday. If he can't make contact or make an appointment, then he will go to the Prison Board. Paula asked if Chris has been able to contact Tina Fink. Chris explained he has no problem getting ahold of the Secretary, but she can't do very much, so he will be escalating to the Board if he cannot get a meeting with Deputy Warden. John asked about the Books in the Prison, Chris stated that all the Big Books are gone, both for the Women and Men. Chris asked who brought up the Pamphlets, Joe stated that Frank B did. John stated that the Work Release section would like to have a meeting. Chris stated he does not have enough Men to cover even the Medium Block. Apparently different people up at Intergroup will give out books for the Prison and others won't. Tammy will give out books, but Tate will not. There is always funds from the Pink Can which is available for the Purchase of books. As far as clean time goes for Volunteers to take meetings into the Prison, based on the Service Structure, discretion is left up to the current Panel on what the Sobriety Time should be.
- Corrections Women-Millie-Not Present-
- Hospitals & Institutions- John R-Last month we all agreed to get some books for the Hospital. Where are we at with finding out whether Intergroup will give us books. Joe said he may not have been clear on what we were looking to do. Dan said that when he asked Tammy about books for a Hospital meeting, he was told that she could not give books for them, that they should have to pay for them. Chris stated that the Hospital should be paying for them, John said St. Lukes isn't paying for anything. Chris also stated that it could be affiliating if we give them books and could be a violation of Traditions. Meghan asked if the Hospital wants books, John said yes, if they are Paperback. Joe asked if we had Group Conscience on this. John said we did, Chris said we did not. Intergroup is not an Organization, do we contact H&I from Area and ask if they provide Literature? Can we contact the Area Rep or Chair for H&I. Area might have the resources already, and then it won't come out of District Fund. John and Joe are going to the Quarterly and will find out.
- Public Information-Frank B-Not Present
- Unity Breakfast/Workshops-Dan-Unity Breakfast-Dan has a list of all the tickets that have been handed out. All 200 Tickets are circulating. There are 40 Tickets here at the meeting to be distributed for GSR's. If anyone does not have my phone number-570-956-6509, if you sell all your tickets and need more, please contact me. Receipt was turned in for \$53 for Ticket Printing. Also, the receipts for Deposit and Capriottis and Flyers is also here for the Treasurer. Our next meeting will be on Sunday, February 23rd, at 11AM at the Center City Group in Hazleton. One speaker will be Donald from Archives. Chris had a suggestion for a Woman Speaker, Mabel from Reading. As of now there is no cutoff date yet for closing

- Ticket Sales. Also I have more flyers available.
- Grapevine-Monica-Not present. Chris renewed Monica's subscription for Grapevine for the Year. Asked if he could be reimbursed, turned in receipt. Monica also needs to replenish books for the Grapevine. Last time it was done was in July. John suggested that Monica order what she needs and submit a bill. Vote unanimous.
- Website Report-Vickie B-Nothing new for Website.
- Unity Report-Celia-Nothing to report.
- Upcoming Events-
- Joe-Is planning on holding another workshop, but waiting until after the Unity Breakfast, and said his Group was willing to hold another one.
- Tweedle Park Picnic-August 2nd-At the meeting Joe brought up why is the Breakfast Sponsored by the District but the Picnic isn't. Chris stated that technically the Tweedle Park Picnic was never a District Event.
- Old Business-
- Joe-Did ask about the Hospital. He will go back and ask about the Prison. Also, he thought if we had some extra money, that each Group get one copy each to give to a Newcomer. There was conversation about this is in our previous meeting and we tabled it because we needed to see a Budget first and then send it to the Groups.
- Structure Manual-John stated that we all approved it- and Vickie stated no. There were several Motions that we made changes to. At least read your part. It was stated that everyone needs to read their part and make the necessary changes.
- New Business-None
- Motion to Close- John asked for a motion to Close. Dan 2nd.

Yours in Service

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