



Date: 6/11/24 St John's Lutheran in Bellefonte, PA

Open with Serenity Prayer at 6:46 pm

Welcome & Introductions

Alex-DCM
Kelli-ADCM
Todd- Officer at Large
Shannon-Secretary
Nick- GSR, Philipsburg
Scott- GSR, Friday Night Teachables
Vince- GSR, Milesburg
Elise- Alt GSR, Milesburg
Randy- GSR, Wednesday Night Candlelight Bellefonte
Jayson- GSR, Snow Shoe
Paul- GSR, Attitude Adjustment
Daniel- GSR, Young Hope
Kristin- GSR, Gratitude
Tom- GSR, Howard Primary Purpose
Kerry- GSR Wed. Night Step
Mark- MWF Noon Christ Community Church
Darren- Visitor
Jen- Visitor
Tara- Area 59 Treasurer, Visitor

Officer Reports:

Officer-at-Large:

Todd reported that the July 9, August 13, and September 10 meetings will be held at the Milesburg Presbyterian Church located at 103 Turnpike Street, Milesburg, PA 16853.

Secretary:

May Minutes were approved

Treasurer:

Alex read Jules' report since she was not in attendance. We started May with \$3,503.83 in the bank. May's expenses totaled \$66.54 and consisted of the Verizon bill. We had \$223.00 in 7th Tradition contributions and \$126.00 in Pink Can contributions. The corrections committee spent \$539.19 out of pink can funds in May on books for Rockview and Benner Correctional Facilities and Grapevines for CCCF. The District's available funds above prudent reserve are \$1,945.10. May's ending balance including the prudent reserve was \$3,246.91 of which \$101.81 is available pink can funds. Motion to approve the May financial report passed unanimously.

Web Servant:

Brock was not present but emailed the group prior to the meeting to report that he received a request to remove the zoom link for the Thursday night Sober Sisters meeting which he did. That group is no longer active. Otherwise the website has been running smoothly.

ADCM:

Kelli attended the mini assembly and got the delegate's report back. **Our delegate, Pete, is tentatively coming to our district meeting in July to discuss his report and address any of our questions.** Some key items Kelli noted from Pete's report were (and see attached which was emailed by Alex):

- www.alcoholicsanonymous.COM has been claimed by AA effective in the next month or two. Up until now we have only had the rights to www.aa.org
- a board inventory was done as a result of the person who stepped down and the way their replacement was handled. the board president issued an official apology
- a study was done on what it would cost to relocate the GSO office (looked at Indianapolis, Atlanta and Philly) because the lease is up in NYC soon. If you visit GSO now everything has been moved to the 11th floor
- it was determined that GSO can remain self-supporting if every AA member would donate \$6.43/year
- online contributions to GSO cost the organization next to nothing to process but mailing checks means they need someone to open the mail and deposit the checks, so consider making contributions electronically
- the prudent reserve is currently at 6 months, they prefer it to be more like 9-10 months so they're working on building it back up
- the digital distribution of literature is increasing. Grapevine podcast downloads are increasing and physical subscriptions to the magazine are decreasing
- the 2025 international convention will be held in Vancouver
- Kelli went through the motions that were made
- La Vina (spanish grapevine) is operating at a deficit
- the amount an individual can gift to AA has increased from \$5K to \$7,500
- two outdated pamphlets have been retired
- the word "donation" should be replaced with "contribution"
- the AA service manual was rearranged, nothing was removed, only the order was changed in places
- the new plain language big book has been approved with some editorial changes. This is NOT meant to replace the big book. It takes the language of the big book and breaks it down, providing definitions, using more gender neutral language, kind of a cliff notes version on an elementary school reading level. Also, the 5th edition of the big book is coming in 2025
- GSO will be looking for transgender and veteran stories

Kelli also attended the Quarterly Meeting-

- We need to let Area 59 know about any changes to our meetings because they do keep track of them
- Bridging the Gap pamphlets were technically not approved so they should not be distributed at meetings. they will most likely be approved at the next quarterly meeting
- there is a new chair of the corrections committee who is doing lots of good work
- there will be a new printing of the structure manual in 2025
- All of the motions we have discussed at the last few district meetings passed (ceiling on the operating account, combining PI and CPC committees, the one related to archives, and the motion from our district as well as the one to offer one virtual option for the mini assemblies)
- EPGSA conference in November needs volunteers!!!

DCM:

EPGSA reminder- Jules' home group has funds available if any group wants to send their GSR in November but doesn't have the money.

Summaries and Actions (A Summary is an announcement. An Action is something you would like input on or to hear the group's experience on the issue.):

Nick reported that reading the yellow safety card as part of his group's script has solved the problem of people having outbursts.

Paul reminded us of the Saturday morning monthly breakfast in Millheim on the third Saturday of every month (6/15 this month). Breakfast at 9am, meeting at 9:30. Potluck, but you can just show up.

Daniel reported that Young Hope recently cleaned out their storage box and found a stack of anonymity table tents if anyone wants some.

Monthly Tradition Discussion: Tradition 6

Committee Reports:

Archives, Structure, Visitation:

Paul reported:

- Visitation- Paul is hitting meetings again one by one but for the most part, any group interested in being represented at district is here.
- Archives- recently added 10 anonymity cards to their collection
- Structure- turns out that page 11 of our manual already has a really good definition of our website which Paul read to us. No tweaking needed. The structure manual can be found on the website.

C&I (Corrections & Institutions):

Jules and Nick were not present but Alex noted:

- literature was purchased as noted in the treasurer's report
- we received an email request for literature from an inmate but it seems to be outside of our district even though it said Bellefonte. Laurel Highlands? Some confusion.

CPC (Cooperation with the Professional Community), PI (Public Information), Website Committee:

- Kristin reported that she is speaking at Centre Helps via Zoom in July to explain what we do at AA

Old Business: Alex touched on the EPGSA funding from Jules' home group in his report.

New Business:

None

Close with the Declaration of Unity at 7:55 pm.

This we owe to A.A.'s future: To place our common welfare first; to keep our fellowship united. For on A.A. unity depend our lives and the lives of those to come.