

**February 6, 2019**  
**District 1 GSR Minutes, Butler Area A.A.**

**Opening Session:** (Deb F.) The meeting was called to order at 7:01 p.m. with the Serenity Prayer. Tradition 2 was read by Ron and Concept 2 was read by Rob.

**Roll Call and Secretary's Report:** (David E.) Motion for the January 2019 minutes to be accepted. Motion was seconded. No discussion or corrections. The minutes were approved.

**Roll Call:** 26 of 35 GSRs present; 9 of 10 coordinators present; 4 of 4 officers present.

**Secretary's Report:**

- *If you are submitting a coordinator report, a home group report, or mark your calendar event, please give it to the secretary by the end of each month's GSR meeting. It will not go into the minutes unless you write it down and turn it in. If you need a form, please see the secretary.*
- *If you are a new GSR or if any home group information has changed, please see the secretary to fill out a Group Information Change Form.*

*If you have not received the minutes and you are a GSR, coordinator, or officer, please contact the secretary. If you see a mistake, please email the secretary: [davidmetzel@hotmail.com](mailto:davidmetzel@hotmail.com).*

**DCM (District Committee Member) Report:** (Deb F.) Present.

- Due to the cancellation of Area 60's 1<sup>st</sup> Quarterly Meeting on Sunday, January 20<sup>th</sup> due to inclement weather, Deb arranged to pick up the Winter 2019 "Seeds of Service" for each of the District 1 GSRs. If you did not pick up your copy after the meeting, please pick it up next month. There is also an electronic copy attached to these minutes.
- Deb reported that she has started visiting each of the 35 groups in District 1. At some of the groups she has visited she has noticed some "outside issues" causing some conflicts. She asked Jamie to read the cover article from the Winter 2019 Seeds of Service, "Our Meetings: Purposes, Needs, & Etiquette." GSRs were asked to share this article with their home groups.
- The Pre-Conference Assembly Weekend (PCAW – formerly known as "The Getaway Weekend") is March 22-24, 2019 at the Comfort Inn, 699 Rodi Road, Penn Hills, PA. The Pre-Conference Assembly is on Sunday, March 24, 2019. Registration begins at 8:30 a.m. The workshop begins at 9:00 a.m. The business meeting begins at 10:15 a.m.
- REMINDER: GSRs have voting privileges at the Pre-Conference Assembly.

**Alternate DCM Report:** (Rob M.) Present, no report.

**Treasurer's Report:** (Gary F.) Present. A copy of his report is attached on a separate page at the end of the February minutes.

**Answering Service Report:** (Mac M.) Present.

- Thanks to Courage to Change for taking the phone in January 2019. Also, thanks to Sunday Sobriety for carrying the phone in February 2019.
- March – Easy Does It; April – Sunday Morning Gratitude; May – Spiritual Experience; June – Red Door
- July through December 2019 is open.
- ***WE NEED 12-STEP CALLERS!!! Please sign up!***
- ***Reminder: Use only the numbers on the call list, even if you have a different phone number for someone.***
- 24 Christmas Meeting – Final Report. \$1453 – \$926.92 (debits) = \$526.08. Thank you once again to everyone who gave donations and volunteered their time.

**PI/CPC Coordinator Report:** (Thomas W.) Present.

- Reported that flyers for the A.A. hotline have been distributed.
- More flyers are being prepared and will be distributed in the future.

**Web Chair Report:** (Andy M.) Present, no report.

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**Archives Coordinator Report:** (Jamie) Present.

- Jamie is accepting information from all groups and individuals regarding home group histories and District 1 events.
- Having stated this, she then raised the question: "What do you want me to do?"
- Discussion followed. Ideas included setting up a booth at District 1 sponsored events such as the Gratitude Dinner, 24 Hour Christmas Meetings, etc. and perhaps conducting some workshops for home groups.

**Gratitude Dinner Planning Committee Report:** (Linda) Present.

- Linda made a report on the 2018 Gratitude Dinner including the money given to the district and the money sent on to GSO from the Gratitude Can.
- However, no written report was received from the KISS Group. Once that information is received, it will be noted in the minutes.
- There was discussion regarding the 2019 Gratitude Dinner. See notes for Old Business below.

### **Hospital Coordinator Report:** (Jan H.) Present.

- Thanks to all who volunteer! In order to take a meeting into the hospital, individuals must have 1 year of continuous sobriety. Meetings are held Fridays on the 5<sup>th</sup> floor of the hospital. Please arrive at 6:45 p.m.
- February 1<sup>st</sup> and February 15<sup>th</sup> – Becky P. (Women’s Meeting)
- February 8<sup>th</sup> – Chris P. (Sunday Morning Gratitude)
- February 22<sup>nd</sup> – Gary F. (Lost & Found)
- March 1<sup>st</sup> and March 15<sup>th</sup> – Jan H. (Lost & Found)
- March 8<sup>th</sup> and March 22<sup>nd</sup> – John B. (Trinity Sunday Night – Chicken Coop)
- April – Dana B. (West Sunbury Group); June – Dave W. (Deshon Group); October – Spencer G
- Open Dates: May, July, August, September, November, and December.

### **Gaiser Center Coordinator Report:** (Spencer G.) Present.

- Meetings are Tuesday at 7:00 p.m. at the Gaiser Addiction Center on Old Plank Road. Please arrive by 6:45 p.m. ONLY two people may go in. Need one person to chair the meeting and one person to give their lead. **Both need to have 1 year of continuous sobriety.** If your group is unable to keep its commitment or for some reason is unable to make it to the Center one or more weeks, please call Spencer G. or the Gaiser Center at 724-287-8205. *Since the new women’s center has opened, the Gaiser Center has asked that when you go in please bring someone of the same gender – men with men and women with women.* You do not need to call ahead. Please ask your home group to consider taking a turn. Thanks to all who volunteer! We can always use old and new Grapevines.
- February – Let It Grow; March – Lost & Found; April – Saturday Morning 12 & 12; May – Spiritual Tools; June – West Sunbury (Dana); July – Butler Concerned (Chad); August – Deshon Group; September – Butler Concerned; October – Parker 12 & 12; December – Wednesday Night Big Book 12 & 12
- Open Dates: November.

### **Davis Archway Coordinator Report:** (Doug F.) Present.

- Things are going well. Please—if you sign up, show up.
- If you have any questions or if you CANNOT make it, please call Doug F. This is a speaker meeting only. Need one person to chair the meeting and one person to speak. **A suggested 1 year of continuous sobriety is required to chair and to speak.** The address for Davis Archway is 164 Schiebel Road, Butler, PA 16002. If you are unable to keep your commitment, please call Davis Archway at 724-841-0744.
- January – Friday Night Solutions; February – Wednesday Night Big Book 12 & 12; March – Red Door; April – Butler Concerned; May – Mount Chestnut; June – Lost & Found; July – Serenity Group
- Open Dates: August, September, October, November, and December.

## Corrections Facilities Coordinator Reports:

*Note: Any person wanting to go into the jail needs to complete the Orientation Program at the jail. The orientation is held on the first Friday of every month from 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. You need to have 1 year of continuous sobriety and be off paper. **All orientation and clearances must be updated yearly.** You must call in prior to going for clearance; if there is not enough attendance, they will not hold the orientation.*

### **Men's Jail:** (Mick C.) Present. No report.

- Volunteers needed.
- You need to email Kelly at the jail to get registered for orientation. See the last page for complete registration details including her phone number and email address.

### **Women's Jail:** (Donna M.) Present.

- Things are going well.
- Picking up some new volunteers, but still need help. Please consider volunteering. The orientation information is the same as the men's jail listed above.

**Open Positions:** We are still in need of an **alternate secretary, alternate web chair coordinator, and alternate Gaiser Center coordinator.** Please share this information with your home group members and ask them to consider stepping up to district service. (Note: if there are other open positions that you know about or if any of these positions have been filled and/or overlooked, please let us know at the March GSR meeting. It is important to keep this information update-to-date and accurate.)

### **Old Business:**

1. Gratitude Dinner. The date and location for the 2019 Gratitude Dinner have been selected. It is scheduled to be held on Sunday, November 17<sup>th</sup> at the Atrium. The time has yet to be determined. It was decided at the January GSR meeting to take this back to the home groups to see if any of them wanted to step up and host this year's dinner. A lengthy discussion ensued regarding this. The topic of whether this should be hosted by a home group (or groups), the district, or an "activity committee" was debated. In the end it was decided to table further discussion so that it could be taken back to the groups for input. It will be discussed again at the March GSR meeting. ***Please remember to discussion this with your group and bring your constructive ideas to the March meeting.***
2. The 2019 Pre-Conference Assembly (PCAW). Per the January minutes, consideration was given to pay for the DCM to attend the Area 60 Pre-Conference Assembly at the Comfort Inn in Penn Hills which is scheduled for March 22-24, 2019. Following discussion, a motion was made, seconded, and approved to cover expenses per the District 1 Guidelines.
3. Future Area 60 Conferences. This led to further discussion about the district budgeting for the DCM to attend future Area 60 Conferences. Since attendance at the four

quarterly meetings and the two annual assemblies is part of the DCM's duties, budgeting for these expenses (which are outlined in the District 1 Guidelines) would be covered provided the funds were available without the DCM having to request it and the GSRs having to carry it back to their home groups for input every time. After discussion, a motion to include these expenses in the district budget was made, seconded, and approved. The motion passed.

### **New Business:**

- Deb F. brought up the idea of the district sponsoring a summer/fall picnic with workshops on unity, sponsorship or other topics. A lengthy discussion followed concerning the possible date, location, food, expenses, etc. It was decided to investigate the possibility of holding it in late summer/early fall at the pavilion in Butler Memorial Park depending on availability. It was also decided to take it back to home groups for discussion and ideas – and further discussion would be held at the March GSR meeting. In the meantime, Rob M. is going looking into the availability of the pavilion.
- After a brief misunderstanding, Mark B. stood for the position of alternate treasurer. He gave his qualifications. A motion was made, seconded, and approved by all present. Thanks to Mark for his willingness to serve.

### **Home Group Reports:**

- Spiritual Experience will continue to meet at the new location at the Grapevine Center. The meeting will begin at 7:30 p.m. on Monday evenings. *NOTE: This is a change from what was originally printed in the January minutes.*
- A new meeting is starting up beginning on February 11<sup>th</sup>. Primary Purpose Big Book Study Group will meet on Monday evenings at the Grapevine Center at 9:00 p.m. (This follows the Spiritual Experience meeting.) The GSR is John C. His phone number is 724-290-6821 if you have any questions. *NOTE: The time may be subject to change since Spiritual Experience had to move their starting time from 7:00 to 7:30 at the Grapevine Center's request. This is being investigated and will be updated as soon as the information is available.*
- Courage to Change & Easy Does It will be hosting "No Mistake on the Lake" on July 4<sup>th</sup> at Moraine State Park, Pavilion #7. The schedule for the day is: 10:00 a.m. Lead – Donuts & Coffee; 12:00 p.m. Lunch; 3:00 p.m. Lead. The rest of the day is for food, fellowship, and fun. Bring your fishing poles. This is a "no license needed for fishing" day in PA. Directions: North Shore ramp, keep right to continue to Pavilion #7 in McDanel's Boat Launch. Tickets are \$10.00 per person with proceeds going to District #1 – Butler A.A.

### **Mark Your Calendar:**

- Butler Saturday Night "Red Door" will celebrate their 74<sup>th</sup> anniversary on Saturday, February 16, 2019. Doors open at 5:30 p.m. There will be coffee, pizza, and cake. Covered dishes are also welcome. Speaker at 7:00 p.m.
- Sunday Morning Gratitude will celebrate their anniversary on Sunday, March 17, 2019 with a free breakfast. Doors open at 9:00 a.m. There will be a speaker at 10:00 a.m.

***For more information on what's going on in our area, please visit the Area 60 website at: [www.wpaarea60.org](http://www.wpaarea60.org).***

The next District 1 GSR Meeting will be held on Wednesday, March 6, 2019 at 7:00 p.m. in St. John's Reformed Church, 493 Evans City Road, Butler, PA. (Route 68 across from Sheetz.) You don't need to be a GSR to attend. Attendance is a great way to see how your local AA works.

Motion to close at 8:28 p.m. Seconded. The meeting closed with "The Responsibility Declaration" and "The Lord's Prayer."

Respectfully submitted in love & service,  
David E.  
District 1 Secretary

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**Officers and Coordinators:** Their phone numbers and emails will now be on a separate page. It will be attached to GSR email, but it will not be attached to the minutes posted on the district website.

**Treasurer's Report:** The treasure's report will now be on a separate page. It will be attached to GSR email, but it will not be attached to the minutes posted on the district website. Please make checks payable to **District One A.A.** Group contributions should be mailed to **P.O. Box 1725, Butler, PA 16003-1725.**

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