

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

**Opening Session:** (Deb F.) The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. with the Serenity Prayer. Tradition 3 and Concept 3 were read.

**Roll Call and Secretary's Report:** (David E.) Deb F. made a motion to accept the February 2019 minutes. The motion was seconded. No discussion or corrections. The minutes were approved.

**Roll Call:** 20 of 35 GSRs present; 6 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.

- Reminder that while all members of A.A. are welcome to attend the District 1 Meeting, only current district officers, service coordinators, and GSRs are permitted to discuss topics that are on the floor.
- An overview of basic parliamentary procedure: please raise your hand and wait to be recognized before stating your motion. Stay on the subject and avoid personal attacks. Wait your turn – do not interrupt another speaker.
- We want to keep the meeting orderly in order to cover all topics and close at a reasonable time.

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

**Treasurer's Report:** (Gary F.) Present.

- A motion was made to accept the February 2019 treasurer's report. The motion was seconded. No discussion or corrections. The minutes were approved.
- A copy of the March 2019 treasurer's report is attached on a separate page at the end of the March minutes.

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

- Thanks to Sunday Sobriety for taking the phone in February. Also, thanks to Easy Does It for carrying the phone in March 2019.
- April – Sunday Morning Gratitude; May – Spiritual Experience; June – Red Door; July – (Skype) Let It Grow; August – Spiritual Experience; September – KISS; October – Solutions; November – Courage to Change; December – Bill B.
- ***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.***

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

- Reported that brochures were delivered to the hospital.
- There is a box of leftover brochures. A question was raised about what to do with them. It was suggested to bring the box to the April meeting and let GSRs take them to their home groups for distribution – if they are interested in them.

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

Our District Website: [www.district1aa.org](http://www.district1aa.org)

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

- Jamie is accepting information from all groups and individuals regarding home group histories and District 1 events.
- She has been going through the archive materials that were turned over to her. She asked if anyone knew what the oldest group in District 1 was. She also asked about the second and third oldest groups. (Each was guessed correctly.)
- She suggested that groups take the time to look through their group history reports. There is a lot of A.A. history in District 1.

**Gratitude Dinner Planning Committee Report:** No coordinator, no report.

See discussion under "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.
- March 8 and March 22 – Linda – KISS; March 15 – Jan and John – Chicken Coop and Trinity; March 29 – Ashley – Red Door; April – West Sunbury – Dana; May 3 – Sabrina; May 10, 17, 24, 31 – Ashley – Red Door; June – Randy – Sobriety Hill 12 & 12; July – Randy – Sobriety Hill 12 & 12; August – KISS; September – Dave W. – Deshon; October – Spencer G.

- Open Dates: 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.
- 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; November – Bernie/KISS and Serenity; December – Wednesday Night Big Book 12 & 12

### **Davis Archway Coordinator Report:** (Doug F.) Absent, no report.

- 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.

- 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:** No coordinator, no report.

### **Open Positions:**

- Olivia was nominated for the position of Women's Jail Coordinator. She stated her interest and qualifications. A motion was made to accept her for the position. The motioned was seconded. She was approved.
- Jen H. was nominated for the position of Alternate Women's Jail Coordinator. She stated her interest and qualifications. A motion was made to accept her for the position. The motion was seconded. She was approved.
- 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.

### **Old Business:**

1. 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.
2. Gratitude Dinner. Continued from discussion at the February meeting was the topic of whether the Gratitude Dinner should be hosted by a home group (or groups), the district, or a committee. GSRs had been asked to take this back to their home groups for discussion and be ready to vote on this at the March District 1 meeting. A motion was made that a vote be taken on this issue. The motion was seconded. The vote was taken by a show of hands. The results: 11 votes for a committee; 5 votes for a home group (or groups); 2 votes for the district. It was decided that a committee should take over the Gratitude Dinner. After some follow-up discussion, there is now a need for a Committee Coordinator and an Alternate Committee Coordinator. GSRs were asked to take this to their home groups and let them know that anyone interested in standing for these positions should come to the next District 1 meeting on April 3, 2019.
3. Budget. Continued from discussion at the February meeting was the topic of a budget for District 1 and the coordinators. Jamie C. (Archives) made a short presentation of information she put together on District 1's 2018 Annual Budget. She distributed two handouts. The information contained in the handouts was gleaned from the minutes and treasurer's reports from January-December 2018. Following her presentation, the floor was open for discussion. At the end of the discussion period, each coordinator was asked to look through the information presented and determine what dollar amount they think they need to operate for the year. Please bring this back for follow-up at the next meeting. [For reference, see the District 1 Guidelines for each coordinator as well as section G, p.19 regarding Budgets.]

## **New Business:**

- Brief follow-up to the discussion at the February meeting regarding the District hosting a summer picnic, dance, or other activity. A decision was made to table this topic for further discussion once an activities coordinator was selected and a subsequent committee established.

## **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. WEB CHAIR: please check and see that this information is corrected on the meeting list posted on the district website. Thanks.**
- The Primary Purpose Big Book Study Group which began on February 11<sup>th</sup> will now be meeting on Tuesday evenings at the Grapevine Center at 8:00 p.m. (This is a change from what was originally printed in the February minutes.) The GSR is John C.
- 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 \$5.00 per person** with proceeds going to District #1 – Butler A.A. (Please note the change in tickets price from \$10.00 to \$5.00 dollars. This change was made after the February minutes were sent out and approved.)

## **Mark Your Calendar:**

- Sunday Morning Gratitude will celebrate their anniversary on Sunday, March 17, 2019 with a free breakfast. **Doors open at 8:30 a.m.** (This is a change from what was printed in the February minutes.) Breakfast is from 8:30-9:30 a.m. The meeting begins at 10:00 a.m. and there will be an out-of-town speaker.
- Sobriety Hill 12 & 12 will hold their 32<sup>nd</sup> Anniversary Picnic on Saturday, July 27, 2019 at Butler Memorial Park, Rotary Shelter. Lunch begins at 1:00 p.m. (Hamburgers, hot dogs, etc.) Covered dishes are welcome. Suggested donation is \$5.00 to help with costs. Soda pop or water will be available for \$0.50. A 50/50 raffle will be held. There will be an out-of-town lead at 3:00 p.m. For more information contact Tom T. or Terry P.

***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, April 3, 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 7:55 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

This is confidential information pertaining to Butler Area Alcoholics Anonymous and is intended for A.A. members only. If you are not the named A.A. member, you should not disseminate, distribute, or recopy this document. If you have received this by mistake, please destroy or delete it. If this is an email transmission, it cannot be guaranteed to be secured or error-free as information could be intercepted, corrupted, lost, destroyed, arrive late, be incomplete, or contain viruses. The sender therefore does not accept liability for any errors or omissions in the contents of this message which arise as a result of such transmissions.

**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.**

*Note: Any person(s) wanting to go into the prison needs to complete the Orientation Program at the prison. The orientation is held on the first Friday of every month from 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. At that time, volunteers complete the forms necessary to check their background and they receive instruction on how to comport themselves within the prison. Available slots for the orientation training are allotted on a first-come, first-serve basis. To reserve a spot, please call or email Counselor Kelly Long at the Butler County Prison. Phone: 724-431-1347. Email: [klong@co.butler.pa.us](mailto:klong@co.butler.pa.us). AA jail coordinator is Mick C. AA jail volunteers are required to be clean & sober and off paper (parole/probation) for at least 1 year.*

---