

April 3, 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 4 was read by Olivia S. and Concept 4 was read by Mindy F.

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

Roll Call: *21 of 35 GSRs present; 7 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.

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

- Deb stated that she has received phone calls concerning conduct in meetings – especially concerning gossip, name calling, and some other negative behaviors. Since each group is autonomous and there is no A.A. police force, it is up to GSRs, home group members, and the meeting chairperson to maintain order during meetings. Please remember to discuss this during your group conscience.
- Reviewed the District 1 Guidelines regarding who is permitted to talk “on the floor” during the district meeting. Rob M. read these the pertinent section from page 3 in the guidelines: Only current District Officers, Service Coordinators, and GSRs are permitted to discuss on the floor.
- Report on the Pre-Conference Assembly Weekend (PCAW). Deb thanked the district for supporting her trip. She had a great weekend. There was a long list of agenda items that were covered. Some of the workshop topics included a huge problem with sexual assault in some areas/meetings and the fact that there is no A.A. police force – which reinforces the concept that in A.A. it is best when women work with women and men work with men.
- Theme for the next International Convention was decided. It will be “I Am Responsible – Unity.”

- There was discussion/debate on a possible 5th edition of the Big Book, whether there is a need for a new edition, and whether there should be a separate section of stories in the back of the book for "25 & Under" to represent young people in A.A.
- Deb shared her thoughts on why she disagreed with this idea and gave specific reasons on why she voted against it. She mentioned that another factor in her vote was that no estimated dollar amount was submitted as to how much a new edition would cost GSO to produce.

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

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

- A motion was made to accept the March 2019 treasurer's report. The motion was seconded. No discussion or corrections. The report was approved.
- A copy of the April 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 Easy Does It for carrying the phone in March. Also, thanks to Sunday Morning Gratitude for taking the phone in April 2019.
- The resto of the year is filled: 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.***
- Two additional reminders: (1) Please remember to log all calls received and put the name of the 12th-step caller in the log; (2) remember to check the voicemails and call the individuals back. This is what we do!

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

- He took a tote of literature to the hospital, the "Nooner," and Spiritual Experience meetings. Happy to report that all the extra literature is now gone.
- Reminder to think about all the places around town where a tear off sheet with the District 1 information and phone number might be displayed. For your convenience copies of the flier are attached to the April minutes.

Web Chair Report: (Andy M.) Present.

- Brought attention to the fact that while we do not post the list of full names and phone numbers of GSRs on the district website, some of the coordinators' reports contain that information. Looking for direction on what to do when this occurs. There was no further discussion regarding this matter, but an answer and directions on how to proceed will be forthcoming at the May meeting.
- Our District Website: www.district1aa.org

Archives Coordinator Report: (Jamie C.) Absent, no report.

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 Friday evenings on the 5th floor of the hospital from 7:00—8:00 p.m. Please arrive at 6:45 p.m.
- April – West Sunbury – Dana; May 3 – Sabrina – Lyndora Original; 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.) Absent. No report.

- 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.
- 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.) Present.

- 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.
- April – Butler Concerned; May – Mount Chestnut; June – Lost & Found; July – Serenity Group
- Open Dates: August, September, October, November, and December.
- **Reminder: This is an in-house meeting – it is NOT open to outsiders.** Only the individuals chairing the meeting may go in. This is limited to two people. It was noted that it is listed in the Pittsburgh Central Office meeting list and on the app Meeting Guide. This information is taken from the GSO by way of the Group Information Sheets. We will look into what steps can be taken to correct this. In the meantime, please remember that this meeting is for Davis Archway residents only.

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.) Absent. Report was given by the alternate coordinator, Dave W.

- 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.
- Support is needed. If you are interested but nervous about going into the jail, they will arrange to have two people go in at a time until you feel comfortable taking the meeting in by yourself.

Women's Jail: (Olivia S.) Present.

- Volunteers needed.
- If you are interested in attending the orientation, please call or email Olivia and she will assist you in getting signed up. Her contact information is attached to the minutes on the Officers and Coordinators Information Sheet.

Open Positions:

- Chad Z. was nominated for the position of Alternate Davis Archway Coordinator. He stated his interest and qualifications. A motion was made to accept him for the position. The motion was seconded. He was approved.
- Jan H. was nominated for the position of Alternate Gaiser Center 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** and **alternate web chair coordinator**. Please share this information with your home group members and ask them to consider stepping up to district service.

Old Business:

1. Budget. Jamie C. had to work and was absent. She is the one who put together the information that was distributed at the March meeting. Further discussion was tabled until the May meeting. Coordinators, 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.]
2. Activities Committee/Gratitude Dinner. Mindy F. stepped up and expressed interest in being the Activities Committee Coordinator. She gave her qualifications for the position. A motion was made to accept her for the position. The motion was seconded. She was approved. Ashley K. stepped up and expressed interest in being the Alternate Activities Committee Coordinator. She gave her qualifications. A motion was made to accept her for the position. The motion was seconded. She was approved. Anyone interested in

being a part of the Activities Committee should contact Mindy F. Her contact information is attached to the minutes on the Officers and Coordinators Information Sheet.

3. Area 60 and Area 59 will combine to host a Hospitality Room at the International Convention, July 2-5, 2020 in Detroit, MI. They are looking for volunteers to work various shifts during the convention. Anyone who is interested in being a volunteer should contact Deb F. and she will pass your information on to the appropriate contact people in Area 60.

New Business:

- No new business was brought to the floor.
- Chad from Butler Concerned stated that their group is getting ready to place a literature order through GSO. Any other groups who would like go in with them to place an order for literature and save money on shipping charges should contact them as soon as possible.

Home Group Reports:

- The KISS Group will be having an anniversary picnic at Butler Memorial Park in the Rotary Shelter on Thursday, July 18, 2019. It begins at 6:00 p.m. Meeting will be at 7:30 p.m. More information to follow.
- 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 11th 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 4th 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 McDaniel's Boat Launch. **Tickets are \$5.00 per person** with proceeds going to District #1 – Butler A.A.
- The Lyndora Original group which meets on Tuesday evenings in the PARC Building at 8:00 p.m. is looking for sober support – especially individuals with long-term sobriety.

Mark Your Calendar:

- Sobriety Hill 12 & 12 will hold their 32nd 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.

- The next Quarterly Meeting for Area 60 will be held on Saturday, May 11, 2019 at the Comfort Inn, 699 Rodi Road, Penn Hills, PA. Registration opens at 8:30 a.m. Workshop begins at 9:00 a.m. The meeting begins at 10:15 a.m. Please note that this meeting is being held on Saturday rather than Sunday to accommodate Mother's Day. GSRs and other interested parties are encouraged to attend and see how A.A. works. As many old timers have said, "If you stay in the center you can't fall off the edge."

For more information on what's going on in our area, please visit the Area 60 website at: www.wpaarea60.org.

The next District 1 GSR Meeting will be held on Wednesday, May 1, 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 7:50 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.**

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. 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.