

**May 1, 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 5 was read by Ashley and Concept 5 was read by Jen.

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

**Roll Call:** 21 of 35 GSRs present; 10 of 10 coordinators present; 3 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.

- Deb will be attending the Area 60 2<sup>nd</sup> Quarterly Meeting on Saturday, May 11, 2019. The meeting is being held on Saturday rather than Sunday in order to accommodate Mother's Day. Registration begins at 8:30 a.m. The workshop begins at 9:00 a.m. The 2<sup>nd</sup> Quarterly Meeting begins at 10:15 a.m. These will be held in the SEASONS BALLROOM at the Comfort Inn, 699 Rodi Road, Penn Hills, PA.
- All GSRs, Coordinators, and other interested persons may attend. This is a great way to see how AA works at the Area level.

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

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

- A motion was made to accept the April 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 May minutes.
- A new phone plan was purchased for the Answering Service through AT&T. The phone number remains the same. The move will save the district money on the monthly phone bill.

- Discussion regarding whether the district needs to obtain a 501(c)(3) number or whether it is possible and/or wise to use the Area 60 number. Deb F. stated that she was planning to have discussions with individuals at the areal level during the 2<sup>nd</sup> Quarterly meeting. It was decided to table further discussion on this matter until more information could be gathered.

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

- Thanks to Sunday Morning Gratitude for carrying the phone in April. Also, thanks to Spiritual Experience for taking the phone in May 2019.
- The resto of the year is filled: June – Red Door; July – (Skype) Let It Grow; August – Spiritual Experience; September – KISS; October – Solutions; November – Courage to Change; December – Let It Grow
- ***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 12<sup>th</sup>-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.

- Thomas stated that he received an invitation to set up a table at the Butler Recovery Day on Saturday, May 4th. He is going to look into getting more details about this event and what it would involve.

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

**Activities Committee** (Mindy F.) Present.

- The committee has held three meetings so far and have begun work on the Gratitude Dinner. Their next meeting will be on May 21<sup>st</sup> at 7:00 p.m. in Grace @ Calvary Church, Butler, PA (This is the noon meeting location.)
- The committee is also looking into holding a Day of Sharing later in the year. More information to follow as this develops.
- The committee has drafted a set of bylaws. They have been submitted to the secretary to be edited. If all looks good, they will be presented at the June meeting. They will need to be approved and added to the District 1 Guidelines. The Gratitude Dinner Committee will also need to be removed from the District 1 Guidelines.
- Discussion was held concerning the Activities Committee budget and the possibility of the committee taking over the 24-hour Christmas meeting from the Answering Service and absorbing the money which is designated for that into their budget. After lengthy discussion including the difference between seed money and a gift from the district, Chuck J. made a motion to have the Activities Committee take over the 24-hour Christmas Meeting from the Answering Service and receive the \$500 seed money that is

designated for that purpose. The motion was seconded and approved by a voice vote without objection.

- **NOTE:** *Changes will need to be made in the District 1 Guidelines to add the Activities Committee, approve their bylaws, add the 24-hour Christmas meeting under their responsibilities, establish their budget, remove the Gratitude Dinner Committee on page 19, and reflect the changes to the Answering Service Coordinator duties on page 12 and financial information on page 13. This will need to be discussed at the next District 1 meeting on June 5, 2019.*

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

- Jamie reported that she is working on learning the history of Butler AA as it traces its roots back to its beginnings in Akron, Cleveland, and New York. She is looking forward to tracing the history of Butler County AA and sharing what she finds through the archives.

### **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 5<sup>th</sup> floor of the hospital from 7:00—8:00 p.m. Please arrive at 6:45 p.m.
- May 3 – Sabrina – Lyndora Original; May 10, 17, 24, 31 – Ashley – Red Door; June – Randy – Sobriety Hill 12 & 12; July – David E. – Parker 12 & 12; August – KISS; September – Dave W. – Deshon; October – Spencer G. – Big Book 12 & 12
- 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.
- 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
- **Clarification:** *When your home group is taking the meeting into the Gaiser Center, it is okay to take two men into the men's side and two women into the women's side on the same night. This would be very much appreciated whenever possible. The key is men with men and women with women.*

### **Davis Archway Coordinator Report:** (Chad Z., alternate) 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.
- May – Mount Chestnut; June – Lost & Found; July – Serenity Group; August – Sunday Sobriety; December – Friday Night Solution Group
- Open Dates: September, October, and November.
- **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.

### **Men's Jail:** (Dave W., alternate) 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.
- 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.
- Dave took a moment to acknowledge the impact that Bill B. made to the Men's Jail and various other committees in District 1 in addition to his service as former DCM. He will be missed.

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

- Volunteers needed.
- A quarterly meeting was held at 7:00 p.m. on Thursday, April 25<sup>th</sup> at Grace @ Calvary Church. A calendar was filled out through July with the only open days being Friday, May 31<sup>st</sup> and Friday, June 14<sup>th</sup>.
- The next quarterly meeting will be held at 7:00 p.m. on Thursday, July 11<sup>th</sup> at Grace @ Calvary Church.
- If anyone is interested in the orientation, please contact Olivia. Her contact information is attached to the minutes on the Officers and Coordinators Information Sheet which is attached to these minutes.

### **Open Positions:**

- 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:

- Discussion on the District 1 budget which had been tabled from April. The suggested budget amount which had been presented by Jamie at the March meeting was \$3,740.00 for the year. Chuck J. pointed out that if each home group contributed \$8.34 per month to the district (\$100.08 per year) then the district budget would be covered. It was noted that some groups are struggling just to pay rent and provide coffee for their meetings. Further discussion pointed out that there are no membership dues for AA. This was just a suggestion, and no individual or group is ever compelled to give anything. It is important that groups consider giving what they can since this is our district and all support for district services and activities comes from the home groups.
- Chuck J. made a motion to approve the 2019 District 1 Budget (\$3,740.00). The motion was seconded and approved by a voice vote without objection.

## New Business:

- Deb F. addressed the suggested idea to add 10 minutes of open discussion at the end of the District meeting so that those in attendance who are not GSRs would have the opportunity to speak. Two points were addressed. The first was that there are 35 groups in District 1 (which is much larger than other districts where this is done). To give everyone who might be present time to speak, it would prolong the district meeting indefinitely each month. The second point was that every member's voice is already heard and represented by their groups' GSR. Thus, each member already has a voice in their home group. This is done through group conscience. That message is then brought to the district by the GSR.
- No other new business was brought to the floor.

## 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.
- 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. – 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.
- The West Sunbury Group will be having a picnic on July 20, 2019 at ARMCO Park. The schedule for the day is: 11:00 – Coffee & Fellowship; 12:00 – Eat; 2:00 – Speaker.
- The Original Lyndora Group will be hosting a Halloween Party on Thursday, October 24, 2019. Details will be announced when the plans are finalized.

## **Mark Your Calendar:**

- 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.
- 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](http://www.wpaarea60.org).***

The next District 1 GSR Meeting will be held on Wednesday, June 5, 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 7:54 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.**