

June 5 , 2019
District 1 GSR Minutes, Butler Area A.A.

Opening Session: (Deb F.) The meeting was called to order at 7 p.m. with the Serenity Prayer. Tradition 6 and Concept 6 read.

Roll Call and Secretary's Report: motion to accept the May 2019 minutes. The motion was seconded. No discussion or corrections. The minutes were approved.

Roll Call: *21 of 35 GSRs present; 8 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.

Will be getting the gso report soon, and will share with us.

The International convention will be coming to Detroit ; July 2-5 of 2020 Open enrollment will start in September . Do not delay if you want to get a hotel there. They are also having hospitality room if you can volunteer for that.

Next area meeting June 23rd Rodi road,

- 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.) no report.

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

Gary announced he is looking into a saving account to put prudent reserve and seed moneys into, will discuss more at next meeting.

- A motion was made to accept the May 2019 treasurer's report. The motion was seconded. No discussion or corrections. The report was approved.
- A copy of the May 2019 treasurer's report is attached on a separate page at the end of the June 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 2nd Quarterly meeting. It was decided to table further discussion on this matter until more information could be gathered.

Answering Service Report: Ashley reported
Thanks spiritual experience for taking phone in May

The rest 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 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.) not 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, Updated meeting list online. Let him know if there are any mistakes.

Activities Committee Ashley Alt reported

-Day of sharing is on hold. We are having end of summer picnic in August more details to follow

-Next meeting Sunday 9th at 11:30 grace Calvary (nooner)

-Activities committee was concerned with statement in last month minutes and people have questioned the money. Want to make sure it's in agreement before we cash check.

IN minutes last month--- "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.”

This means; We have \$500 to spend on any activity. And once it is donated back to the district after an event. We can get \$500 back out to spend on next event. Everyone agreed that is how it was to be. No other questions raised.

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. -6-5-19 Motion made to accept the Bylaws/guidelines for activities committee. Second and approved.

- **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.) Not 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 5th floor of the hospital from 7:00—8:00 p.m. Please arrive at 6:45 p.m.

June – Sobriety Hill 12 & 12; July- Parker 12 & 12; August – KISS; Sept – Deshon; October Wed night Big Book 12 & 12; Open Dates: November and December

Gaiser Center Coordinator Report: (Spencer G.) not 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.

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- June – West Sunbury; July – Butler Concerned; August – Deshon; Sept – Butler Concerned; October – Parker 12 & 12; November – KISS; December – Wednesday Night Big Book 12 & 12
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- **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: (Doug F.) Present.

There was discussion of women not being able to lead at the archway, Doug has not heard about this, please if you are signed up, show up if anything goes on, he will handle it personally

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.
- June – Lost & Found; July – Serenity Group; August – Sunday Sobriety; Sept- Lyndora Original ; Oct—nov-- December – Friday Night Solution Group
- Open Dates: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.

Doing good, Some guys stepped up. Thanks ! Still need more volunteers.

- 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.

Going good. In desperate need of meeting lists. Also soft big books
Central office will give \$100 per quarter for books. Others offered some meeting lists to take in

- Volunteers needed.
- The next quarterly meeting will be held at 7:00 p.m. on Thursday, July 11th 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:

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.

New Business: no business brought to floor

Home Group Reports:

Living again Chicora--No meeting 6-19-19

Butler south side big book study --No meeting 6-18-19 due to church event

Mark your calendar :

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: 9:00 a.m. – Donuts & Coffee; 10:00 a.m. Lead; 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.

Women's wed night 2nd anniversary 6:15-7pm. Homemade delicious treats
Wed **July 17th**.

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.

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.

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.

The Original Lyndora Group will be hosting a Halloween Party on Thursday, October 24, 2019. Details will be announced when the plans are finalized.

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, July 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 Seconded. The meeting closed with "The Responsibility Declaration" and "The Lord's Prayer."

Respectfully submitted in love & service,
Mindy F,
District 1 (fill in) 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.