

August 7, 2019
District 1 GSR Minutes, Butler Area A.A.

Delegate Report: At 6:00 p.m. Jean M., Past Delegate, Panel 61 and Margie S. Current Delegate, Panel 69 reported on some of the topics that highlighted the agenda at the most recent General Service Conference held May 19-25, 2019. These included:

- GSO and Finances
- Agenda Items
- There is a meeting guide app for your smartphone. Check your provider's app store.
- WPAA.org is going to remove all non-public meetings from the app.

Thanks to Jean M. and Margie S. for taking the time to come and share this information with us.

NOTE TO ALL GSRs – You will find Margie's report from the Post Conference Assembly which she presented to Area 60 on Sunday, June 23^d and her Quick Reference Guide on the 69th General Service Conference attached to these minutes. These documents provide further details on the topics presented above as well as topics she did not have time to discuss.

Opening Session: (Deb F.) The meeting was called to order following the Delegate Report with the Serenity Prayer. Tradition 8 was read by Ashley. Concept 8 was read by Jen.

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

Roll Call: 17 of 35 GSRs present; 8 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.

NOTE OF THANKS – *I would like to thank Rob M. for taking notes and sending them to me while I was on vacation so that I could get these minutes typed and sent out. Thanks to everyone else who assisted in this by getting their coordinator and home group reports sent to me in a timely fashion. I look forward to seeing everyone at the September meeting. ~ David E.*

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

- The 3rd Quarterly Meeting will be held on Sunday, August 18, 2019 at the Comfort Inn, 699 Rodi Road, Penn Hills, PA. Registration begins at 8:30 a.m. Workshop begins at 9:00 a.m. Meeting begins at 10:15 a.m. Contact Deb if you are interested in attending.
- The 2020 International Convention of Alcoholics Anonymous will be held July 2-5, 2020 in Detroit, Michigan with the theme "Love and Tolerance is our Code.". A.A. members and guests from around the world will celebrate A.A.'s 85th year at this event with big meetings held Friday night, Saturday night and Sunday morning in the Ford Field Stadium. Other meetings, scheduled or informal, will take place throughout the weekend in the COBO Center in downtown Detroit.
- Registration forms will be mailed in August 2019 to all G.S.R.s, central offices, intergroups and international G.S.O.s. Online registration will be available September 9, 2019, on aa.org. Advanced registration for the convention between September 9, 2019 and April 14, 2020 will be \$115.00 (USD) per attendee. Registration after April 15, 2020 will be \$140.00 (USD) per attendee. Hotel reservations must be made separately.
- Once you have registered for the Convention, you will receive housing information by the same method you sent in your registration.
- There have been some concerns about whether the DCM (or any other district officer) is permitted to attend a home group's "group conscience" meeting. This is not permitted unless the DCM (or other district officer) is invited to the meeting. The group conscience is made up of the home group members of each group, and it is suggested that only home group members attend group conscience meetings. (For further suggestions see the pamphlet "The A.A. Group...Where It All Begins.")

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

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

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

Answering Service Report: (Mac M.) Present.

- Thanks to Let It Grow for taking phone in July.
- 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.) Absent, no report.

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

Activities Committee: (Ashley – alternate) Present.

- The “End of Summer Celebration Picnic” will be held on August 17, 2019 from 11:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. in the Pine Shelter at Alameda Park. This event is FREE! Covered dishes are welcome. Lunch at noon. Meeting at 3:00 p.m. There are volleyball courts, a purple playground, and a pool. (Admission to the pool is \$6.00) There will be a 50/50 raffle and we will also be taking donations. Bring a chair. A flier for the picnic is attached to the minutes.
- NOTE: West Sunbury agreed to sell us their leftover picnic items for ½ price. We have also received 2 monetary donations for the picnic so far.
- The Gratitude Dinner will be held November 17th, 2019 at the Atrium from 11:00 a.m. until 3:00 p.m. Tickets are available. Contact Mindy or Ashley if you are interested in selling tickets. No tickets will be held or sold at the door. All ticket money needs to be turned in by November 6th. The committee is accepting basket donations for the Chinese raffle until the November 6th District 1 GSR meeting. A flier for the Gratitude dinner is attached to the minutes.
- The next Activities Committee meeting is August 13th at 7:00 p.m.
- We meet at Grace @ Calvary Church, Butler, PA. (This is the noon meeting location.)

Archives Coordinator Report: (Jamie C.) Present, 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.
- August - KISS; Sept - Deshon; October - Wednesday Night Big Book 12 & 12; November – Spiritual Tools; December – OPEN.

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.
- August – Deshon; Sept – Open; October – Parker 12 & 12; November – KISS; December – Wednesday Night Big Book 12 & 12
- Please note that September 2019 is “open.” If your home group is willing to step up contact Spencer G.

- **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.
- August – Sunday Sobriety; September – Original Lyndora; 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.

- Volunteers needed, especially for Monday and Tuesday.
- 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: (Olivia S.) Present.

- Volunteers needed.
- 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: None.

New Business: None.

Home Group Reports:

- The Butler Group of AA "Red Door" will not meet on Saturday, September 7, 2019 due to a church event.

Mark Your Calendar:

- The Activities Committee is hosting an "End of Summer" Celebration Picnic on Saturday, August 17th from 11:00 a.m. until 4:00 p.m. at the Pine Shelter in Alameda Park. Details are listed above under **Activities Committee**. Also see the flier attached to these minutes.
- The Original Lyndora Group will be hosting a Halloween Party on Thursday, October 24, 2019. It will be held from 6:00 – 10:00 p.m. at the Butler Art Center, 344 South Main Street, Butler, PA. Wear a costume—we will be having a costume contest. There will be food, fun, fellowship, and dancing. There will be an out of town speaker. Admission is free. Covered dishes are welcome.
- The Gratitude Dinner will be held November 17th, 2019 at the Atrium from 11:00 a.m. until 3:00 p.m. Details are listed above under **Activities Committee**. Also see the flier attached to these minutes.

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, September 4, 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.