

DISTRICT 14: ALL MOTIONS & MINUTES 2017

DATE	MOTION	VOTE
2/2/2017	MOTION (to accept minutes): Jan F; SECOND: Malcomb B.	VOTE: Unanimous Yea.
2/2/2017	MOTION (to change banks to PNC): Malcomb B; SECOND: Mark D.	VOTE: Unanimous Yea.
2/2/2017	MOTION (to add DCM as secondary signature on new account at PNC): Jan F; SECOND: Lynda K. Signatures on new bank account are to be for Treasurer [FULL NAME REDACTED] and DCM [FULL NAME REDACTED].	VOTE: Unanimous Yea.
2/2/2017	MOTION (add Service Manual reading to Agenda): Dani M; SECOND: Malcomb B.	VOTE: Unanimous Yea.
2/2/2017	MOTION (Treasurer charged with resolution of MiaP situation): Dani M; SECOND: Shelley S.	VOTE: Unanimous Yea.
3/1/2017	MOTION (to change district guidelines to permit online banking): Glenn C; SECOND: Jan F.	VOTE: Unanimous Yea.
3/1/2017	MOTION (to change district bank account from Key to First National): Malcomb B; SECOND: (none). VOTE: n/a, motion failed.	n/a, motion failed
3/1/2017	MOTION (to accept finances as-is at moment and move forward from this point): Shelley S; SECOND: Thomas S.	VOTE: Unanimous Yea.
3/1/2017	MOTION (to continue print/online only at \$296.40/year): Asa W; SECOND: Shelley S.	VOTE: Unanimous Yea.
3/1/2017	MOTION (to accept February minutes): not taken (error on Secretary's part).	n/a, not taken
3/1/2017	MOTION (to update district guidelines from 2012 to 2017-8): Chad U; SECOND: Malcomb B.	VOTE: Unanimous Yea.
4/5/2017	MOTION (to accept March report): not made (because District Guidelines need to be reviewed).	n/a, not made

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4/5/2017	MOTION (to provide an unredacted set of minutes bearing the full names of Treasurer and District Committee Member in order to secure new bank account): Shelley S; SECOND: Dani M.	VOTE: Unanimous Yea.
4/5/2017	MOTION (to accept March minutes): not made (because District Guidelines need to be reviewed).	n/a, not made
4/5/2017	March 2016 MOTION Update (to update District Guidelines from 2012 to 2017-8): draft guidelines provided to Officers and Coordinators for review.	n/a
4/5/2017	MOTION (GAW reimbursement to be registration + lodging/meals for DCM; reg + meals for all 5 Officers and Coordinators): John H; SECOND: Anita S. AMENDED: Malcomb B, Alt DCM should also get reg + lodging/meals, and officers and coordinators reg only; POINT OF INFORMATION: Chad U, DCM and Alt DCM received reg/lodging/meals in previous years;	MOTION WITHDRAWN.
4/5/2017	MOTION (GAW reimbursement to be registration/lodging/meals for Acting DCM; reg only for all 5 Officers and Coordinators): Malcomb B; SECOND: Thomas S. AMENDED: Malcomb B, this vote retroactive to include 2017 GAW; SECOND: Linda B.	VOTE: Unanimous Yea.
4/5/2017	MOTION (use our \$200 event fund budget item to participate [in Day of Sharing in Mount Lebanon]; used as seed money to be repaid after the event): Ed M; SECOND: Dani M.	VOTE: Unanimous Yea.
4/5/2017	MOTION (to adjourn): John H; SECOND: Thomas S.	VOTE: Unanimous Yea.
5/3/2017	MOTION (to accept April minutes): Malcomb B; SECOND: Ed M.	VOTE: Unanimous Yea.
6/7/2017	MOTION (to accept May minutes): not made.	n/a, not made
6/7/2017	MOTION (for Secretary to update Pittsburgh Central Office of closed groups): Thomas S; SECOND: Brett K.	VOTE: Unanimous Yea, except for one abstention.

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6/7/2017	MOTION (to approve [District 14 Picnic] date/time/expense): Thomas S; SECOND: Debbie E.	VOTE: Unanimous Yea.
6/7/2017	MOTION (to close): Malcomb B; SECOND: Keisha.	VOTE: Unanimous Yea.
7/5/2017	MOTION (to accept June minutes): Shelley S; SECOND: John H.	VOTE: Unanimous Yea.
7/5/2017	MOTION (to remove 7th Tradition contribution reporting from the GSR Report Form): Dani M; SECOND: Carol K.	VOTE: 10 Yea; 2 Nay; 1 Abstention.
7/5/2017	MOTION (to close): Dani M; SECOND: Shelley S.	VOTE: Unanimous Yea.
8/2/2017	MOTION (to accept July minutes): Jan F; SECOND: Malcomb B.	VOTE: Unanimous Yea.
8/2/2017	MOTION (to close): Malcomb B; SECOND: Brad B.	VOTE: Unanimous Yea.
9/6/2017	MOTION (to accept Aug minutes): Jan F; SECOND: Ed M.	VOTE: Unanimous Yea.
9/6/2017	MOTION (to vote [to approve someone stepping up to a district O/C position] now [rather than taking back to home group]): Jan F; SECOND: Marie.	VOTE: Unanimous Yea.
9/6/2017	MOTION (to accept Mike as new CPC/PI): Jan F; SECOND: Keeshia M.	VOTE: 22 Yea, 1 Nay. The YEAs have it.
9/6/2017	MOTION (to move back upstairs [in the Harmony House]): Will S; SECOND: Michelle M.	VOTE: 15 Yea, 5 Nay. The YEAs have it.
9/6/2017	MOTION (to close): Jan F; SECOND: Marie.	VOTE: Unanimous Yea.
10/4/2017	MOTION (to accept Sept minutes): Deb E; SECOND: Malcomb B.	VOTE: Unanimous Yea.
10/4/2017	MOTION (to approve District 14 Newcomer brochure): Chad U; SECOND: John H. VOTE: Unanimous YEA.	VOTE: Unanimous Yea.
10/4/2017	MOTION (to approve District 14 Guidelines 2017 now, save minor copyedits): Matt M; SECOND: Debbie E. VOTE: 12 Yea, 8 Nay, 2 Abstentions. MINORITY OPINION: Steve H. CALL FOR REVOTE: Yea. SECOND: Ben P	FINAL VOTE: 9 Yea, 13 Nay, 1 Abstention. The NAYs have it.

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10/4/2017	MOTION (to vote to approve District 14 Guidelines 2017 at the November district meeting): Malcomb B; SECOND: Matt M.	VOTE: Unanimous Yea.
10/4/2017	MOTION (to do District 14 business[/contact] cards): Glenn C; SECOND: Steve H.	VOTE: Unanimous Yea.
10/4/2017	MOTION (to close): Malcomb B; SECOND: Kaitlin H.	VOTE: Unanimous Yea.
10/22/2017	<i>Budget Committee motions and votes found in the minutes; all motions dealt with changes to the sections of the District Guidelines dealing with the budget; edits to be made to Guidelines draft.</i>	<i>n/a</i>
11/1/2017	MOTION (to accept Oct minutes with amendment): Malcomb B; SECOND: Thomas S.	VOTE: Unanimous Yea.
11/1/2017	MOTION (to accept new Guidelines): Chad U; SECOND: Malcomb B. VOTE: 17 Yea, 1 Nay. MINORITY OPINION: Tom S – wants picnic budget line restored. CALL FOR REVOTE: No one wished to change their vote.	VOTE STANDS: 17 Yea, 1 Nay. The YEAs have it. <i>2017 Guidelines accepted.</i>
11/1/2017	Budget Committee motions are New Business, to be discussed at this meeting and in our home groups; in December, full budget for 2018 will be Old Business and voted on.	n/a
11/1/2017	MOTION (to replace CO number in Yellow Pages with BtG number): Dani M.	Motion withdrawn.
11/1/2017	MOTION (to close): Steve H; SECOND: Malcomb B.	VOTE: Unanimous Yea.
11/5/2017	<i>Budget Committee motions and votes found in the minutes; all motions dealt with budget changes and discussion points to be raised at the December district meeting.</i>	<i>n/a</i>
12/6/2017	MOTION (to accept November minutes): Malcomb B; SECOND: Matt M.	VOTE: Unanimous Yea.

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12/6/2017	MOTION (to accept the New Budgeted Items and the amounts discussed in November and attached to the November minutes as the District 14 Budget for 2018): Chad U; SECOND: Malcomb B. AMENDED (decrease the Rent budget line from \$500 to \$400). Matt M; SECOND: Kaitlin H.	VOTE: (on budget as amended) Unanimous Yea. 2018 Budget accepted
12/6/2017	MOTION (to accept the change of MiaP from a fixed to a one-time asset, with revenues put into prudent reserve): Chad U; SECOND: Kaitlin H. AMENDMENT (not to add back the \$750 from the asset line back into the budget, because it would distort the budget). John H. Withdrawn. VOTE: 13 Yea, 7 Nay, 1 Abstention. MINORITY OPINION: Why? CALL FOR RE-VOTE? No one.	VOTE: stands; 13 Yea, 7 Nay, 1 Abstention. The YEAs have it. <i>This vote affects the Guidelines in section 1.2.2; to be amended.</i>
12/6/2017	MOTION (to make the electronic files for MiaP available on the district website): Chad U.	Tabled until January 2018 meeting.
12/6/2017	MOTION (ask the groups if we should use part of the 2017 budget surplus and District Event Fund to have a picnic in 2018 with a \$300 budget): Shelley S; SECOND: John H.	VOTE: 24 Yeas, 0 Nays, 1 Abstention. The YEAs have it. <i>This vote affects the 2018 Budget on the District Event Fund budget line.</i>
12/6/2017	MOTION (arrange a rental contract for district meetings): Matt M; SECOND: Thomas S.	VOTE: Unanimous Yea.
12/6/2017	MOTION (draft a blurb on ways to use the MiaP in our home groups; suggest John H do first draft). Keeshia M; SECOND: Matt M.	VOTE: Unanimous Yea.
12/6/2017	MOTION (to close): Matt M; SECOND: Corey C.	VOTE: Unanimous Yea.

DISTRICT 14 JANUARY 2017 MINUTES

<i>John H, DCM</i>	<i>Chad U, Secretary</i>	<i>Malcolm B, Treasurer</i>	<i>Asa W, CPC-PI</i>
<i>Debbie E, Alt DCM</i>	<i>Michelle M, Alt Secretary</i>		<i>Linda B, Alt CPC-PI</i>
<i>Corey C, Corrections</i>	<i>Shelley S, Grapevine</i>	<i>Travis K, Literature</i>	<i>Dani M, Treatment</i>
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- Meeting called to order by **DCM**.
- **DCM** report and review of Area 60 calendar.
- No minutes to approve; **Secretary** asked for email addresses.
 - Previous Secretary need to take an action to update web-host's email address to current Secretary's email.
 - Website hosting fee due 1/13. Discussion about paying fee ensued. Secretary will determine how to pay fee and possibly get reimbursed.
 - **Alt Secretary** introduction.
- No **Alt DCM** report.
- Basket passed.
- **Officer/Coordinator** reports given:
 - **Treasurer** introduction; no report; shared contact info; shared new addresses to send contributions to District 14 and Area 60; going this week to get onto the district bank account.
 - Dani M noted that Hill 12 & 12's contributions, nor income from the sales of *Meeting in a Pocket*, appeared on the December Treasurer's Report.
 - **Corrections Coord** introduction; shared contact info; shared corrections service needed and requirements for corrections service (see below).
 - **CPC-PI Coord** introduction; shared contact info; literature assets transferred; 22 different radio commercials in English and Spanish acquired from the AAPSA CD, some have been provided to local and college radio.
 - **Alt CPC-PI** introduction.
 - **Grapevine Coord** absent.
 - **Literature Coord** introduction; shared contact info; literature assets transferred; shared there is a low on-hand stock of Big Books and *12&12s*, but a surplus of *Daily Reflections* and *As Bill Sees It*; wishes to know if groups need Big Books in order to place a large enough order to get free shipping – we are \$100 shy of doing so.
 - **Treatment Coord** introduction; shared contact info; shared treatment service needed and requirements for treatment service (see below).
 - Treatment Coord would like GSRs to get their groups to volunteer to take responsibility for a whole month of meetings in either Greenbriar or Gateway.
 - Discussion of who is currently taking meetings into Washington Hospital (see below); Canonsburg ABSI and Hill 12 & 12.
 - Discussion with District 26 (Beaver) regarding their need for women in Treatment and Corrections service.
- **Roll-Call & GSR Reports.**
- **Unfinished Business:**

- Tri-fold wallet cards are in the mail; should have them by next meeting.
- *Meeting in a Pocket* was authorized to be re-ordered in December (DCM to CPC-PI); item was re-ordered in December and reprinted and shipped on Jan 5th. Expected in-hand next week. **Question:** who controls *MiaP* inventory? **Answer:** Literature Coordinator. On-hand stock to be determined by Literature. Alt DCM may have left-over stock.
- **New Business:**
 - **Service Themes** for district discussed. "Attract More, Keep More" offered as a possible initial theme for January to August 2017 by DCM, who further requested that GSRs take the theme back to their groups for discussion.
 - Discussion of the district putting on a **district-wide workshop**.
 - "Sponsorship" suggested by DCM as a potential workshop.
 - Timing of spring or summer suggested.
 - Discussion of the Wally P (a noted AA archivist/historian from Tucson, AZ) sponsorship workshop at the Onala Club on Thursday, November 10, 2016.
 - Discussion by DCM of potentially getting Wally P for such a workshop in District 14; however, Wally's availability is limited to roughly March.
 - Wider-ranging discussion of sponsorship styles, stepwork, and getting into service ensued by **many present**.
 - Meeting closed by **DCM** with the Responsibility Statement.

Corrections & Treatment

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Greenbriar	800 Manor Drive Washington, PA 15301 (800) 637-4673	Th; 7 PM Su; 11 AM	6 months sober to chair; 1 year sober to speak; cannot be first lead.	Dani M, 724.709.3836
Gateway	375 Valley Brook Road, #102 McMurray, PA 15317 (724) 941-4126	Th; 10 AM M; 7PM	6 months sober OR "5 th Step Completed" to chair/speak.	Dani M, 724.709.3836
Washington Hospital	155 Wilson Avenue Washington, PA 15301	M; 6:30 pm W; 6:30	Open discussion; 1 or 2 sober members can go to discussion meeting. Share ESH.	Dani M, 724.709.3836
Waynesburg Hospital	???	???	???	???
WCCF	100 W Cherry Avenue Washington, PA 15301	W; 6 PM	2 years sober; 2 years off-paper; clearance; orientation; need 3 men and 2 women.	Corey C, 724.754.7913
SCI Greene	???	???	2 years sober; 2 years off-paper; clearance; orientation; need 3 men and 2 women.	Corey C, 724.754.7913

Upcoming Events

McMurray Womens' As Bill Sees It 23rd Anniversary

THURS, January 26, 7 PM

Center Presbyterian Church, 255 Center Church Road, McMurray. All are welcome – female, male, alcoholic, and non-alcoholic – to help McMurray ABSI celebrate their 23rd group anniversary. Food, fun, and fellowship... plus a speaker lead!

Meetings Needing Support!

Wednesday Night Daily Reflections Group

WED, 7:00 PM - Washington (OD), Sunlight Club, 234 East Maiden Street, Washington

Area 60 News

First Quarterly Meeting

SUN, January 22, 8:30 AM registration; 9 AM workshop; 10:15 AM meeting

699 Rodi Road, Penn Hills. Quarterly meetings decide area business. All AAs are welcome to attend.

See <http://www.wpaarea60.org> for more details.

NERASSA

ALL WEEKEND, February 24-26

Framingham, Massachusetts. NERAASA (the Northeast Regional AA Service Assembly) is held annually the last full weekend of February, somewhere in the Northeast region of AA. NERAASA consists of panels and roundtables that address the upcoming agenda items for the Annual Meeting of the General Service Conference. It gives a great understanding of what happens at the conference and what is happening at GSO.

See the NERASSA website at: <http://www.neraasa2017.org> for more details.

Get-Away Weekend (GAW)

FRI/SAT, March 31-April 1

699 Rodi Road, Penn Hills. An annual service workshop held in the spring to discuss General Service Conference-related Issues and concerns affecting Area 60, AA as a whole, and pertinent aspects of our Three Legacies (Recovery, Unity, Service). All AAs are welcome to attend.

See <http://www.wpaarea60.org> for more details.

Pre-Conference Assembly

SUN, April 2, 8:30 AM registration; 9 AM workshop; 10:15 AM meeting

699 Rodi Road, Penn Hills. Area assemblies elect officers and provides a pre-Conference group conscience for Area 60 to our Delegate. All AAs are welcome to attend.

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NEXT MEETING: February 1, 2017

DISTRICT 14 FEBRUARY 2017 MINUTES

John H, DCM	Chad U, Secretary	Malcolm B, Treasurer	Asa W, CPC-PI
Debbie E, Alt DCM	Michelle M, Alt Secretary		Linda B, Alt CPC-PI
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- Meeting called to order by **DCM** @6:30 pm, February 2, 2017.
- DCM welcomed GSRs.
- Roll-call of groups... 18 of 34 (18 of 35; see below) groups attending.
- **Officer/Coordinator** reports given:
 - **Secretary:**
 - January 2017 Minutes (available on website) approved.
 - *MOTION (to accept minutes): Jan F; SECOND: Malcomb B. VOTE: Unanimous Yea.*
 - Future Minutes URL to be noted when next meeting agenda is sent, for district review prior to meeting.
 - Asked for email addresses of new GSRs.
 - Discussion on updating district Group Information Pages (GIPs).
 - Review of "dead groups" GIPs:
 - Brothers Behind Walls Group to be referred to Corrections Coordinator.
 - Burgettstown In Recovery Group is an active group in District 14 (brings total groups to 35).
 - Frankfort Springs New Hope Group seems to be an error; Secretary will contact **Area 60 Registrar**.
 - **Treasurer:**
 - January 2017 Treasurer Report accepted without vote.
 - Key Bank has been purchased by a new bank; under their new rules, accounts under \$2500 will be charged a fee. The Treasurer researched likely bank candidates in both Washington and Greene Counties that fulfilled the district's requirements. Of two possible banks, and in the Treasurer's estimation, PNC is the better choice. New account will be opened with \$1000; check will be ordered (an expense of ~\$20); when checks received, Key Bank account will be closed.
 - *MOTION (to change banks to PNC): Malcomb B; SECOND: Mark D. VOTE: Unanimous Yea.*
 - *MOTION (to add DCM as secondary signature on new account at PNC): Jan F; SECOND: Lynda K. VOTE: Unanimous Yea.*
 - *Signatures on new bank account are to be for Treasurer [FULL NAME REDACTED] and DCM [FULL NAME REDACTED].*
 - **Alt DCM:**
 - Visiting meetings in district, talking about representation at the monthly district meeting. Meetings not represented at district meeting have common attributes:
 - No rotation of service positions.
 - Unfilled services positions.

- Low attendance.
 - Financial difficulties.
 - Resistance to sending a GSR to district meeting; the concept was not received well.
- A newcomer at one of these meetings mentioned being so irritated by attending AA members being on their cellphones during the meeting that they were questioning returning to another AA meeting.
- **DCM:**
 - Deferred report until Unfinished Business.
- **Corrections Coordinator:**
 - Absent; covering the weekly meeting at WCCF.
- **CPC-PI Coordinator:**
 - Radio AA PSAs provided to WJPA; begin airing this week.
 - Ordering more literature through Literature Coordinator.
 - **Alt CPC-PI** stocking lit racks in Greene County.
- **Grapevine Coordinator:**
 - Spoke to past GV Coordinator; no displays exist. Members in attendance recall such a display; however, it doesn't exist. Marie K and Jon C mentioned as possible resources.
 - Discussion of two budget lines; GV subscriptions for treatment centers, and GV coordinator expenses.
 - Investigated resources at area level; as Area 60 has no current GV Coordinator at that level, this was fruitless.
 - Will explore GV resources at the GSO level.
 - Asked for input if she should simply show up at meetings, or wait to be invited, to discuss the GV at a group/meeting. Consensus was that such discussions should be by invitation... but the district meeting is a great time for GSRs to invite the GV Coordinator to their meeting.
 - Asked GSRs to bring in extra/surplus/old GVs to district meeting to be available to other groups.
- **7th Tradition Basket Passed.**
- **Literature Coordinator:**
 - Low on-hand stock of Big Books and 12&12s but surplus of *Daily Reflections* and *As Bill Sees It* situation continues.
 - Investigated resources at area level for purchase or trade; Area 60 is also empty of Big Books and 12&12s in stock.
 - Offered three options to get stock:
 - Pay the shipping. (Reduces overall budget for Literature.)
 - Buy books from the Pittsburgh Central Office. (Higher costs; difficulties in finding opportunity to do so.)
 - Groups can pre-order and pre-pay for books they require.
 - DCM has 30 Big Books available to sell to district; discussion to continue after the meeting.
 - **NO MOTION; NO VOTE.**
- **Treatment Coordinator:**
 - Discussed need for a group to cover Gateway for the month of March.
 - Canonsburg Big Book Study had the willingness, but no transportation.
 - Brief discussion of the Treatment workbook and the "Bridging the Gap" pamphlet/effort; more discussion to follow at a later district meeting.

- **GSR Reports:**
 - Spreadsheet on the back of next agenda will have the collected data.
 - Crossroads and First 164 have upcoming anniversaries (see below).
 - McMurray Women's As Bill Sees It Group's anniversary on January 26 was a great success.
 - Sisters in Hope update: as their attendance has averaged between 6 and 7 people (with one week being only 3 people), they will simply remain a meeting until they feel they have enough people showing up consistently to become a group.
- **Unfinished Business:**
 - Tri-fold Wallet Meeting Lists and *Meeting in a Pocket* print-run received; see below New Business.
 - January 2017 Agenda item 7.2 (Best Possible Function of District 14) quickly devolved into a heated discussion of the district picnic, again. Relevant points raised:
 - This year's picnic has been voted on and added to budget.
 - This is a recurring topic every year, several meetings a year.
 - Picnics bring people together.
 - We should invite participation from neighboring districts.
 - Outside donations for picnic purposes would be a Tradition 7 violation... if it occurred (some thought that it had for last year's picnic).
 - Some confusion over which picnic is the district picnic (August @ Sunset Beach vs. June @ Washington Park).
 - In any case, groups should be supporting other groups' events; whole groups could "visit" another group's event.
- **New Business:**
 - Solicit ideas from groups (via GSRs) how to be more of service to others:
 - Transportation from Lighthouses/Turning Point to meetings.
 - Transportation for Treatment commitments.
 - Share/transmit service ideas that have worked/haven't worked in groups.
 - Suggested that Secretary to add column for Treatment commitments to agenda to help groups know what months are available where; Treatment Coordinator does not think that's needed or useful to her; consensus was to add column.
 - **NO MOTION; NO VOTE.**
 - Dani M suggested opening district meeting with a reading from the *AA Service Manual*/12 Concepts for World Service.
 - **MOTION (add Service Manual reading to Agenda): Dani M; SECOND: Malcomb B. VOTE: Unanimous.**
 - Tri-Fold Meeting Lists and *Meeting in a Pocket*:
 - Literature Coordinator asked how they should be sold. And for what amount?
 - Some Tri-folds sold for \$0.02 cents (approximately \$13 worth); some were provided free.
 - Literature Coordinator to report-out status/situation next month.
 - John H, Chad U, Debbie E, and Dani M all had *MiaP* stock and moneys at various point in the last year; all submitted to Treasurer. \$125 shortfall and \$50 unaccounted-for "found money" by past Treasurer.
 - Discussion moved offline to be investigated reported under Unfinished Business next month.
 - **MOTION (Treasurer charged with resolution of MiaP situation): Dani M; SECOND: Shelley S. VOTE: Unanimous Yea.**

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<i>January</i>	Canonsburg Open Discussion	Renewal
<i>February</i>	Camel	First 164
<i>March</i>	First 164	
<i>April</i>	Renewal	Peters 12&12???
<i>May</i>	Canonsburg Big Book	Crossroads
<i>June</i>	Made It Til Noon	
<i>July</i>		
<i>August</i>		
<i>September</i>	In the Heat of the Night	
<i>October</i>		
<i>November</i>	Hill 12&12	
<i>December</i>		

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Meeting Update

Monday Night Beginners' Workshop

MON, 6:30 PM - Washington (CD), ~~Citizens Library, 55 South College Street~~

...Is no longer meeting at the Library, and is looking for a new meeting place. Stay tuned!

Meetings Needing Support!

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Upcoming Events

Friday Steppers (Women's Steps & Traditions) Group Anniversary (District 71)

FRI, February 17

107 Carol Drive, McMurray. 6 pm Food and Fellowship; speaker at 7. All are welcome!

Crossroads Group Anniversary

FRI, April 7

Center Presbyterian Church, 255 Center Church Road, McMurray. 9 am food; 10 am speaker.

AA Speaker Jam (District 71)

SAT, April 8

Westminster Presbyterian Church, Upper St. Clair. 9 am to 3 pm. Potluck lunch, fun, and fellowship; admission is free. Morning treats and coffee provide; please bring a covered main dish, side dish, or dessert. 50/50 drawing and more!

The First 164 Group Anniversary

SAT, April 22

St. David's Episcopal Church, 945 East McMurray Road, McMurray. 8 am food; 9 am speaker.

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Welcome, Call to Order, & Open Meeting with Serenity Prayer (DCM) at 6:30 pm

Reading from AA Service Manual (S-1 to top of S-5)

RESOLVED: *Next meeting, read a Concept.*

Pass the Basket (district 7th Tradition)

District Discussion: "Bridging the Gap" pamphlet (Dani M, Treatment Coordinator)

- Treatment includes Special Needs.
- "Bridging the Gap" from hospitals and institutions (jails, 3A, Gateway, Greenbriar, Mission, Crisis, Domestic Violence Shelters, etc.) to regular meetings.
- List of Volunteers (temporary contacts doing 12th Step work) who want to get involved.
 - Sobriety requirements? Our best judgment.
 - Volunteers work in pairs.
 - GSRs to tell HG about Bridging the Gap, and if interested, talk to Dani.
- Letters to facilities telling them we have a list; contact to facilities, not clients.
 - If client is interested, tells facility, who tells Dani, who contacts volunteers to contact client.
- What do volunteers do?
 - Tell newcomers what AA does and does not do.
 - Take newcomers to meetings
 - What are meeting formats?
 - What's a home group?
 - What's a sponsor?
- District meeting was quite interested and excited by this program.

GSR Report Highlights

- **Meetings Needing Support:** See District Events page at <http://www.district14.info/d14events.htm>

Officer & Coordinator Reports

Treasurer

- Did not open the new account at PNC.
- District 14 is not a 501(c)(3), so cannot get business accounts.
- Various minimum balance requirements, or incurs charges.
- Branches needed in both Washington and Greene Counties.
- Exploration of Community Bank, First National, etc.
- Having online access/ATM card is against district guidelines; however, have had online access for a couple years now.
- Questions discussed about *Meeting in a Pocket* and wallet tri-fold meeting lists budget lines on Treasurer's Report (reorder costs?).

MOTION (to change district guidelines to permit online banking): Glenn C; **SECOND:** Jan F. **VOTE:** Unanimous Yea.

MOTION (to change district bank account from Key to First National): Malcomb B; **SECOND:** (none). **VOTE:** n/a, motion failed.

MOTION (to accept finances as-is at moment and move forward from this point): Shelley S; **SECOND:** Thomas S. **VOTE:** Unanimous Yea.

Corrections

- We continue to need women to volunteer for the jails, especially WCCF, as there are only 3 volunteers going in there right now, and they have to go in pairs.

Treatment

- Washington Group taking Greenbriar for July.
- The last weeks of March Gateway filled by individuals; thank you!

CPC/PI

- Renewal for Yellow Pages (aka "Easy to Use")
- 24 hour number
- 18k households/businesses in Greene County; 85k households/businesses in Washington County.
- Same listing in print and online (\$296.40/year); bigger display ad \$399/year; just a website link \$424.40/year; whole enchilada \$627/year.

MOTION (to continue print/online only at \$296.40/year): Asa W; **SECOND:** Shelley S. **VOTE:** Unanimous Yea.

Literature

- Our literature order came in; we now have Big Books and 12&12s. Come and get them!

Grapevine

- Creating new display.
- Checking GSO GV resources.
- Looking for GV books and issues to have an inventory.
- Has an order in with Area 60 for GV literature.
- McMurray Women's ABSI has asked for a GV presentation.

Secretary

- 20 of 34 groups attending.
- **Requested To-Dos (ASAP):**
 - Remainder of GIPs to update; send pages to DCM to visit each meeting and update.
 - April 1st deadline delayed by GSO; we have a little more time (mid-April).
 - Take Monday Night Beginners' Workshop off meeting list entirely until they are meeting again (listed online, but not in print, for informational purposes).
 - Update downloadable meeting list PDF.
 - Review district guidelines for updating discussion.

MOTION (to accept February minutes): not taken (error on Secretary's part).

MOTION (to update district guidelines from 2012 to 2017-8): Chad U; **SECOND**: Malcomb B. **VOTE**: Unanimous Yea.

DCM

- Has a handout on the 7th Tradition for GSRs to take to HGs.
- Received new 2016-2017 Northeast Directory; out of our 34 groups in District 14, less than half are in the Directory.

Other Discussion

- Dani M mentioned that Area 60 Get Away Weekend is at the end of the month.
 - DCM and Alt DCM get room, registration, and food paid for.
 - O/Cs get registration paid for.
 - GSRs can absolutely ask their HGs to pay (if possible, for whatever they wish to) so that their GSR can attend.
- Chad U mentioned that the Seeds of Service deadline is 4/20; topic is "Attraction, Not Promotion"; 150-300 words; send to newsletter@wpaarea60.org

Close with Responsibility Statement (at 8:30 pm)

NEXT MEETING: April 5, 2017

DISTRICT 14 APRIL 2017 MINUTES

<i>John H, DCM</i>	<i>Chad U, Secretary</i>	<i>Malcolm B, Treasurer</i>	<i>Asa W, CPC-PI</i>
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Beginners' Living Sober, Camel Meeting, Canonsburg As Bill Sees It, Canonsburg Big Book Study, Good Orderly Direction, Hill 12&12, Made It Til Noon, McMurray Women's As Bill Sees It, Prosperity Sunday Night, Renewal Group, Sunday Morning Early Birds, The First 164, Washington Discussion, Washington Group.

Officers/Coordinators Present

All officers/coordinators present.

Welcome, Call to Order, & Open Meeting with Serenity Prayer (DCM) at 6:30 pm

Reading of *Concept 1* from AA Service Manual

Pass the Basket (district 7th Tradition)

District Discussion: "What Makes a Healthy Group" (all)

- Promotes sponsorship.
 - What's "group sponsorship"?
- "Good" or substantial sobriety (number of years among homegroup members).
- Reading or quoting Big Book at the meeting.
- Talking about Steps and Traditions at meeting.
- People pick-up the slack with the group if someone can't be there to chair/make coffee/open door.
- If something bothers you about a meeting, take it back into your homegroup's group conscience.
- Active with newcomer and district.
 - Approach and check-up on newcomers.
 - Love newcomers unconditionally.
 - Does the newcomer **want** sobriety?
 - Help newcomers become **accountable**.

- What's accountable? Accountable as a member, accountable as a newcomer.
 - If you have no accountability to yourself, there is often little effect when trying to impose accountability from outside.
 - Know when to hug and when to kick in ass.
 - People are afraid to keep others accountable because of what other people might think.
- It was suggested that perhaps a "chairman's primer" was needed for how to keep people from going off-topic, redirect conversation, watch what's going on in meetings.
 - Meeting etiquette is often learned at noon meeting; it's the meeting most people go to most often.
 - Newcomers often don't know the difference between meeting formats (open/closed, discussion/speaker, literature; usual topics, etc.)
 - The "Bridging the Gap" program can help.
 - The AA Group pamphlet has a **group inventory checklist** (p. 29) for homegroups' group conscience.

GSR Report Highlights

- **Meetings Needing Support:** See District Events page at <http://www.district14.info/d14events.htm>

Officer & Coordinator Reports

Alt DCM

- Gave an excellent report on the Area 60 Get Away Weekend (GAW).
- Reported the death of past delegate Vaughn H.

Corrections

- Went to Pittsburgh Central Office to get literature allowance for correctional facilities.
- Gained one new male and one new female volunteer for WCCF.
- Still need more men and women; two applications, which is wonderful.
- Looking into where the "2 years off-paper, 2 years sobriety" requirement comes from; it's definitely a security concern; may be a state requirement.

Treatment

- Coordinating the "Bridging the Gap" list between Treatment, Corrections, and CPC/PI.
 - No qualifications/requirements to be a temporary contact.
 - We need people!
 - May need an anonymous answering service for Bridging the Gap.
- Talked to some people at GAW who have served as Treatment for awhile:
 - How different districts do Bridging the Gap.
 - Coordinating with nearby districts regarding treatment concerns.

- Need coverage for Greenbriar for May. There's a GSR from Canonsburg who is willing to help in any way, but she needs transportation.
- Individuals and groups have stepped up to cover district service commitments: *5 out of 8 meetings for Greenbriar got covered from volunteers from this district meeting on this day!*

CPC/PI

- Renewal for Yellow Pages (aka "Easy to Use") complete.
- "Spring into Recovery" meeting attended; spoke to people **outside** the program in Canonsburg.
- Still needs help with volunteers to take pamphlets to magistrates' offices.
- PSAs on WJPA/WNJR delivered; are they airing?

Literature

- Sold everything from last order!
- With pre-orders from the Good Orderly Direction group and outstanding pre-orders, will order again in second week of April.
 - **Pre-orders help!** If you know you'll be wanting or needing now, pre-order!
- Researching if Big Book can be gotten on audio tape/CD.

Grapevine

- Creating new display; got really good ideas at GAW; will be up and running by next district meeting.

Treasurer

- See **Treasurer's Report** sent 3/26/2017/
- **Budget Issues:**
 - We will have a negative balance if we spend the rest of what's budgeted; group contributions need to increase or we need to not use budgeted moneys.
 - *Meeting in a Pocket (MaiP)* should show as \$1000 literature asset. Initial printing was initially authorized by district vote in 2015; then the reprint was authorized in November 2016 by previous Treasurer (as permitted in original 2015 vote).
 - Tri-fold wallet list and *MiaP* are both otherwise accurate, between reimbursement of spent money and a donation from John H (DCM).
 - GAW expense reimbursement deferred until Old Business discussion.

MOTION (to accept March report): not made (because **District Guidelines** need to be reviewed).

MOTION (to provide an unredacted set of minutes bearing the full names of **Treasurer** REDACTED and **District Committee Member** REDACTED in order to secure new bank account): Shelley S;
SECOND: Dani M. **VOTE:** Unanimous Yea.

Secretary

- Reminder to Officers and Coordinators to review district guidelines for updating discussion and vote for acceptance:

- Officer and Coordinator job descriptions, responsibilities, budgets, assets (MiAP, literature, literature racks, etc.).
- GAW Expense Reimbursement for position.
- Voting to accept **Treasurer's Report** each month?
- Voting to accept **District Minutes (Secretary)** each month?
- Addition of information detail on budget line items (event fund voted in 2016, where the Grapevine subscriptions are sent to, etc.)
- Non-AA-sponsored (but AA-related) Akron Bus Trip flyer not added to *District Events* webpage, but flyer emailed to GSRs.

MOTION (to accept March minutes): *not made (because **District Guidelines** need to be reviewed).*

March 2016 MOTION Update (to update **District Guidelines** from 2012 to 2017-8): *draft guidelines provided to Officers and Coordinators for review.*

Old Business

MOTION (GAW reimbursement to be registration + lodging/meals for DCM; reg + meals for all 5 Officers and Coordinators): John H; **SECOND**: Anita S. **AMENDED**: Malcomb B, Alt DCM should also get reg + lodging/meals, and officers and coordinators reg only; **POINT OF INFORMATION**: Chad U, DCM and Alt DCM received reg/lodging/meals in previous years; **MOTION WITHDRAWN**.

MOTION (GAW reimbursement to be registration/lodging/meals for **Acting** DCM; reg only for all 5 Officers and Coordinators): Malcomb B; **SECOND**: Thomas S. **AMENDED**: Malcomb B, this vote retroactive to include 2017 GAW; **SECOND**: Linda B. **VOTE**: Unanimous Yea.

Old Business

- Shelley S suggested assembling a committee for this year's district picnic; need volunteers from all groups; no sobriety time requirement; asked GSRs to tell their groups.

REQUESTED Secretary to add to next meeting's agenda.

Anything Else?

- Nancy P, Archives Coordinator for District 7, presented on having District 14 involved with an upcoming Day of Sharing (DoS) in Mount Lebanon this year, probably in September.
 - Need to present a flyer for DoS bid to Area 60 ASAP.
 - If we participate, there will be five 1-hour meetings previous to the event.

MOTION (use our \$200 event fund budget item to participate; used as seed money to be repaid after the event): Ed M; **SECOND**: Dani M. **VOTE**: Unanimous Yea.

- Chad U and Dani M volunteered to be on DoS committee representing District 14.

MOTION (to adjourn): John H; **SECOND**: Thomas S. **VOTE**: Unanimous Yea.

Close with Responsibility Statement (at 8:30 pm)

NEXT MEETING: May 3, 2017

APRIL GSR REPORT FORM TOTALS

Group	Avg Attendance	Active HG Members	% HG Members of Attendance	HG Member Avg Sobriety	7 th Tradition	Contributions to D/A/CO/GSO
BLS	60	3	5%	2	SS	
Camel	55	15	27%		Good	
Canonsburg ABSI	45	12	26%	4	SS	
Canonsburg BB	12	6	50%		SS	
GOD	22	6	27%	5	SS	
Grumpy (Washington Discussion)	40	??	??	10	Excellent	All but CO
Hill 12&12	30	12	40%		Good	D, CO
McMurray Womens ABSI	20	10	50%		Excellent	
MITN	22	12	54%	20	Poor	All but CO
Prosperity	25	16	64%		Good	
Renewal	27	10	37%	8	SS	All but CO
SMEB	36	15	41%	5	SS	
The First 164	40	6	15%	10	Excellent	All
Washington Group	35	4	11%	20	Good	
TOTALS	469	127	n/a	84	P = 1 SS = 6 G = 4 Ex = 3	D = 5 A = 4 CO = 2 GSO = 4
Average Attendance (14 groups)	33.5					
Active HG Members (14 groups)		9.07				
Average % HG of Attendance (14 groups)			27%			
HG Member Avg Sobriety (14 groups)				6		

DISTRICT 14 MAY 2017 MINUTES

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Officers/Coordinators Present

Alt DCM, Treasurer, Secretary, Alt Secretary, Corrections, Alt CPC-PI, Literature Coordinator.

Welcome, Call to Order, & Open Meeting with Serenity Prayer (Alt DCM) at 6:30 pm

Reading of Concept II from AA Service Manual

Pass the Basket (district 7th Tradition)

GSR Report Highlights

- **Meetings Needing Support:** See District Events page at <http://www.district14.info/d14events.htm>

Officer & Coordinator Reports

(If you are an officer and not able to make one of the district meetings, make sure you give your report to your alternate or someone else to present.)

Treasurer

- See **Treasurer's Report** sent 4/30/2017.
- Talked about the new bank account.
- Has contribution forms for groups to donate money to the central office, GSO, etc.

Secretary

- Minutes presented for approval.
 - **MOTION** (to accept April minutes): Malcomb B; **SECOND:** Ed M. **VOTE:** Unanimous Yea.
- If groups are having events, make sure you fill out the GSR Report form with info.

- Beginners Big Book Study Group on Tuesday night's at the Sunlight Club needs support.
- We voted in April on a District Guidelines change (allowable O&C expenses for Area 60 GAW); officers & coordinators, please review the current Guidelines for your position and give the Secretary and edits/changes, so a draft of updated Guidelines can be presented for the home groups to vote on.

Corrections

- Need volunteers at the men and women's jails, has forms to fill out to get involved, two years off paper and two years of sobriety.
- Received books for Corrections from central office.
- New warden for Greene County Jail has changed the procedure for getting approved to volunteer to taking a meeting into the jails; old list has been grandfathered in; new interested individuals need to contact Dean V at 724-852-5247 to set up an appointment.

CPC/PI (absent)

- Asa W would like to step down from the position and is looking for someone to fill it; Guidelines on website describe the position.

Grapevine (absent)

- Grapevine display up and running.
- Shelley S wants to know who wants to be on the district picnic committee. GSRs asked to see if anyone in their group wishes to get involved.

Literature

- Sold all of the *As Bill Sees It* books in stock.
- Passed around current inventory in stock.
- Sold 150 meeting in a pocket, 1,800 left on hand.
- Total inventory balances out to \$1,000.

Treatment (absent)

- Asked that everyone double checks dates to know when you have volunteered, and are thus expected, to take a meeting into treatment facilities.
- Crossroads Group picks up Gateway for May.
- Gateway needs volunteers from July through December.

Alt DCM

- Passed along absent DCM's request to consider and/or see if there is any interest in the district to:
 - Start an 11th Step Prayer/Meditation meeting?
 - People say they are weak on meditation and want classes; go to home group and see how people feel about it. Ask home group for suggestions on the style of meditation, and email the DCM or alternate DCM with ideas.

- Chad U has *Back to the Basics of Recovery* book (not Conference-approved), which has the format for a guidance/meditation meeting.
 - Member Molly C starting business (Turiya Holistic Health), also teaches yoga classes. Contact information is 412-667-8901 or molly@turiyaholistichealth.com.
 - One member does not believe there is room for a meditation meeting in AA.
 - There is a meditation meeting in Castle Shannon on Sunday nights at 5 pm at First Methodist Church (3750 Myrtle Ave).
- Restart (or start new) a Step Workshop, like the one that met at Citizens Library until recently?
 - Could be brought back with *Back to the Basics of Recovery* (not Conference-approved)?
 - Jan F has whole workbook binder and packets with handouts for *Back to the Basics of Recovery*. Contact information is 540-892-6613.
 - Conference approved material for beginners meeting formats (MU-1) can be found at www.aa.org.
- Discussion of distracted behavior and lack of attention with newcomers at meetings and the importance of listening:
 - Limited to groups with a lot of newcomers, treatment centers.
 - This discussion should be autonomous and be taken on by each home group's group conscience on their own.
 - Chairperson sheet at Made it Til Noon Group says no cellphone use, no swearing, etc. Addressing the meeting etiquette however, did nothing.
 - Area needs more noon meetings?
 - The lack of attention can be changed with good sponsorship. Sponsees need to be guided in a way that shows them polite meeting etiquette like thanking the speakers.
 - This discussion boils down to meeting format and good sponsorship.
 - You can't make anyone else accountable, and there a lot of people in this area who do not want to be here.
 - Activity in "Bridging the Gap" may help by getting with a newcomer and talking to them about meeting etiquette.
 - Is using your phone to look up vocabulary during a meeting disruptive?
 - When side conversations are going on at meetings and nothing is said, that falls on home group members.

Old Business

- No word from Nancy P on the Day of Sharing (DoS) in Mount Lebanon this year (Chad).

District Discussion: "Sponsorship" (all)

- Work with people we sponsor. They should know how to ask to chair a meeting, or get involved with service work.
- There was a complaint that home groups are not rotating service positions; therefore, it's hard for newcomers to get involved.

- Not enough women sponsors in Washington?
 - Marty M was first female member of AA; she had a male sponsor. Does it really matter in the scheme of things if our sponsor is of the same gender if it saves a person's life?
 - More women with sobriety time might want to start branching out to new meetings in Washington where there are more newcomers.
- Are newcomers too afraid to ask someone to be their sponsor?
 - Maybe we need to be more aggressive and walk up to a newcomer and say "I'm going to sponsor you." That's how it was done in the old days.
- Should meetings take out the word temporary when they ask "is anyone willing to be a temporary sponsor?"
- "Temporary sponsor = temporary commitment"?

Anything Else?

- Sunday Morning Early Birds will now meet at the Harmony House Café starting the first Sunday in June (7/4) at the same time (9 am).

Close with Responsibility Statement (at 8:40 pm)

NEXT MEETING: June 7, 2017

MAY GSR REPORT FORM TOTALS

Group	Avg Attendance	Active HG Members	% HG Members of Attendance	HG Member Avg Sobriety	7 th Tradition	Contributions to D/A/CO/GSO
Camel	50	15	30%	0.5	G	D
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Crossroads	50	11	22%	10	Ex	All
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Hill 12&12	30	12	40%		G	
How We Feel Today	20	6	30%	6	SS	
McMurray Womens ABSI	20	15	75%		Ex	All
MITN	17	10	59%	25	G	All but CO
Prosperity	25				G	
Renewal	27	12	44%	7.5	G	D
SMEB	42	10	24%	7	G	
The First 164	45	9	20%	12	Ex	All
TNT	35	3	9%		SS	
TOTALS	439	126	n/a	89	P = 0 SS = 3 G = 8 Ex = 3	D = 6 A = 4 CO = 3 GSO = 4
Average Attendance (14 groups)	31					
Active HG Members (14 groups)		9				
Average % HG of Attendance (14 groups)			33%			
HG Member Avg Sobriety (14 groups)				6.4		

DISTRICT 14 JUNE 2017 MINUTES – JUNE 7, 2017

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Officers/Coordinators Present

DCM, Alt DCM, Treasurer, Secretary, Corrections, Alt CPC-PI, Literature.

Welcome, Call to Order, & Open Meeting with Serenity Prayer (DCM) at 6:30 pm

Reading of Concept III from AA Service Manual

Pass the Basket (district 7th Tradition)

NERF 2017 Report (Alt DCM, et al.)

- **Alt DCM (and others):**
 - At Area 60 2Q meeting, vote was taken to allow Area 60 officers/coordinators \$150 expense advance for NERF (since they all had to pitch in at the hotel as the hosting area); vote passed.
 - Debbie has materials/handouts from NERF
 - Discussion of the new “yellow card” on safety (like the blue card on open/closed meetings and the green card on self-support) which is due out later this year. Top tips:
 - Best handled by a group conscience
 - Home group members should respond.
 - Women should stick together in/out/on way to meeting.
 - Take precautions to protect yourself.
 - Overall discussion of the importance of a group conscience for matters of safety, meeting format, recruiting active homegroup members, etc.
 - Big Book and 12&12 available in American Sign Language.
 - \$1 in 1935 equals \$17.35 in 2017.
 - Corrections correspondence program discussed.

- Discussions of greater integration between young and old AAs, and newcomers and oldtimers (sometimes not the same groups!).
- Much discussion of how to increase diversity in AA; starts with us as individuals.
- What it was like to meet and listen to GSO staff and Trustees, past and present.

Day of Sharing 2017 Guest Speaker: Nancy P, District 7

- Flyers distributed for the event -- **Day of Sharing: "We Stood at the Turning Point..."**
- SAT, SEPT 23, 9 AM to 3 PM
- We -- district 14 -- will be partnering with other local AA districts (7 and 11) and with the cooperation of Area 60 to hold a Day of Sharing at Our Lady of Grace Church School - Conroy Hall, 1734 Bower Hill Road, Scott Township (aka Mount Lebanon). \$6 at the door, lunch included, speaker panels, Ask-It Basket, sobriety countdown, Area 60 service displays, and basket raffles. This program will be recorded and available on CD. If you're interested in helping out, or participated in last year's Day of Sharing, contact Chad U. This event is a great way to learn more about service on all levels as well as meet AAs from nearby districts!

GSR Report Highlights

- **Meeting Changes & Meetings Needing Support:** See District Events page at <http://www.district14.info/d14events.htm>

Officer & Coordinator Reports

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Alt DCM

- **NERF Report:** See above.

Treatment

- Contacts made for Bridging the Gap program; a new girl being taken to meetings.
- Contacts at NERF for Corrections and Bridging the Gap ideas.
- Looking for Bridging the Gap volunteers; no sobriety time requirement; GSRs requested to take it back to their homegroups and have volunteers contact Dani M.
- Got more books from Literature Coordinator for Washington Hospital meeting.
- Need help for Greenbriar in August, and Gateway for rest of year (Renewal volunteered for Gateway in August).
- DCM asked about adding Greenbriar IOP as a service commitment; Treatment Coordinator felt we were having enough issues getting volunteers for our current commitments.

Literature

- Made an order; sold books; please see the Literature Report (not emailed; passed around).
- Went to NERF.
- Budget overage of \$17 from "keep the change"; will probably use to purchase more Bridging the Gap pamphlets and yellow cards (when available).

Corrections

- Need men to volunteer for Washington County jail; 2 years sobriety, 2 years off paper.
- Good on women for WCCF, but the more the merrier.
- Women needed for Greene County (GCCF), however.
- GSRs please request volunteers for corrections in group conscience.
- Brett K talked about several changes made.

CPC/PI (absent)

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Officers/Coordinators Present

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Treasurer

- See **Treasurer's Report** sent 4/30/2017.
- Talked about the new bank account.
- Has contribution forms for groups to donate money to the central office, GSO, etc.

Secretary

- Minutes presented for approval.
 - **MOTION** (to accept April minutes): Malcomb B; **SECOND:** Ed M. **VOTE:** Unanimous Yea.
- If groups are having events, make sure you fill out the GSR Report form with info.

- Beginners Big Book Study Group on Tuesday night's at the Sunlight Club needs support.
- We voted in April on a District Guidelines change (allowable O&C expenses for Area 60 GAW); officers & coordinators, please review the current Guidelines for your position and give the Secretary and edits/changes, so a draft of updated Guidelines can be presented for the home groups to vote on.

Corrections

- Need volunteers at the men and women's jails, has forms to fill out to get involved, two years off paper and two years of sobriety.
- Received books for Corrections from central office.
- New warden for Greene County Jail has changed the procedure for getting approved to volunteer to taking a meeting into the jails; old list has been grandfathered in; new interested individuals need to contact Dean V at 724-852-5247 to set up an appointment.

CPC/PI (absent)

- Asa W would like to step down from the position and is looking for someone to fill it; Guidelines on website describe the position.

Grapevine (absent)

- Grapevine display up and running.
- Shelley S wants to know who wants to be on the district picnic committee. GSRs asked to see if anyone in their group wishes to get involved.

Literature

- Sold all of the *As Bill Sees It* books in stock.
- Passed around current inventory in stock.
- Sold 150 meeting in a pocket, 1,800 left on hand.
- Total inventory balances out to \$1,000.

Treatment (absent)

- Asked that everyone double checks dates to know when you have volunteered, and are thus expected, to take a meeting into treatment facilities.
- Crossroads Group picks up Gateway for May.
- Gateway needs volunteers from July through December.

Alt DCM

- Passed along absent DCM's request to consider and/or see if there is any interest in the district to:
 - Start an 11th Step Prayer/Meditation meeting?
 - People say they are weak on meditation and want classes; go to home group and see how people feel about it. Ask home group for suggestions on the style of meditation, and email the DCM or alternate DCM with ideas.

- Chad U has *Back to the Basics of Recovery* book (not Conference-approved), which has the format for a guidance/meditation meeting.
 - Member Molly C starting business (Turiya Holistic Health), also teaches yoga classes. Contact information is 412-667-8901 or molly@turiyaholistichealth.com.
 - One member does not believe there is room for a meditation meeting in AA.
 - There is a meditation meeting in Castle Shannon on Sunday nights at 5 pm at First Methodist Church (3750 Myrtle Ave).
- Restart (or start new) a Step Workshop, like the one that met at Citizens Library until recently?
 - Could be brought back with *Back to the Basics of Recovery* (not Conference-approved)?
 - Jan F has whole workbook binder and packets with handouts for *Back to the Basics of Recovery*. Contact information is 540-892-6613.
 - Conference approved material for beginners meeting formats (MU-1) can be found at www.aa.org.
- Discussion of distracted behavior and lack of attention with newcomers at meetings and the importance of listening:
 - Limited to groups with a lot of newcomers, treatment centers.
 - This discussion should be autonomous and be taken on by each home group's group conscience on their own.
 - Chairperson sheet at Made it Til Noon Group says no cellphone use, no swearing, etc. Addressing the meeting etiquette however, did nothing.
 - Area needs more noon meetings?
 - The lack of attention can be changed with good sponsorship. Sponsees need to be guided in a way that shows them polite meeting etiquette like thanking the speakers.
 - This discussion boils down to meeting format and good sponsorship.
 - You can't make anyone else accountable, and there a lot of people in this area who do not want to be here.
 - Activity in "Bridging the Gap" may help by getting with a newcomer and talking to them about meeting etiquette.
 - Is using your phone to look up vocabulary during a meeting disruptive?
 - When side conversations are going on at meetings and nothing is said, that falls on home group members.

Old Business

- No word from Nancy P on the Day of Sharing (DoS) in Mount Lebanon this year (Chad).

District Discussion: "Sponsorship" (all)

- Work with people we sponsor. They should know how to ask to chair a meeting, or get involved with service work.
- There was a complaint that home groups are not rotating service positions; therefore, it's hard for newcomers to get involved.

- Not enough women sponsors in Washington?
 - Marty M was first female member of AA; she had a male sponsor. Does it really matter in the scheme of things if our sponsor is of the same gender if it saves a person's life?
 - More women with sobriety time might want to start branching out to new meetings in Washington where there are more newcomers.
- Are newcomers too afraid to ask someone to be their sponsor?
 - Maybe we need to be more aggressive and walk up to a newcomer and say "I'm going to sponsor you." That's how it was done in the old days.
- Should meetings take out the word temporary when they ask "is anyone willing to be a temporary sponsor?"
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Anything Else?

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 - Corrections correspondence program discussed.

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- Much discussion of how to increase diversity in AA; starts with us as individuals.
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TOTALS	505	138	n/a	86	P = 0 SS = 4 G = 6 Ex = 4	D = 1 A = 0 CO = 0 GSO = 0
Average Attendance (16 groups)	31					
Active HG Members (16 groups)		8				
Average % HG of Attendance (16 groups)			30%			
HG Member Avg Sobriety (16 groups)				5.4		

Apr/May/June Totals

	Avg Attendance	Active HG Members	% HG Members of Attendance	HG Member Avg Sobriety	7 th Tradition	Contributions to D/A/CO/GSO
April Totals	469	127	n/a	84	P = 1 SS = 6 G = 4 Ex = 3	D = 5 A = 4 CO = 2 GSO = 4
Average Attendance (14 groups)	33.5					
Active HG Members (14 groups)		9.07				
Average % HG of Attendance (14 groups)			27%			
HG Member Avg Sobriety (14 groups)				6		
May Totals	439	126	n/a	89	P = 0 SS = 3 G = 8 Ex = 3	D = 6 A = 4 CO = 3 GSO = 4
Average Attendance (14 groups)	31					
Active HG Members (14 groups)		9				
Average % HG of Attendance (14 groups)			33%			
HG Member Avg Sobriety (14 groups)				6.4		
June Totals	505	138	n/a	86	P = 0 SS = 4 G = 6 Ex = 4	D = 1 A = 0 CO = 0 GSO = 0
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DISTRICT 14 JULY 2017 MINUTES – JULY 5, 2017

<i>John H, DCM</i>	<i>Chad U, Secretary</i>	<i>Malcolm B, Treasurer</i>	<i>Asa W, CPC-PI</i>
<i>Debbie E, Alt DCM</i>	<i>Michelle M, Alt Secretary</i>		<i>Linda B, Alt CPC-PI</i>
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Groups Represented

Camel, **Canonsburg Group**, Canonsburg Daily Reflections, Crossroads, GOD, Hill 12&12, McMurray Women's ABSI, MITN, Renewal, SMEB, The First 164, Washington Group, Washington Sun Night Discussion, **Wed Night Daily Reflections**

Bold red: needs support.

Name Change: Canonsburg Big Book is now Canonsburg Daily Reflections.

Format Change: G.O.D. is now a Step meeting.

Officers/Coordinators Present

DCM, Alt DCM, Treasurer, Secretary, Corrections, CPC-PI, Alt CPC-PI, Grapevine, Treatment.

Welcome, Call to Order, & Open Meeting with Serenity Prayer (DCM) at 6:30 pm

Reading of Concept IV from AA Service Manual

Minutes

- June 2017 Minutes presented for approval.
 - MOTION** (to accept June minutes): Shelley S; **SECOND:** John H. **VOTE:** Unanimous Yea.

Pass the Basket (district 7th Tradition)

GSR Report Highlights

- See *Groups Represented* above.
- See District Events page at <http://www.district14.info/d14events.htm>

Officer & Coordinator Reports

(If you are an officer and not able to make one of the district meetings, make sure you give your report to your alternate or someone else to present.)

DCM

Recap of North East Regional Forum, June 2-4, Cranberry Township

	2016	2015	2014
Membership is FLAT	1,362,402	1,348,072	1,373,497
Cost of Services per member is rising	\$7.27	\$7.14	\$7.08
7th Step Contributions to GSO	\$5.82	\$5.24	\$5.02
Number of Groups	66,336	65,741	65,222

	2016	2015	2014
7 th Step Contributions per group	119.62	108.82	105.76
Percentage of groups contributing	41.5%	40.3%	41.6%
Big Books sold	861k	780k	1130k
Reserve Fund (Prudent Reserve)	n/a	10.3 months	10.2 months
Special Challenges Addressed	Pension Obligation		
Staff	90		
DAILY Activities Sample:	13,600 booklets & pamphlets shipped daily, 4,900 Big Books & other books shipped, 230 emails, 65 phone calls, 300 contributions processed & acknowledged, 200 Grapevine & LaVina mailed, 6 information requests from Archives answered		

Area 60 - Post Conference Assembly Report, June 25, Penn Hills

This was panel 67 comprised of 93 delegates from the US and addressed. Theme was "Supporting our Future".

- **General Service Board** - Focus last year has been on current & future financial position as a spiritual fellowship. "Our resolve to communicate effectively with each other and to bring forward what is best for the future of AA should be our guidepost and our measure of success this week"
- **AAWS** - 73 full time, 2-PT & 1 temp, shepherding 62 translations across 44 different languages, release of new Safety in AA- Our common welfare (yellow card) to be released July
- **Grapevine & LaVina** - circulation now flat rather than declining, App was launched in May with Kindle & Microsoft 10 coming soon. Considering podcasts, blog, regionally focused pages, short videos. Download the app to your phone.
- **Financials** - Publishing income covered shortfall between 7th Tradition and costs. Suggestion that breakeven was \$7.27 per member. (Maybe GSRs can offer this guidance to their groups for what GSO needs to maintain programs.)

Delegate Conclusion

What's love got to do with it? Everything! ...in 3 ways:

- 1) *Trust* - We should trust each other because that is what people who love each other do.
- 2) *Unity* - We should always do things that build unity, because that is what people who love each other do.
- 3) *Diversity* - We should always embrace our shared uniqueness and love each other because God loves us equally, so who am I to do anything different.

Possible Trip to GSO in the Fall, if there is any interest from the groups.

Treatment

- 25 contacts made for Bridging the Gap program; several successful contacts with newcomers already.
- Dedicated BtG phone number is **412.296.1349**.
- Dedicated BtG email address is district14BTG@gmail.com.
- Has made BtG brochures with our contact information.
 - **(Secretary) Add BtG phone and email to back of agenda!**
- Need Big Books for hospital (hospital is encouraging patients to take Big Books home); may need a budget increase to cover. (See *Literature* and *Treasurer* sections.)
- Would like to make a stamp with the BtG name and contact info made. **Can do as a trusted servant using Treatment budget.**

Corrections

- Need men to volunteer for Washington County jail; 2 years sobriety, 2 years off paper.
- As long as one is not a volunteer for Corrections, one **can** sponsor someone in the jails and serve as a BtG contact.
- Greene County (GCCF) warden is very supportive of recovery.

CPC/PI

- Will get information on the Pittsburgh Recovery Walk (9/16).
- Literature Coordinator emailed the D14 list the PDF of F-13: *Bringing Up the Touchy Subject of a Patient's Drinking*.

Literature (absent)

- **Literature Report** emailed 6/28.
- (Emailed report) *I've used the overage to load up on various pamphlets. I was told the yellow card we discussed last month should be available in July. As always, reach out to me by phone or e-mail if you need anything from my current on-hand inventory or any questions.*
- Canonsburg Daily Reflections GSR mentioned her group would like to sell their Big Books. (See *Treatment* section.)

Treasurer

- See **Treasurer's Report** sent 7/4.
- Who do we make the check out to for the Day of Sharing? (Dani M will find out; answer: "District 7.")
- Shelley S needs \$375 check for picnic; picnic supplies deferred to picnic discussion.
- **Possible budget increases mentioned during meeting:** Treatment, Grapevine, Grapevine subscriptions as gifts/prizes (event fund or subscriptions for treatment budget line?).

Alt DCM

- **Highlights from the Post-Conference Assembly**
 - Meeting accessibility is a big topic.
 - Follow-up after corrections is poor with potential newcomers.
 - Area GV coordinator suggested a district GV coordinator could invite district GVRs to a special meeting, and there's lots of GV material available.
 - The new Area 60 website is interesting.
 - The yellow card service piece (on safety) will be available by August.

Grapevine

- Poster/display ready; putting together GV books and CDs for the picnic.
- May need a budget increase for GV materials.

Secretary (no report)

Old Business

District Picnic (Shelley, et al.)

- Picnic will be Sunday, August 20, noon to 6 pm, at Washington Park at the Lions Pavilion near the pool. Flyers are now available.
 - **(Secretary) Add Picnic Flyer to website events page.**
- Picnic should both be fun and an introduction to service.
 - Giving away a dozen Big Books or other literature for raffle; each officer/coordinator can give their spiel before picking the ticket for the prize. This will help put faces to names.
 - Officers/coordinators should give a little 3-5 minute spiel on what they do, because people outside this room don't know what we do.
 - That's how area does it; makes it real.
 - This district is where we live; service commitments are our backyard – WCCF, GCCF, Greenbriar, Gateway, etc.
 - Service work is still fun.
 - Instill the passion in other people: this program saved our lives and we gotta give back.
 - See the passion we have; we have one primary purpose even if we butt heads.
 - What does a GSR do? (select someone to talk about it; ask either Debbie E or Drew M)
 - Many sponsors are afraid of service and service positions because they don't know what's going on.
 - How much time does service work require? (All told, not much at group level, a couple hours a month at the district level, a day or two at the area level.)
 - Volunteering for the picnic (set-up, cooking, service, tear-down/clean-up) is service work.
 - Should we have a donation can for picnic? Can groups or individuals donate supplies or money?
 - What about a GV subscription?
 - **Shelley will create a donations sign-up sheet for covered dishes; you can email her at medic4800@gmail.com.**
 - Make service personal by showing “scheduled” service time and “unscheduled” service time. (?) (Linda B?)
 - Gotta change “I’m not gonna get involved...” mindset.
- We will be having a sobriety countdown.

New Business

- GV needs help across the board – get a subscription, buy gift subscriptions for Corrections, Treatment, other AAs, etc.
- A Budget Committee needs to be set up to talk about the district's 2018 budget to be presented December/January (?).

- Kaitlin H brought up the Day of Sharing in Mt Lebo will need volunteers, literature donations, and money donations/ticket sales. Each GSR should talk to their home group about pre-ordering speaker/panel CD set to make it worthwhile for George & Freddie's Tapes to come and record.

District Discussion: Paying Attention (DCM; all)

- See p. 8.
- John H brought up a list of attendance for meetings for a group in Franklin he saw in the archives – a 20 year record of attendance, with the high and low for each year, as well as some commentary on noticeable trends (example: an increase in attendance in the 1980s).
- We should pay attention as GSRs and trusted servants to who's not there? Who is slipping away from AA? Have we seen newcomers coming back? Are our home group phone lists updated?
- Instead of guesstimating, take snapshots over time.
- Are we sure we're contributing? How many of us think our groups contribute to district, and it never gets here? Area? GSO? How many checks over how many months have gone to the old treasurer's address?
- Part of maintaining the unity of a group is paying attention to what's missing.
- Malcomb asked what do we expect to accomplish by tracking this information.
- Steve H has asked his group treasurer to give a report with little luck.
- What are you saying (or accusing people of) when you ask about how they're contributing? People don't take it well to be asked what they're giving. Questioning some home groups makes them mad.
- Thomas S stated that he's only responsible to his home group, not district; he brings group issues to district and district issues to group; he's guardian of the Traditions, and is responsible to tell anyone from GSRs, officers/coordinators, the DCM, all the way up, if they're violating Traditions; it's an anonymous program, so we don't have to tell anyone anything; it's a courtesy to be able to tell how much we're contributing. Note that the group conscience of his home group was that our contributions were "none of your damn business."
- Shelley S noted that Area 60 doesn't ask for or track individual group contributions (by group number) like GSO does.
- Dani M mentioned that our home groups tell district what to do, not the other way around: the upside-down triangle of service.
- **MOTION** (to remove 7th Tradition contribution reporting from the GSR Report Form): Dani M;
SECOND: Carol K.
 - **DISCUSSION:**
 - Deb E can see both sides, but the 4th Tradition means we're autonomous: each group can determine where contributions go and how they're reported.
 - Steve H offered apologies because of the personal issue within his home group; he didn't want it to become a big deal.

- *Ed M said that the home groups don't owe the district anything under the 4th Tradition; as a home group treasurer, I wouldn't want any questions about handling the money; group treasurers should report to their groups.*
- *Shelley S said that part of our job is to bring information from district and area back to the groups; ultimately, district doesn't tell groups what to do. Many AAs, even old-timers, have no idea about how contributions are distributed – they thought it got spread out down the upside-down triangle, when it doesn't. Also, we have to hold people accountable (but in a polite manner; it's all in the presentation): for example, her group has a treasurer who isn't really attending many meetings but won't relinquish the group checkbook. It's a delicate situation.*
- *John H said that GSRs could fill out or not fill out the GSR Report Forms as they see fit. But are we (as a district) self-supporting or not? Some think we are, but are we? It's our obligation to get them the information. THIS is paying attention. Every month, GSRs say they're donating to district, but are we seeing the checks. If you say you donate money to district and we don't see it, and you don't see the receipts or on the district Treasurer's Report, what does that mean? When there's no rotation of group treasurers or secretaries, strange stuff starts to happen in groups. We end up with a cesspool on our hands.*
- *Thomas S said that the matters of group rotation and holding people accountable is for the group members, and no one else. His group treasurer is a trusted servant; it's not my job as GSR to check up on him.*
- *Chad U pointed out that if my group treasurer tells me my group donated, and I report that to district, and district never gets the check, I just **lied**. Dishonesty of any sort will kill me; I don't have to live like that today. So I feel I can hold my trusted servants accountable for what I'm telling other people. Also noted it's within the purview of the district Treasurer to note or reach out to (or not!) groups that haven't contributed to district in his role as a trusted servant.*
- *Debbie E mentioned that once a year, GSRs get a report from GSO listing their group's contributions (by group number); why not sit down with the group treasurer to verify they numbers. Also, group consciences in this district are sloppy – people just want to leave and don't really participate. Like it's a burden to participate in the administration of their own home group.*
- *John H asked "if I donate \$5 and only \$1 gets there, is my 7th Tradition good?" Collecting this information is not an attempt to control, but just asking to pay attention. Where's Joe? He hasn't been to our meeting in a month? Are our phone numbers good? Is our money going where we say it's going? In terms of AA unity, think about what you want to report. Also, to let the group know we are supposed to be self-supporting on every level – we need to contribute to district for all this stuff we do like Treatment, Corrections, Literature, the picnic, and so forth.*
- **VOTE:** 10 Yea; 2 Nay; 1 Abstention.

- *7th Tradition reporting about contributions to district, area, Pittsburgh central office, and GSO dropped from GSR Report Form.*
- Shelley S noted biggest problem in AA today is not keeping people accountable because we're afraid they won't like us and/or we're afraid of their reaction.
- John H suggested we see how it all shakes out over next couple months, but wanted to point out that without hard numbers, characterizing something as "good" is meaningless. What makes our contribution level "good"? What makes our attendance "good"? Is even asking for information on what group attendance like a "good" thing? What does it mean? What are our metrics?

Anything Else?

- Nope.

***MOTION** (to close): Dani M; **SECOND**: Shelley S. **VOTE**: Unanimous Yea.*

Close with Responsibility Statement (at 8:30 pm)

NEXT MEETING: August 2, 2017

PAYING ATTENTION- METRICS FOR SUCCESS

June 2017

Day	Time	Groups	Average Attendance	Active HG Members	Average Sobriety	7 th Tradition Contributions GSO	7 th Tradition Contributions District 14	7 th Tradition Contributions Area 60	7 th Tradition Contributions Pgh CO
SUN	9 am	SMEB	40	10	7				
	Noon	Serenity Afternoon							
	7pm	Grumpy Old Men							
	7 pm	Burgettstown in Recovery							
	7 pm	ITHOR							
	7 pm	Prosperity Sun Night							
MON	Noon	TGIS							
	Noon	<i>Serenity Afternoon</i>							
	7 pm	Primary Purpose AA							
	830 pm	Hill 12 & 12	30	13					
TUES	Noon	<i>TGIS</i>							
	Noon	Made It Til Noon	20	6	15				
	6:30 pm	AA Literature on Main	10	5					
	6:30 pm	McMurray Big Book MTG							
	7 pm	Beginner's Big Book Study							
	7:30 pm	Carmichaels Big Book							
	7:30 pm	Canonsburg Open Discussion	53	9	5				
WED	Noon	<i>TGIS</i>							
	Noon	<i>Serenity Afternoon</i>							
	Noon	McMurray Big Book SG							
	6 pm	State Line							
	7 pm	Daily Reflections	17	3	1				
	7:30 pm	Canonsburg Big Book							
	8 pm	How We Feel Today	20	8	5				
	8:30 pm	Washington Group	30	5	14		√		
THURS	Noon	<i>TGIS</i>							
	Noon	<i>Serenity Afternoon</i>							
	7 pm	TNT	35	5					
	7 pm	McMurray Women's ABSI	25	15					
	8:30 pm	Peters 12 & 12							
FRI	10 am	Crossroads	43	15	14				
	Noon	<i>TGIS</i>							
	Noon	<i>Made It Til Noon</i>							
	6:30 pm	G.O.D.	20	3	2				
	7:30 pm	Canonsburg ABSI	45	10	2				
	8 pm	<i>How We Feel Today</i>							
SAT	8 am	Spiritual Foundation							
	9 am	The First 164	50	7	13				
	10 am	Step Sisters							
	10:30 am	Renewal	27	12	8.5				
	Noon	<i>TGIS</i>							
	Noon	<i>Serenity Afternoon</i>							
	7 pm	Camel	40	12	1.5				
	7:30 pm	Waynesburg Saturday Night							
	8:30 pm	Canonsburg Group							
		16 groups	505	138	86	0	1	0	0

JULY GSR REPORT FORM TOTALS

Group	Avg Attendance	Active HG Members	% HG Members of Attendance	HG Member Avg Sobriety
Camel	30	8	27%	1.5
Canonsburg Group	22	7	32%	10
Canonsburg Daily Reflections	20	11	55%	4
Crossroads	38	15	39%	12
GOD	15	4	27%	2
Hill 12&12	30	15	50%	
McMurray Women's ABSI	23	15	65%	
MITN	20	6	30%	15
Renewal	27	10	37%	8
SMEB	35			
The First 164	45	9	20%	20
Washington Group	40	4	10%	8
Washington Sun Night Discussion	47	6	13%	23
Wed Night Daily Reflections	17	3	18%	1.5
TOTALS	409	113		105
Average Attendance (14 groups)	29			
Active HG Members (13 groups)		9		
Average % HG of Attendance (13 groups)			30%	
HG Member Avg Sobriety (11 groups)				9.5

Bold red: needs support.

DISTRICT 14 AUGUST 2017 MINUTES – AUGUST 2, 2017

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Groups Represented (by GSR Reports turned in)

Crossroads, **Literature on Main**, MITN, **Primary Purpose**, *Prosperity*, SMEB, Washington Group.

[NOTE: Other GSRs were in attendance, but did not provide a written Report Form for these minutes: ABSI Canonsburg, Canonsburg Tuesday Night, G.O.D., Hill 12&12, State Line, Step Sisters, TNT.]

Italics: GSR Report by email.

Bold red: needs support.

Officers/Coordinators Present

DCM, Alt DCM, Treasurer, Secretary, Alt Secretary, Corrections, Alt CPC-PI, Grapevine, Literature.

Welcome, Call to Order, & Open Meeting with Serenity Prayer (DCM) at 6:30 pm

Reading of Concept V from AA Service Manual

Minutes

- July 2017 Minutes presented for approval.
 - MOTION** (to accept July minutes): Jan F; **SECOND**: Malcomb B. **VOTE**: Unanimous Yea.

Pass the Basket (district 7th Tradition)

GSR Report Highlights

(If you are a GSR and not able to make the district meeting, make sure you give your report to your alternate to present, or email it to the Secretary.)

- See *Groups Represented* above.
- Step Sisters** is now closed because it never got the support; its collected 7th Tradition has been sent to the District 14 Treasurer.
- See District Events page at <http://www.district14.info/d14events.htm>
 - SUN, 9/3; Prosperity Bonfire Meeting**
 - Old Concord, PA.
 - Anytime in the afternoon; bonfire meeting at 7; Bring a Covered Dish.
 - SUN, 9/17; Made It Till Noon Picnic**
 - Center Township Park, Rodgersville, PA.

- Noon to 5; Al-Anon Speaker 1:30 PM; AA Speaker 2:30 PM; Main Course & Drinks Provided; Bring a Covered Dish; 50/50, Cornhole, & Playground.
- **NEEDS SUPPORT**
 - **Canonsburg Tuesday Night: Needs literature, talking to Lit Coordinator; HG members.**
 - **Lit on Main: attendance, HG members.**
 - **Primary Purpose: HG members with good sobriety.**
 - **TNT: HG members.**

Officer & Coordinator Reports

(If you are an officer or coordinator and not able to make the district meeting, make sure you give your report to your alternate or someone else to present, or email it to the Secretary.)

DCM

- No report; just listening.

Treatment (absent)

- Absent due to motorcycle accident; our thoughts and prayers are with you, Dani!
- Do we need an Alt for Treatment to meet our commitments while Dani is laid up? John H will get in touch with her.

Corrections

- Need men and women to volunteer for Washington County jail; 2 years sobriety, 2 years off paper.
- **GUEST SPEAKER (Sue H)**
 - Asked to do corrections with around one year of sobriety, and she was never in prison... and has been doing it for 20 years.
 - Started at SCI Fayette (men), did 20 years, stepped down... and got asked to start same thing up at SCI Greene (women).
 - GCCF (men's) needs support; looking for people to come in and share their story.
 - 2,000 inmates in jail; meetings get up to 20 people, which is considered a crowd.
 - Meetings in the jails are structured the same way as most AA meetings.
 - You must have 2 years of sobriety, and 2 years off paper to volunteer. HOWEVER, you don't need 2 years to volunteer for **Bridging the Gap**, in which case you might be responsible for helping an inmate making the transition from the jail to the public AA program.
 - First week of the month in GCCF jail is a discussion meeting, 2nd week is a big book study, 3rd week is a discussion, and the 4th week is a big book study; inmates chair this meeting.
 - Just like any other AA meeting, just inside the walls. Try it out. This is the first time some of these people have ever talked about feelings.
 - It takes a little time to get cleared for correctional facilities, anywhere from 4 to 6 weeks, so volunteer now.

- Helps show how AA can help us with what's going on in our lives, whether we're inside or outside the walls.
- **KCB** = Keep Coming Back
- If not off-paper, get involved with **Bridging the Gap**, to help people coming out when they come you your home group.
- Also, corrections correspondence can be helpful; Corey interjected that some guys in the **BtG** program are mailing guys in SCI Green.

CPC/PI (absent)

- Absent on a service commitment.
- Still looking for a replacement.
- Thomas S reports the Washington Care Center needs lit.

Alt CPC/PI

- Unable to step up to be CPC/PI.
- Went to magistrates' office and gave pamphlets for Waynesburg Rain Day and for the Oxford House.
- Pamphlets on sponsorship were passed around for GSRs to bring back to their home groups.
- CPC/PI left literature at Waynesburg churches that they deemed inappropriate, so returned it to Alt.

Literature

- **Literature Report** emailed 8/1.
- Literature was available for sale, but there were zero new orders in July.
 - The "Yellow Card" on Safety in AA not yet available; Chad U reports that a slide of it will appear in the Summer *Seeds of Service*.
- Does anyone want to order Literature to pick up at the District 14 Picnic on 8/20? Needs to get to his order minimum ASA to get literature in before the picnic

Treasurer

- See **Treasurer's Report** sent 7/30.
- One question: who and when are we supposed to pay for the Central Office answering service? Answer: call the Pittsburgh Central Office during business hours.
- Treasurer won't be at the September district meeting because of Cook Forest, and will not be at the picnic because of a Steps Inside spiritual retreat.
- If you have money to donate, mail Malcolm the check with your address and he will send you a receipt.

Alt DCM

- It's important to announce district activities, the district meeting, service opportunities in our GSR reports each week; many AAs unaware this level of service exists.

- Some of the meetings she's attended that seemed to be in trouble and not well-attended, some of these are increasing in attendance; there seems to be an ebb and flow.
- Passed a card to sign for Dani M.

Grapevine

- Nobody/no group asked to see her in the past month.
 - Lynda asked her to come to McMurray Women's ABSI when available; probably in September.
- Will bring poster board and subscriptions info to picnic.
- Subscriptions to get *Grapevines* into facilities have been received.
- Corrections inmates can get free subscriptions for *Grapevine* with a certain card (per Sue H); GV changed the way it is bound (no staples), so it can be sent into prisons now.

Secretary (no report)

Old Business

District Picnic (Shelley, et al.)

- Picnic will be Sunday, August 20, noon to 6 pm, at Washington Park at the Lions Pavilion near the pool.
- Passed around flyers and sign-up sheet.
- The pool is now closed for the picnic because of flooding.
- There will be cornhole, volleyball, and badminton.
- Raffles every half-hour for literature; each officer/coordinator will speak on their service position (3-5 minutes); Drew will represent GSRs.
 - We need someone to talk about Treasurer, CPC/PI, and Alt CC/PI, since they won't be there.
- Jan F will fill-in for Dani on **Bridging the Gap**.
- Please volunteer literature, time, and money needed for picnic. Go back to your home groups to see if they will get involved.

Day of Sharing: Mount Lebanon (guests Nancy P & Keeshia M)

- The theme is "We Stood at the Turning Point".
- The next meeting is August 13 at 4pm right after the Bridgeville meeting at Holy Child Parish.
 - Rotating planning meetings between the districts hasn't worked.
- Need volunteers to speak for 3 panels (3-4 people per panel); all about "standing at the turning point" for each of these stages of sobriety. These will not be full leads, just sharing how you overcame each of these turning points in recovery! Each is associated with a story in the Big Book, and one of our Three Legacies:
 - **Early** (0 - 5 years): Crossing the River of Denial, p.328 [SERVICE]
 - **Middle** (5 – 10 years): Keys of the Kingdom, p. 268 [UNITY]
 - **Long-Term** (15+ years): Freedom from Bondage, p. 544 [RECOVERY]

- Contact Keeshia M if you would like to share.
- The Day of Sharing will be on September 23, 9am-3pm, at Our Lady of Grace in Scott Township.
- Can each GSR purchase a set of DVDs from Fred & George? They are \$25 each.
- There are 200 tickets available for Day of Sharing; the priest may allow 250 people. You can buy these tickets ahead of time at the meeting on August 13 at 4pm at Holy Child in Bridgeville.
- Raffle baskets: please donate; we cannot solicit because of our 7th tradition!

New Business

- To save time, GSRs do not need to read where every event is and what time; the date should be sufficient. Just let the meeting know that if they want to find out more information, they can visit www.district14.info!

District Discussion: *Group Consciences* (all)

- Alt DCM had mentioned last month that a few of the group consciences for various groups in the district seemed “sloppy.”
 - Everybody wants to leave right away and nothing important is discussed.
- It’s not “group conscious” – it’s **group conscience**. Words mean things, and spelling counts.
- When people – even long-timers – talk about things that need to change, they don’t realize that it should be discussed at the group conscience.
 - Situations can get complicated. John H told a story about a long-timer who wanted to get his 7 year coin, but had gotten high on meds after surgery. Group conscience decided that there should be no coin, and that AA has never come back to that group... but is still sober today.
- If we share our stories about our home group’s group conscience, people will see that things can change.
- Are group consciences necessary or important for groups that are already “solid”?
 - Several “solid groups” in district don’t.
 - Chad U asked if they had separate business meetings for paying the usual rent and expenses, with saving the group conscience for more complicated situation. Feeling was that these “solid groups” did not have regular business meetings either. (Why would they need them if they were “solid”?)
- “Our leaders are but trusted servants, they do not govern.”
- Is there anything in the literature that states how the group conscience should be run?
 - Nancy P said that the AA Group pamphlet does.
 - Groups should follow some sort of format or rules so it’s not a free-for-all.
 - One AA’s opinion was that the most important thing is everyone sits down and says the serenity prayer at the beginning of the group conscience. Another suggested the Responsibility Statement. One AA’s opinion was that home groups should say the Responsibility Statement at the **end** of each group conscience.
- Does the GSR chair/run group conscience?
 - Just when the meeting has something to do with outside of the group?

- Under Tradition 4, all groups are autonomous, and can do what they want as they decide in their group conscience.
- Nancy P said that the AA Group pamphlet points to the group secretary to run the group conscience.
- Opinion of the district meeting was split on whether a GSR or the group secretary should run a group conscience. **Nearly 50-50 split on those in attendance who had an opinion.**
- Do groups have a regular treasurer's report?
 - One AA said that their meeting has a sign-in sheet, and at the bottom of the page is the total of the group's 7th Tradition collection, so it's transparent to everyone.
 - Shawn G said the Primary Purpose AA group has a treasurer's report after their 7th Tradition collection.

Anything Else?

- Nancy P asked about our district's "education fund" – by which she apparently meant reimbursement to officers and coordinators for registration, travel, and lodging for various conferences and AA service events. The district guidelines are from 2012 and out of date, and are still being reviewed/updated based on motions made this year (**officers and coordinators, this is a reminder to give the District Secretary your comments on the description of your service position, or any other comments for the guidelines!**). The current guidelines are available for download from www.district14.info

MOTION (to close): *Malcomb B*; **SECOND**: *Brad B*. **VOTE**: *Unanimous Yea*.

Close with Responsibility Statement (at 7:45 pm)

NEXT MEETING: September 6, 2017

AUGUST *GSR REPORT FORM* TOTALS

Group	Avg Attendance	Active HG Members	% HG Members of Attendance	HG Member Avg Sobriety	Regular Group Conscience?
Crossroads	36	10	28%	15	Y
Literature on Main	15	6	40%	3	Y
MITN	13	8	62%	20	Y
Primary Purpose	65	4	6%	1	Y
Prosperity	21	14	67%	9	N
SMEB	37	10	27%	"yes"	Y
Washington Group	35	5	14%	12	Y
TOTALS	222	57	244%	60	Y = 6 N = 1
Average Attendance (7 groups)	31				
Active HG Members (7 groups)		8			
Average % HG of Attendance (7 groups)			35%		
HG Member Avg Sobriety (7 groups)				9	
Regular Group Conscience % (7 groups)					86%

Bold red: needs support.

DISTRICT 14 SEPTEMBER 2017 MINUTES – SEPTEMBER 6, 2017

<i>John H, DCM</i>	<i>Chad U, Secretary</i>	<i>Malcomb B, Treasurer</i>	<i>Mike C Asa-W, CPC-PI</i>
<i>Debbie E, Alt DCM</i>	<i>Michelle M, Alt Secretary</i>		<i>Linda B, Alt CPC-PI</i>
<i>Corey C, Corrections</i>	<i>Shelley S, Grapevine</i>	<i>Travis K, Literature</i>	<i>Dani M, Treatment</i>
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Groups Represented (by GSR Reports turned in)

Canonsburg ABSI, **Canonsburg Daily Reflections**, Crossroads, First 164, Hill 12& 12, **Literature on Main**, MITN, McMurray Women's ABSI, Prosperity, Renewal, SMEB, Washington Group.

[NOTE: Other GSRs were in attendance, but did not provide a written Report Form for these minutes: *Camel*, Canonsburg Discussion, G.O.D., **TGIS**, TNT.]

Italics: GSR Report by email.

Bold red: needs support.

Officers/Coordinators Present

DCM, Alt DCM, Secretary, Alt Secretary, Corrections, **CPC-PI**, Literature, Treatment.

Welcome, Call to Order, & Open Meeting with Serenity Prayer (DCM) at 6:32 pm

Reading of Concept VI from AA Service Manual (Deb E)

Minutes

- August 2017 Minutes presented for approval.
 - **MOTION** (to accept Aug minutes): Jan F; **SECOND**: Ed M. **VOTE**: Unanimous Yea.

Pass the Basket (district 7th Tradition)

GSR Report Highlights

(If you are a GSR and not able to make the district meeting, make sure you give your report to your alternate to present, or email it to the Secretary.)

- See *Groups Represented* above.
- Welcome to new GSRs: Charlie S (Canonsburg DR), Chad I (Canonsburg Discussion), Ben P (Literature on Main), Jeff R (MITN), Tom H (TGIS), and Matt M (TNT).
- See District Events page at <http://www.district14.info/d14events.htm>
 - **Second SUN of every month; Prosperity Potluck**
 - Starts at 6 pm.
 - **SUN, 9/17; MITN Picnic**
 - Center Township Park, Rodgersville.

- Noon to 5
- Al-Anon Speaker 1:30 PM; AA Speaker 2:30 PM
- Main Course & Drinks Provided; Bring a Covered Dish; 50/50, Cornhole, & Playground.
- **WED, 11/8; Washington Group 70th Anniversary**
 - Starts at 7 pm.
 - Gratitude meeting.
- **NEEDS SUPPORT**
 - **Canonsburg DR: attendance, HG members.**
 - **Lit on Main: attendance, HG members.**
 - **TGIS: Traditions.**

Officer & Coordinator Reports

(If you are an officer or coordinator and not able to make the district meeting, make sure you give your report to your alternate or someone else to present, or email it to the Secretary.)

CPC/PI

- Mike C stood up to take over for Asa W.
 - **MOTION (to vote now): Jan F; SECOND: Marie. VOTE: Unanimous Yea.**
 - **MOTION (to accept Mike as new CPC/PI): Jan F; SECOND: Keeshia M. VOTE: Yea (22), Nay (1). The YEAs have it.**

Alt CPC/PI (absent)

Grapevine (absent)

Treasurer (absent)

- See **Treasurer's Report** sent 9/4.

DCM

- No report; just listening.

Treatment

- Treatment, Corrections, and CPC/PI can now have a good **Bridging the Gap (BtG)** committee!
- Purchased a **BtG** stamp to place on literature and mail; will provide expenses to Treasurer.
- In communication with Treatment/Corrections folks in Area 59 and Southeastern Pennsylvania Intergroup Association (SEPIA) for **BtG** for folks being released from corrections in eastern PA that are relocating here in the west.
- Support needed for Gateway in November and December!

Literature

- **Literature Report** emailed 8/30.
- Bought books, sold books – sold books at District 14 Picnic.
- Halfway to a new order.

Corrections

- From email:
 - I will be taking over as the men's scheduler for AA meetings at WCCF.
 - First order of business is thanking Bob S on his dedication to taking care of the scheduling for all these years. Bob has done an exceptional job every month touching base with everyone regardless if anyone touches base with him. I am relatively new and he has shown me the ropes and I will do my best to take over from here.
 - **TO DO (pass a Thank You card around next month; Secretary to purchase).**
 - I want to say that my mission as the AA District 14 Corrections Coordinator is to be of service by bringing as many meetings as possible to those incarcerated. This means ensuring that we have volunteers to take those meetings that we currently have and hopefully expand the amount AA can help to those in greatest need.
 - With that being said I want everyone to know that we are in need of new or more active volunteers, we currently have about 4 active volunteers at Washington County Jail who go to 1 or more meetings per month covering on average 10 meetings. Please spread the word that due to lack of volunteers some meetings may not even happen because if we don't show up then there is no meeting. All you need to do after that is get me the phone number of anyone who meets the requirements who are interested and I will contact them and get them going. Please feel free to ask your GSRs or yourself to make announcements at meetings, it will be greatly appreciated.
 - One thing to note, it is possible for 1 person to do 2 meetings but you have to let the visitor receptionist know in advance of going up. We have the time 6-8 open for us to take meetings so it is possible but that is up to the discretion of the volunteer if they're able and willing. I'm not asking nor do I expect anyone to do 2 meetings but I just wanted to share that it is an option. Just like any other AA meeting, just inside the walls. Try it out. This is the first time some of these people have ever talked about feelings.
- We have a desperate need for volunteers for SCI Greene.
- We have a good group of women for WCCF, but could always use more.
- Some floors only get one or two meetings **in a month. If we don't show up, the inmates don't get a meeting.**
- Matt M mentioned that he felt handcuffed by the sobriety time requirements of the institutions; was pointed at **BtG** for corrections involvement after an inmate is released.

Alt DCM

- Has been attending Day of Sharing planning meetings.
 - The Day of Sharing will be on September 23, 9am-3pm, at Our Lady of Grace in Scott Township.
 - Has tickets and flyers for GSRs; requests that GSRs pass out flyers and sell tickets.
 - Still looking for donations for the raffle baskets, which leads to...
- Deb E, Dani M, and Chad U, acting as trusted servants of District 14 and full awareness that there could be consequences, donated 3 books to the DoS (The "souvenir" book, the "circus" cover

anniversary edition of *Alcoholics Anonymous*, and *Dr. Bob & the Good Oldtimers*). These books had been won in a raffle at the District 14 Picnic by Steve K, but they had been left at the pavilion after the picnic was over. Given the need for the DoS for donations, Deb/Dani/Chad donated the books. When Chad next spoke to Steve K, he remarked he would still like the books.

- **Question: Who pays for replacement books for Steve K (value \$31)? District 14 or Deb, Dani, and Chad?**
 - Thomas S suggested that Picnic Committee should've been consulted about the donation.
 - Deb offered to make donation right then; Dani suggested the district should pay; Chad said he'd go with the district group conscience.
 - **NO MOTION, JUST DONE (!): Hat was passed for a collection. \$42 collected; \$31 will replace Steve K's books, and \$11 more dollars of literature will be donated to the DoS!**

Secretary (no report)

Old Business

District Picnic (Thomas S)

- Shelley S will give a full report with financials next month.
- Many thanks to all who volunteered, showed up, and participated.

New Business

- To save time, GSRs do not need to read where every event is and what time; the date should be sufficient. Just let the meeting know that if they want to find out more information, they can visit www.district14.info!
- **Literature Idea** (Travis K):
 - The Literature Coordinator has no budget for expenses; just a “revolving” budget for literature (books/pamphlets) and a revolving budget for *Meeting in a Pocket* hand-outs.
 - People keep asking Travis for already-printed district meeting lists. There is no budget for this.
 - Right now, the money for the *MiaP* hand-outs (\$750 literature asset; projected gross profit \$1000; projected net profit \$250) is just sitting there -- \$151, not doing anything.
 - Instead of waiting for the inventory of *MiaPs* to fall low enough to trigger a reprint (estimated to be around 12-18 months before that point), is it a good idea to use the moneys collected for *MiaPs* to print out meeting lists?
 - **TO DO** (Lit Coordinator will find out what the cost to print 100-200 meeting lists would be).
- **Newcomer Brochure** (Chad U):

- Chad came up with a smaller, quicker-to-read brochure for newcomers, consisting of information from the AA newcomer pamphlet, some suggestions from previous district discussions, and providing a large area to write down names and numbers for the newcomer. These would be free to download and print personally for anyone.
- Corey C provided an improved paragraph dealing with sponsorship.
- Discussion online and in the meeting centered around the meaning of the phrase “Conference-approved literature.”
 - Tom H mentioned that this phrase is only used to describe literature AA produces. Chad added that it was only added after AA stopped using the circle and triangle to indicate “officially produced” AA literature.
 - Ed mentioned that even if literature i’s not Conference-approved it doesn’t mean that it’s Conference-**disapproved**.
 - Keeshia mentioned that so long as the brochure was free, it wouldn’t be taking any money away from GSO. In fact, it points to a GSO-produced, Conference-approved pamphlet for more information.
 - Overall sense of the room was positive, but...
 - **TO DO** (GSRs are asked to take the newcomer brochure back to their groups, tell them of this discussion, and see if they have any comments, edits, or ideas).

District Discussion: *Trusted Servants* (all)

- “Our leaders are but trusted servants, they do not govern.”
- Discussion tabled due to lack of interest.

Anything Else?

- Tom S raised the point that with other meetings (another fellowship and a bible study) scheduled near the space where district meetings are held, it was distracting and not private enough. Is there another space?
 - John H said there was space upstairs.
 - Ed M remarked that we moved downstairs because of limited space in the café. John responded there was additional space upstairs, and the café could be reconfigured if necessary for district meetings.
 - It was pointed out that the upstairs is more accessible.
 - **MOTION** (to move back upstairs): Will S; **SECOND**: Michelle M. **VOTE**: Yea (15), Nay (5). **The YEAs have it.**
- Debbie E mentioned that the DoS needs volunteers for registration table/raffle tickets. **List passed around.**
- Keeshia M requested to be placed on the “d14 interested parties” group for emails by Secretary; **TO DO for Secretary.**

- Someone mentioned the D14 meeting list was outdated on the Area 60 website. **TO DO for Secretary.**

***MOTION** (to close): Jan F; **SECOND**: Marie. **VOTE**: Unanimous Yea.*

Close with Responsibility Statement (at 7:59 pm)

NEXT MEETING: October 4, 2017

SEPTEMBER *GSR REPORT FORM* TOTALS

Group	Avg Attendance	Active HG Members	% HG Members of Attendance	HG Member Avg Sobriety	Regular Group Conscience?
Canonsburg ABSI	58	9	16%		Y
Canonsburg DR	16	6	38%	2	Y
Crossroads	35	10	29%	10	Y
First 164	45	10	22%	20	Y
Hill 12& 12	30	10	33%		N
Literature on Main	10	2	20%	3	
MITN	13	8	62%	20	
McMurray Women's ABSI	23	20	87%	10	Y
Prosperity	16	16	100%		N
Renewal	23	8	35%	8	Y
SMEB	35	10	29%	"yes"	Y
Washington Group	35	10	29%	4	Y
TOTALS	339	119	500%	77	Y = 8 N = 2
Average Attendance (12 groups)	28				
Active HG Members (12 groups)		10			
Average % HG of Attendance (12 groups)			42%		
HG Member Avg Sobriety (8 groups)				10	
Regular Group Conscience % (10 groups)					80%

Bold red: needs support.

DISTRICT 14 OCTOBER 2017 MINUTES – OCTOBER 4, 2017

<i>John H, DCM</i>	<i>Chad U, Secretary</i>	<i>Malcomb B, Treasurer</i>	<i>Mike C, CPC-PI</i>
<i>Debbie E, Alt DCM</i>	<i>Michelle M, Alt Secretary</i>		<i>Linda B, Alt CPC-PI</i>
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Groups Represented (by GSR Reports turned in)

Canonsburg ABSI, **Canonsburg Daily Reflections**, Camel, Crossroads, GOD, Hill 12& 12, **MITN**, McMurray Women's ABSI, Primary Purpose, **Renewal**, SMEB, **TNT**.

[NOTE: Other GSRs were in attendance, but did not provide a written Report Form for these minutes: **Canonsburg Discussion**, First 164, **Literature on Main, State Line, TGIS**, Washington Group, Washington DR.]

Italics: GSR Report by email.

Bold red: needs support.

Officers/Coordinators Present

DCM, Alt DCM, Secretary, Alt Secretary, Corrections, **CPC-PI**, Literature, Treatment.

Welcome, Call to Order, & Open Meeting with Serenity Prayer (DCM) at 6:30 pm

Reading of Concept VII from AA Service Manual (???)

Minutes

- September 2017 Minutes presented for approval.
 - MOTION** (to accept Sept minutes): *Deb E*; **SECOND**: *Malcomb B*. **VOTE**: *Unanimous Yea*.

Pass the Basket (district 7th Tradition)

GSR Report Highlights

(If you are a GSR and not able to make the district meeting, make sure you give your report to your alternate to present, or email it to the Secretary.)

- See *Groups Represented* above.
- See District Events page at <http://www.district14.info/d14events.htm>
 - Second SUN of every month; Prosperity Potluck**
 - Starts at 6 pm.
 - FRI, 10/6; Canonsburg ABSI**
 - No meeting on this day.
 - WED, 11/8; Washington Group (Cookie Church) 70th Anniversary**
 - Cookie Extravaganza.

- 7:30 pm
- **FRI, 12/22; Canonsburg ABSI**
 - Cookie Pageant.
 - 6 pm
- **McMurray Women's ABSI**
 - Shelley will be giving a Grapevine presentation.
- **State Line**
 - Please keep long-timer Jack V in your prayers.
- **NEEDS SUPPORT**
 - **Canonsburg Group: attendance, HG members.**
 - **Canonsburg DR: attendance, HG members.**
 - **Hill 12&12: attendance; HG members.**
 - **Renewal: attendance, HG members.**
 - **Washington DR: attendance.**

Officer & Coordinator Reports

(If you are an officer or coordinator and not able to make the district meeting, make sure you give your report to your alternate or someone else to present, or email it to the Secretary.)

Corrections

- Need more men volunteers at the Washington County Jails.
- Facility associated with SCI Greene (parole violators) hasn't had many regular AA meetings in past two years.
 - Every other Saturday is the goal.
 - Men AND women welcome (though it's an all-male facility).
 - Next to SCI Greene; address to follow.
 - Same form for SCI Green.

Treatment

- Hill 12&12 has Greenbrier in November, and Hill 12&12 has Greenbrier in December.
 - Volunteers for November and December for Gateway needed.
 - Volunteers for both Greenbrier and Gateway needed for 2018!
 - If you cannot make your commitment, **CALL DANI ASAP!**
- Hooked up with two guys in Philadelphia with **Bridging the Gap** to help people that are getting out of jail at SCI Fayette there and moving back to Philly. Wants to continue connecting with more resources.
- Stamped the paper napkin rings for the Mt. Lebo **Day of Sharing** with the **BtG** phone number and email address.
- Would like to confirm the committee for **BtG** (Treatment, Corrections, CPC-PI). Bring back to groups so they know who to talk to so they can get involved.
 - Would like to meet with Corrections (Corey) and CPC-PI (Mike) before next district meeting.
- Can we take meetings into halfway houses?

CPC/PI

- Talked to people about information.
- Discussion about putting brochures in halfway houses, three-quarterhouses, and rehabs.
 - How many halfway houses are in the county? (to be answered next meeting)
 - Lisa says *District 14 for Newcomer* would be great for Turning Point. Additionally, Turning Point often has in-house meetings Saturday nights where the women can have their sponsor come in to speak.
- Bill C. volunteered to drop literature off for CPCPI coordinator.

Treasurer

- See ***Treasurer's Report*** sent 10/1.
- Kudos to Shelley for bringing the picnic well-under budget.
- Though it looks like we're \$126.68 in the red, if no more picnic expenses, we are in the black. Coordinators: if you have money, spend it -- we're ahead of the game.
- Budget Committee meeting to be scheduled; see 5.2 of draft Guidelines for more info.
- Debbie has \$27 from the September district meeting for Malcomb.

Alt CPC/PI

- Linda would like paper/cardboard brochure racks and pamphlets for Greene County, maybe to take to doctor offices. She would really like the pamphlet for "Do You Have an Alcoholic in Your Family."

Grapevine (absent)

- Steve H wondered if Grapevine sells "boxes of back issues"; he remembers something like that. Answer next meeting.
 - Linda B said back issues of the Grapevine do more than any pamphlet.

DCM

- No report; just listening.

Literature (absent)

- **Literature Report** emailed 10/1.
- *Emailed report:* "Due to a change in hours and fitting in my class schedule I wasn't able to switch shifts with my coworker this Wednesday. Pretty standard report: nothing sold and nothing purchased. Attached is the literature report, if you need anything let me know so I can get together with you! I'll also be at Walgreens right down the street if you need something urgently and expected to see me at the meeting, just give me a heads up if you can."

Alt DCM

- See Day of Sharing Report below.

Secretary

- **TO DO:** Put Group Contribution Form and District Treasurer postal address on website.

Old Business

District Picnic (Thomas S)

- Shelley S will give a full report with financials next month.

District 14 Newcomer Brochure (Chad U)

- **MOTION** (to approve District 14 Newcomer brochure): Chad U; **SECOND**: John H. **VOTE**: Unanimous **YEA**.

New Business

Day of Sharing Report (Debbie E)

- Attendance about 140 people.
- Lots of sharing from panel discussions. (early, middle & late sobriety); results well worth it.
- Not sure how we did on CD sales yet. Can CDs be ordered? Or did you have to be at Day of Sharing to purchase them? Did the district get its set?
 - Debbie will look into it.
 - Gil's Audio Archive, 814.384.5573, trad12x12@yahoo.com
- Dani says seeds money is in limbo- not sure where it is. Nancy P. found it and they are going to reimburse money. John H. will follow up to see that money is given back.
 - Debbie reported that the DoS: Mount Lebanon check was cashed, and we got the seed money back.
- Overall excellent day.

Area 60 Website

- *Meeting Finder*: <https://www.wpaarea60.org/meetings/>
 - New and improved meeting finder on website; use mileage radius- every meeting you want to find within a certain amount of miles, will tell you; a lot more helpful than Pittsburgh meeting website.
 - Canonsburg Wednesday Night Big Book needs changed to Daily Reflections.
- *Speaker Leads & More*: <https://www.wpaarea60.org/audio/>
 - Added a lot of audio leads. Suggested to look for Kim from Boardman, Ohio: a great lead to listen to.
 - https://aa-audio-archive.s3.amazonaws.com/pa-state-convention/2017/Kim_S-Boardman_OH.mp3

Area 60 Fall Assembly

- Fall assembly on November 15. Very much recommended to attend. All GSRs can vote on the following topics on the area meeting agenda...
 - NERAASA 2021 bid.
 - NERAASA for 2021: bigger than NERF and we'd be running it.
 - Perfect hotel in Greentree for reasonable price. Might be moving area meeting to this location as well.

- Area 60 Guideline changes.
- Manuscript Litigation.
 - Big Book w/ editorial marks and writings, basically a rough draft, never has been in possession of AA. Will be put up for auction in NY State; info will be provided at area meeting.

District 14 Guidelines 2017 Discussion (Chad U)

- Motion made to update 2012 guidelines to 2017 guidelines.
 - **Guidelines** emailed on 9/27/2017.
 - Took out guidelines we no longer follow; added guidelines we do now and as many things we motioned to; listed out budget line items we have.
 - Comments:
 - Looks good.
 - Don't need to take back to home groups. Not necessary. Might end up being too many changes.
 - The guidelines were sent via email. 20 pages.
- **MOTION** (to approve District 14 Guidelines 2017 now, save minor copy edits): Matt M; **SECOND**: Debbie E. **VOTE**: 12 yea, 8 nay, 2 abstentions.
 - **Minority Opinion**: Steve H. Haven't had time to read; it's the first time he's seen it.
 - **Call for revote**: does anyone wish to change their vote? Yea.
 - **Second**: Ben P
 - Linda and Will commented and agree together that we should wait until next month district meeting to finalize guidelines. John H. also agrees, didn't have a chance to sit down and read it. Will says this is ridiculous and we should not finalize guidelines until everyone gets a chance to read them and no what they're saying yes to.
 - **VOTE**: 9 yea, 13 nay, 1 abstentions. The **NAYs** have it.
- **MOTION** (to vote to approve District 14 Guidelines 2017 at the November district meeting): Malcomb B; **SECOND**: Matt M. **VOTE**: Unanimous **YEA**.

Anything Else?

Budget Committee (Malcomb B)

- Refer lit expense budget line to Budget Committee.
 - Who wants to be part of budget committee?
 - Malcolm (Treasurer)
 - Chad (Secretary)
 - Steve H. and Sean G. (GSRs)
- Budget Committee to meet after November district meeting; new budget should be ready for the December district meeting.

Other Concerns (Dani M)

- Dani doesn't know who the GSRs are for a lot of groups, and doesn't know who to call to see if rest of month that was cancelled for Greenbrier or Gateway has been taken care of.
 - Chad said he will send out new GSR list with numbers, etc.

Printing District Meeting Lists

- Why can't home groups use group money to print out own meeting lists?
 - Home groups aren't even paying rent.
 - GSRs won't use own printers for list, they would rather buy off Travis.
 - Referred to Budget Committee.

District 14 Business Card

- Business card for district website: because meetings change constantly, it will have number for AA hotline on it and lines on back to write phone numbers for newcomers; maybe put area website.
 - Need permission from District 14 to use name on card. We'll order them and that's it. Not a stock someone's burdened to carry.
 - **MOTION (to do District 14 business cards): Glenn C; SECOND: Steve H. VOTE: Unanimous YEA.**
 - Will S suggested adding a QR code to the card.

Pittsburgh Central Office/Metropolitan Meeting (Oct 14)

- We pay money to Central Office and we don't know what they do with it?
 - Giving money to be listed in 24 hour service.
 - Where else?
- Meetings near the city of Pittsburgh have steering committee reps they send to Central Office.
 - There were steering committee reps in district 14 home groups at one point. (Jim L from Canonsburg?)
- Metropolitan meeting about steering committee.
 - Chad will send info on that ASAP.
 - CPC-PI can maybe go?

MOTION (to close): Malcomb B; SECOND: Kaitlin H. VOTE: Unanimous Yea.

Close with Responsibility Statement (at 8:05 pm)

NEXT MEETING: November 1, 2017

OCTOBER *GSR REPORT FORM* TOTALS

Group	Avg Attendance	Active HG Members	% HG Members of Attendance	HG Member Avg Sobriety	Regular Group Conscience?
Canonsburg ABSI	65	9	14%		Y
Canonsburg DR	18	8	44%	3	Y
Camel	37	6	16%	1.5	Y
GOD	15	6	40%	4	Y
Hill 12& 12	30	10	33%		Y
MITN					
McMurray Women's ABSI	25	20	80%	15	Y
Primary Purpose	65	7	11%	1	Y
Renewal	17	7	41%	7.5	Y
SMEB	33	10	30%	"yes"	Y
TNT	50	4	8%	2	Y
TOTALS	355	87	25%	34	Y = 9 N = 1
Average Attendance (10 groups)	36				
Active HG Members (10 groups)		9			
Average % HG of Attendance (10 groups)			25%		
HG Member Avg Sobriety (7 groups)				4.86	
Regular Group Conscience % (10 groups)					90%

Bold red: needs support.

Members Attending

Malcomb B (Treasurer), Chad U (Secretary), Matt M, Travis K (Literature), John H (DCM), Shawn G, Steve H, Debbie E (Alt DCM)

Open Meeting (Treasurer) at 12:02 pm

- *Budget Adjustment:* Travis suggested since we will not be reprinting the tri-fold wallet meeting lists, we take the cash in bank earned from sales (\$300) and split that between a new Literature Coordinator expense line (\$150) and increasing the Literature Fixed Assets by (\$150).
 - **MOTION** (to split the tri-fold wallet card funds to an expense line and increase assets): Chad U;
SECOND: Debbie E.
 - Malcomb suggested a friendly amendment that instead of a new budget line for Lit Coord, that the \$150 be added to the Administration line, and that the Lit Coordinator would be able to access it. **Amendment accepted.**
 - **VOTE: Unanimous YEA.**
 - *This suggestion affects the Guidelines in sections 1.2.2, 1.3.1, 1.3.2, and 4.4.2.*
- *Discussion of Central Office expenses.*
 - Debbie E has asked Nancy P (district 7) to come to a district meeting to discuss Central Office/Intergroup to determine if our district should continue to participate.
- *Grapevine Coordinator Expenses Overrun:* Exceeded budget because last Grapevine Coordinator did not turn over display, inventory, and any cash.
 - Additionally, Shawn G verified that there are current issues of Grapevine at the Care Center.
- *All Coordinators:* Are your budgets sufficient for next year?
 - Add to November Agenda.
- *District Event Fund:*
 - Since we used the event fund to support the Mount Lebanon Day of Sharing as seed money, and it was returned, we didn't expend that budget line, which helped our overall bottom line this year.
- *Picnic Expenses:*
 - Next year's picnic should shop around for a better site price.
 - Matt M interested in Picnic Committee next year.
 - Chad raised Dani M's emailed question: was an annual district picnic ever voted on?
 - Consensus of group is that by approving the budget, past district committees have tacitly accepted having a picnic because there's a budget for a picnic.
 - To be added to November Agenda:
 - REMINDER: When the budget is voted on, all line items are being voted on (picnic, event fund, etc.) for approval. If you have an issue or concern with a line item, bring it up during the discussion before the budget approval vote. This includes reallocation of funds between budget lines, addition of budget lines, or elimination of budget lines.
 - *This suggestion affects the Guidelines in section 1.3.1.*

- Meeting in a Pocket Fixed Literature Asset: Lit Coord is current responsible for
 - Concerns about the cash on hand from the *MiaPs* “just sitting there” in Lit Coord’s hands.
 - Chad suggested making the *MiaPs* an expense, rather than a fixed asset/revolving budget, because the size of the print order is large, and the time between orders is large.
 - John H remarked that the rationale for the *MiaPs* being a revolving budget is so that there would always be enough funding to reprint them, because the print expense is large.
 - **MOTION** (*MiaP remains a revolving budget, so there is money to print, but cash from sales is banked with Treasurer while Lit Coord maintains inventory*): Chad U; **SECOND**: Shawn G. **VOTE**: Unanimous **YEA**.
 - *This suggestion affects the Guidelines in section 1.2.2.*
 - To be added to November Agenda: How are groups using the *Meeting in a Pocket*?
- Excess Funds in Budget:
 - Malcomb reports we will probably be significantly in the black for 2017. What do we do with the excess funds?
 - We could do a workshop or other event.
 - We could increase budget lines for next year.
 - We could increase the prudent reserve.
 - Suggestion made that the district as a committee of the whole should vote on use of excess funds from a budget year in January of the next budget year.
 - *This suggestion affects the Guidelines in section 1.3.1.*

MOTION (to close): Chad U; **SECOND**: Shawn G. **VOTE**: Unanimous Yea.

Close (at 1:15 pm)

NEXT MEETING: ~~TBD~~ November 5, 2017

DISTRICT 14 NOVEMBER 2017 MINUTES – NOVEMBER 1, 2017

<i>John H, DCM</i>	<i>Chad U, Secretary</i>	<i>Malcomb B, Treasurer</i>	<i>Mike C, CPC-PI</i>
<i>Debbie E, Alt DCM</i>	<i>Michelle M, Alt Secretary</i>		<i>Linda B, Alt CPC-PI</i>
<i>Corey C, Corrections</i>	<i>Shelley S, Grapevine</i>	<i>Travis K, Literature</i>	<i>Dani M, Treatment</i>
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Groups Represented (by GSR Roll-Call)

Italics: GSR Report by email.

Bold red: needs support.

AA Literature on Main, Canonsburg As Bill Sees It , Canonsburg Group, Canonsburg Open Discussion, Crossroads Group, Good Orderly Direction , Hill 12 & 12, Made It Til Noon , McMurray Women's As Bill Sees It, Sunday Morning Early Birds, The First 164 (Big Book), Thursday Night Trudgers (TNT), Washington Group

Officers/Coordinators Present

Treasurer, Secretary, Alt Secretary, Corrections Coordinator, CPC-PI Coordinator, Alt CPC-PI, Literature Coordinator, Treatment Coordinator

Welcome, Call to Order, & Open Meeting with Serenity Prayer (Secretary as Acting Chair) at 6:34 pm

Reading of Concept VIII from AA Service Manual (Jen Mc)

Minutes

- September 2017 Minutes presented for approval.
 - Error for amendment: Hill 12 & 12 did not require support for Oct.
 - **MOTION** (to accept Oct minutes with amendment): *Malcomb B*; **SECOND: Thomas S.**
 - VOTE: Unanimous Yea.**

Pass the Basket (district 7th Tradition)

GSR Report Highlights (Events/News/Support)

(If you are a GSR and not able to make the district meeting, make sure you give your report to your alternate to present, or email it to the Secretary.)

- See *Groups Represented* above.
- See **District Events** page at <http://www.district14.info/d14events.htm>
 - **Second SUN of every month; Prosperity Potluck**
 - Starts at 6 pm.
 - **WED, 11/8; Washington Group (Cookie Church) 70th Anniversary**
 - Cookie Extravaganza @ 7:30 pm

- **SAT, 11/11; Camel Meeting 1st Anniversary**
 - Pizza at 6:30; meeting @ 7.
- **THURS, 11/16; TNT Anniversary**
 - Cake @ 6; meeting @ 7.
- **FRI, 12/22; Canonsburg ABSI**
 - Cookie Pageant @ 6:30 pm; speaker @ 7.
- **News:**
 - **Hill 12 & 12** supports AA attempting to acquire the original manuscript of the Big Book (Manuscript Legislation).
 - **G.O.D.** now handing out “sobriety action” coins in addition to “sobriety time” coins, to celebrate things like taking a newcomer to a meeting, giving your lead, picking up a new sponsee, etc.

Officer & Coordinator Reports

(If you are an officer or coordinator and not able to make the district meeting, make sure you give your report to your alternate or someone else to present, or email it to the Secretary.)

Treasurer

- See **Treasurer’s Report** sent 10/30.
- Contributions for 2017 YTD total is wrong; will be corrected.
- Received repayment of seed money (\$200) from the Mount Lebanon Day of Sharing.
- In January 2018 we’ll need to vote on what to do with excess funds from 2017; currently \$374.63 in the black (eventually may be \$1200 in the black).
 - **TO DO: GSRs: take back to your homegroups: what to do with leftover money?**

Secretary

- Will share about Business Committee under Old Business.

Corrections

- Need more men volunteers at the Washington County Jail (WCCF).
- Bob S appreciated the thank you card that the district sent him for his long service with the jail scheduling.

CPC/PI

- Went to Pittsburgh Metropolitan Meeting; talked to people about CPC and PI; collected a lot of PI printed material.
- Reached out to Linda and Travis for assistance with getting literature.

Alt CPC/PI

- Linda would like paper/cardboard brochure racks and pamphlets for Greene County, may need to make something given the space requirements at locations.
- Jen Mc pointed out cardboard racks, shipped as flat-pack, on Amazon.com.

Grapevine (absent)

- District 14 has 6 subscriptions that go to treatment.
- Grapevine put at Care Center is not there? Shawn G mentioned at Budget Committee meeting it gets there; he's seen it. Thomas S says he's never seen it there and works there.
 - **TO DO: We suggest Shelley look into where it is going**

Literature

- **Literature Report** emailed 10/28.
- Will make new order this weekend (November 3-5); normal stock (Big Books and 12&12s), if anyone wants any specialty books, let Travis know.
- Steve K's books (from the picnic) will be on the order.

Treatment

- November: Greenbrier (Hill 12&12), Gateway (Canonsburg Tuesday Night).
 - Has 2 volunteers for first 2 Thursdays, need other days filled.
 - If you cannot make your commitment, **CALL DANI ASAP!**
- Will start taking volunteers/groups for 2018 Greenbrier and Gateway service commitments.

DCM & Alt DCM (absent)

Old Business

District Picnic (absent)

- Shelley S will give a full report with financials next month.

District 14 Guidelines 2017 Discussion (Chad U)

- Updated draft of Guidelines sent 10/22.
- Chad U reported on the Budget Committee Meeting (10/22).
 - **SUGGESTED MOTIONS from the Budget Committee as they affect Guidelines:**
 - *To accept the New Budgeted Items and the amounts as the District 14 Budget for 2018 (see page xx). (To be voted as Old Business in Dec.) This includes adding Bridging the Gap line item (which is an implicit approval of that already-operating committee) and folding the Picnic line into the Event Fund line. (Already in Guidelines draft.)*
 - *To accept the change of MiaP from a fixed to a one-time asset, with revenues put into prudent reserve. (To be voted as Old Business in Dec; not in Guidelines draft.)*
 - *This suggestion affects the Guidelines in section 1.2.2*
 - *To make the electronic files for MiaP available on the district website. (To be voted as Old Business in Dec.)*
 - Discussion re: Picnic budget line:
 - Dani said we had a Picnic budget line last year, but never voted on having a picnic.

- Chad U remarked that voting funds for a Picnic last year was an implicit vote to have a picnic. Putting those funds into the Event line means we get to vote explicitly every year whether or not to have a picnic, which will be an event, and draw on that budget line.
- Tom S was strongly in favor of a picnic as a way to be more vocal about the district, what we do, and service (with the trusted servants talking about our positions); Matt M mentioned that the district picnic was first time in recovery he realized he could have fun without alcohol.
- Chad U suggested that if people feel that strongly about having a picnic (or any other event, like a workshop or speaker jam or whatever), at the January meeting, folks should make a motion to have a picnic.
- **MOTION (to accept new Guidelines): Chad U; SECOND: Malcomb B. VOTE: 17 Yea, 1 Nay.**
 - **Minority Opinion: Tom S – wants picnic budget line restored.**
 - **Call for revote: No one wished to change their vote.**
 - **The YEAs have it. Guidelines accepted.**
 - **Budget Committee motions are New Business, to be discussed at this meeting and in our home groups; in December, full budget for 2018 will be Old Business and voted on.**

District 14 Budget Discussion (Chad U)

- More budget discussion:
 - Linda B talked about purchasing 4 slot pamphlet racks for \$7 to display our CPCPI pamphlets nicely; mention was made that M-46 comes with 40 AA at a glance pamphlets and pamphlet rack; if Alt CPC/PI does not wish to utilize the CPC/PI expenses for this, then the issue should be tabled until January meeting for discussion of disposal of excess district funds.
 - Dani suggested the new BtG budget might supply some Grapevine subscriptions or other literature for Treatment, CPC/PI, and Corrections use for... bridging the gap, as it were.
 - Discussion of how switching the MiaP to a one-time asset works for procedure. Instead of cash from MiaP sitting in Travis's apartment with unsold MiaP inventory, he hands it to Malcomb to add to the prudent reserve. When inventory is out, it's out; district can then vote to have it reprinted, changed, or discontinued.
 - Newcomer & Meeting lists are not Conferenced-approved; another discussion short discussion on what that means: "Conference-approved" means the Conference published it, that's all. It's "official" AA literature, but there is no such thing as **Conference-disapproved** or disallowed literature.
 - Meetings could have readings from *The Cat in the Hat*, and Tradition 4 allows this. (However, not sure that that text would be useful for staying sober, but AA has no monopoly on sobriety.)
 - Discussion of the Central Office line item. Do we get value from the call service.

- It was represented in the past that these funds support the 24 hour AA hotline at the Central Office; this isn't true, it's a contribution for *all* CO services.
 - *This suggestion affects the Guidelines in section 1.3.1; editing the Central Office budget line description to reflect the facts.*
- Side-discussion on changing our Yellow Pages ad changed to include district website and the Bridging the Gap phone number (in addition to CO number, or replacement of).
 - **MOTION** (to replace CO number in Yellow Pages with BtG number): *Dani M.*
 - Jen Mc asked if Dani (since she holds the BtG cellphone) was willing to answer all 2 am 12th Step calls that come in, by herself. Where would she find someone to go on a 12th Step call at 2 am? Ed M mentioned that Houston Intergroup was staffed by many volunteers; we don't want any one individual to get all the calls. Michelle Y mentioned that she got into the rooms by calling the 24 hour hotline. Anita S suggested "if it ain't broke, don't fix it." Travis K suggested we ask Nancy P or someone from Intergroup to come out and talk about the CO phones and other stuff. Dani suggested that Steve W would be a great person to talk about it.
 - See New Business.

New Business

Central Office & Yellow Pages (all)

- **TO DO:** Mike C will look into what it would cost and what the process is for changing our ad in the Yellow Pages/Ready to Use, if we decide later we wish to change anything about our listing.

Meeting in a Pocket (Matt M)

- How are groups using *Meeting in a Pocket*?

Budget Committee (Malcomb B)

- Coordinators need to decide- are your budgets sufficient for next year?
 - Corey, Travis & Dani are good with their budgets.
 - If you want to be on the budget committee, show up on November 5, 2:00 pm, at the Washington Crowne Center food court.
- **TO DO:** GSRs... Take budget back to homegroups to discuss it for the December district meeting.

Anything Else?

MOTION (to close): *Steve H*; **SECOND:** *Malcomb B*. **VOTE:** *Unanimous Yea.*

Close with Responsibility Statement (at 8:21 pm)

NEXT MEETING: December 6, 2017

Members Attending

Malcomb B (Treasurer), Dani M (Treatment), Matt M (TNT GSR), Chad U (GOD Alt GSR)

Open Meeting (Treasurer) at 2:08 pm *with the Serenity Prayer*

The Budget Committee has several recommended motions, as well as points for discussion, for the district to consider as a committee-of-the-whole.

Motions

- *Budget Items & Budget Amounts:*
 - Chad U suggested reducing the Website Hosting and Domain budget from \$100 to \$50, and adding that \$50 to the New Budget Item for Bridging the Gap.
 - Dani M suggested reducing the Treatment budget from \$200 to \$100, and adding that \$100 to the New Budget Item for Bridging the Gap.
 - Attached is a sheet showing the *Old Budget Items (2017)*, the *Old Budget Amounts*, *Changes made to the Old Budget*, *New Budget Items (2018)*, and *New Budget Amounts*, incorporating all these motions.
 - **MOTION** (to accept the New Budgeted Items and the amounts as the District 14 Budget for 2018).
- *Meeting in a Pocket (MiaP):*
 - Currently, as of the updated 2017 District Guidelines, the Literature Coordinator handles the *Meeting in a Pocket* inventory, and the Treasurer handles the revenues as a revolving budget “in the bank.”
 - General discussion led to the idea of the “revolving budget” fixed asset of *MiaP* to be changed to a one-time asset, with revenues being deposited directly into the district’s prudent reserve.
 - This means that once the *MiaPs* sell out, they’re not automatically reordered without a district committee decision. When inventory is low or gone, the district as a committee-of-the-whole can determine whether or not to reprint, update/edit, or cease publication of the *MiaP*.
 - As part of this change, Matt M suggested making the electronic files of the *MiaP* available freely online on www.district14.info for groups to download if they wanted to print some themselves. (This will be a separate motion below.)
 - For more on the Budget Committee’s discussion, see *Discussion Points* below.
 - **MOTION** (to accept the change of *MiaP* from a fixed to a one-time asset, with revenues put into prudent reserve).
 - *This suggestion affects the Guidelines in section 1.2.2*
 - **MOTION** (to make the electronic files for *MiaP* available on the district website).

Discussion Points

These discussion points will be added to the New Business section of the December 2017 District 14 Agenda:

- *Meeting in a Pocket (MiaP)*: Several issues were raised during the discussion of the *MiaP* asset.
 - The most troubling was that Dani M, while attending the Canonsburg Group meeting, heard great consternation during the GSR report when their GSR mentioned there was \$750 in that fixed asset while trying to promote the publication. Upset, the group briefly erupted into a speaker meeting into an open discussion meeting!
 - The difficulty in inventory- and money-handling led to the Guidelines change last month, but the whole situation is still contentious: keeping *MiaP* revenues separate is additional paperwork for the Treasurer, and limits the district in case of a contributions shortfall in a future year.
 - The idea that the district makes a profit (a few pennies, but at all) on the asset is regularly mentioned as one reason for a lack of support.
 - The mistaken idea that it's against AA tradition for a district to publish anything "not Conference approved" continues to rear its head.
 - The sizable amount of money (\$750) tied up in the asset, when compared to the overall size of the budget, has been mentioned negatively more than once.
- *Rent*: Two questions arose regarding paying rent...
 - Dani wished to know if we are paying the Harmony House Café, the Harmony Life Center, or someone else for district meeting space rental?
 - Malcomb says John H gave him the payment information in email, but he could not recall who the check was made out to off the top of his head; he will research and have an answer by the December district meeting.
 - Matt M suggested we approach Washington Drug & Alcohol to see if they'd be interested in hosting the District 14 meeting. The room is bigger than the Café, and they may give us an excellent rate based on their need to do community outreach.
- *Coordinators' Meeting*: Dani wishes to suggest a Coordinators' meeting for Corrections, CPC/PI, and Treatment sometime soon. This would help them pool names from their committees to help populate the Bridging the Gap Committee, or vice-versa. There was also some discussion of coordinators' assets and inventories not being generally known (displays, pamphlets, books, etc.).

MOTION (to close): Malcomb B; **SECOND**: Chad U. **VOTE**: Unanimous Yea.

Close (at 2:55 pm)

NEXT MEETING: TBD

Old Budgeted Items (2017)	Old Budget Amount	Changes	New Budgeted Items (2018)	New Budget Amount
Administration	200	+150 from tri-fold	Administration	350
Central Office (Answering Service)	50	Change line to just "Central Office"	Bridging the Gap	150
PhoneBook	300		Central Office	50
Grapevines for Treatment	200		CPC/PI Coordinator Expense	180
Getaway Weekend	800	Change line to "Pre-Conference Assembly Weekend"	Corrections Coordinator Expense	100
DCM Gasoline Allowance	100		DCM Gasoline Allowance	100
Website Hosting and Domain	100	Drop to 50; 50 to Bridging the Gap	District Event Fund	700
Grapevine Coordinator	100		Grapevine Coordinator Expense	100
PI-CPC Coordinator Expense	180	Change line to "CPC/PI Coordinator Expense"	Grapevines for Treatment	200
Corrections Coordinator Expense	100		PhoneBook	300
Treatment Coordinator Expense	200	Drop to 100; 100 to Bridging the Gap	Pre-Conference Assembly Weekend expenses	800
Picnic	500	Delete; 500 to District Event Fund	Rent	500
Rent	500		Treatment Coordinator Expense	100
District Event Fund	200	+500 from picnic	Website Hosting & Domain	50
BUDGET LINES SUBTOTAL	3530		BUDGET LINES SUBTOTAL	3680
Literature Assets (Lit Cor.)	750	+150 from tri-fold	Literature Assets (Lit Cor.)	900
Meeting in a Pocket (Lit Cor.)	750	Change from "Lit Cor" to "In the Bank"; change from revolving to one-time; total amount of asset (\$750) should be listed, as well as amount currently in the bank.	Meeting in a Pocket (Total/In the Bank)	750 / 0
Tri-Fold Meeting List (In the Bank)	300	Delete line item; 150 to Lit Assets, 150 to Administration		
ASSETS SUBTOTAL	1800		ASSETS SUBTOTAL	1650
PRUDENT RESERVE	1000		PRUDENT RESERVE	1000
GRAND TOTAL	6330			6330

DISTRICT 14 DECEMBER 2017 MINUTES – DECEMBER 6, 2017

<i>John H, DCM</i>	<i>Chad U, Secretary</i>	<i>Malcomb B, Treasurer</i>	<i>Mike C, CPC-PI</i>
<i>Debbie E, Alt DCM</i>	<i>Michelle M, Alt Secretary</i>		<i>Linda B, Alt CPC-PI</i>
<i>Corey C, Corrections</i>	<i>Shelley S, Grapevine</i>	<i>Travis K, Literature</i>	<i>Dani M, Treatment</i>
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Groups Represented [17]

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Officers/Coordinators Present [10]

DCM, Treasurer, Secretary, Alt Secretary, Corrections Coordinator, CPC-PI Coordinator, Alt CPC-PI, Grapevine Coordinator, Literature Coordinator, Treatment Coordinator

Interested Parties Present [5]

Welcome, Call to Order, & Open Meeting with Serenity Prayer (DCM) at 6:30 pm

Roll-Call

Reading of *Concept IX* from AA Service Manual [??]

Minutes

- November 2017 Minutes presented for approval.
 - MOTION** (to accept Nov minutes): *Malcomb B*; **SECOND**: *Matt M*. **VOTE**: Unanimous Yea.

Pass the Basket (district 7th Tradition)

GSR Report Highlights (Events/News/Support)

(If you are a GSR and not able to make the district meeting, make sure you give your report to your alternate to present, or email it to the Secretary.)

- See *Groups Represented* above.
- See **District Events** page at <http://www.district14.info/d14events.htm>
 - Second SUN of every month; Prosperity Potluck**

- Starts at 6 pm.
- **SUN, 12/10; Area 60 4th Quarterly Meeting**
 - Penn Hills, 699 Rodi Road. Registration @ 8:30 am; workshop @ 9; meeting @1015.
- **WED, 12/13; Canonsburg Wed DR**
 - Christmas Party @ 6:30 pm; meeting @ 7:30.
- **SAT, 12/16; Waynesburg Made It Til Noon Christmas Party**
 - Coffee @ 5 pm; dinner @ 6; Al-Anon speaker @ 7; entertainment @ 730; AA speaker @ 8. 50-50, raffle.
- **FRI, 12/22; Canonsburg ABSI**
 - Cookie Pageant @ 6:30 pm; speaker @ 7.
- **SUN/SAT, 12/24 & 12/25; Pittsburgh Central Office 24-hour Christmas Party**
 - See flyer for information; Castle Shannon; starts 5 pm Christmas Eve until 430 pm Christmas Day.
 - Contact John H for rides.

Officer & Coordinator Reports

(If you are an officer or coordinator and not able to make the district meeting, make sure you give your report to your alternate or someone else to present, or email it to the Secretary.)

DCM

- Please keep Debbie E (Alt DCM) and the late Ray K in our prayers.

Literature

- **Literature Report** emailed 12/5.
- Placed an order last month; it is in.
- Steve K's books (from the picnic) received; given to Chad U to deliver.
- Will get 60 Yellow Cards due to great demand from district; unsure of how much they cost.

Treatment

- January: Greenbriar (Canonsburg ABSI), Gateway (Renewal).
 - If you cannot make your commitment, **CALL DANI ASAP!**
- Will start taking volunteers/groups for 2018 Greenbrier and Gateway service commitments.
- *Bridging the Gap* (BtG) program going well; plenty of people. Connecting people coming from Pittsburgh and to Waynesburg to meetings.
- Got the *Behind Bars* books to review.

Corrections

- Plenty of women, but we need more men volunteers at the Washington County Jail (WCCF). Meeting average about 10 guys.
- Need more volunteers for SCI Greene.
- For GCCF, women are ok, but have no idea if more men are needed; will talk to Brett K.

- **TO DO:** GSRs, please mention at your meetings that we need more volunteers who have 2 years sober and 2 years off paper to go into the jails.

Grapevine

- Subscriptions have been paid.
- Willing to go to any group and give a talk on the GV and its literature.
- Grapevine subscription at Care Center is *still* not there?
 - **TO DO:** Shelley said she'd call all six sites to make sure they're getting their GV subscriptions.

CPC/PI

- Ordered CPC/PI literature for Washington and Greene County.
- Reached out to Dani for help (possibly through BtG) getting literature to magistrates' offices.

Alt CPC/PI (no report)

Secretary

- As requested, will share about Business Committee suggested motions under Old Business.

Treasurer

- See **Treasurer's Report** sent 12/3.
- Will add yearly contributions to report.
- Received check returning the \$200 seed money from the Mount Lebanon Day of Sharing.
- **TO DO:** Treasurer needs to amend *MiaP* from "LitCor" to "In the Bank" on Report.
 - Literature Coordinator will hand over *MiaP* money.

Alt DCM (absent)

Old Business

District Picnic (Shelley S)

- Had ~120 people.
- Collected about \$300 on the 50-50; the winner gave back about a third of it as a donation to the district.
- The water balloon fight has been mentioned by many as a way to have fun in sobriety.
- The officers and coordinators educated people on what services the district provides.
- We gave away over \$500 of literature; so many groups donated.
- The total expense was \$201.14, and has been squared with the Treasurer.
- DCM led a round of applause for the Picnic Committee.
- Research conflicts & coming up with target dates for picnic for January's meeting.

District 14 New Budget Motions (Chad U)

- **MOTION** (to accept the New Budgeted Items and the amounts discussed in November and attached to the November minutes as the District 14 Budget for 2018). Chad U; **SECOND: Malcomb B.**
 - *Bridging the Gap.* John H mentioned bringing up a motion at January meeting to increase Bridging the Gap line to \$700 so that will cover travel to Bridging the Gap workshop in Colorado at Budget Committee meeting.
 - We will have surplus at end of the year- will discuss what to do with it next month. Could go to BtG.
 - *Rent.* Should we have a budget of \$400 for rent instead of \$500 considering rent isn't \$500 anymore, its \$300?
 - Should we have a contract for rent so the budget for rent won't change in middle of the year?
 - Some say contract is important because it gives us our spot and time so people aren't coming in and out, etc.
 - We're paying \$25 per month; very flexible, good price, to Harmony House Café or Harmony Life Center? *Harmony Life Center.* (Last site was \$40 per month.)
 - Glenn C said we have had rent contracts before; John H praised it as a prudent business practice.
 - Rent contract discussion moved to New Business.
 - *Picnic.* Why did we take away picnic fund?
 - Guidelines as discussed and voted on in November puts any events like picnics under the District Event Fund.
 - In 2017, we didn't vote on having a picnic; there was a budget line for it voted at the end of 2016, and we just assigned a committee in the spring.
 - Budget surplus could go to picnic.
 - Should we go back to our home groups for their opinion on whether to have a picnic in 2018, or do we vote as trusted servants to have one now?
 - 2018 discussion moved to New Business.
 - **AMENDMENT** (decrease the Rent budget line from \$500 to \$400). Matt M; **SECOND: Kaitlin H. Unanimous Yea.**
 - **CALL FOR VOTE:** (on budget as amended) Unanimous Yea.
 - Amended 2018 Budget for District 14

Budgeted Items (2018)	Budget Amount
Administration	350
Bridging the Gap	150
Central Office	50
CPC/PI Coordinator Expense	180
Corrections Coordinator Expense	100
DCM Gasoline Allowance	100
District Event Fund	700

Grapevine Coordinator Expense	100
Grapevines for Treatment	200
PhoneBook	300
Pre-Conference Assembly Weekend expenses	800
Rent	400
Treatment Coordinator Expense	100
Website Hosting & Domain	50
BUDGET LINES SUBTOTAL	3580
Literature Assets (Lit Cor.)	900
Meeting in a Pocket (Total/In the Bank)	750 / 0
ASSETS SUBTOTAL	1650
PRUDENT RESERVE	1000
	6230

- **MOTION** (to accept the change of MiaP from a fixed to a one-time asset, with revenues put into prudent reserve). Chad U; **SECOND**: Kaitlin H.
 - Discussion of how switching the *MiaP* to a one-time asset works for procedure. Instead of cash from *MiaP* sitting in Travis's apartment with unsold *MiaP* inventory, he hands it to Malcomb to add to the prudent reserve. When inventory is out, it's out; district can then vote to have it reprinted, changed, or discontinued.
 - John H opposes; offers an amendment at end. (Temporarily turns over chairing responsibility to Secretary for purposes of this discussion.) Various groups us *MiaP* differently – getting newcomers phone numbers, sponsors counselling sponsees. Having that tool available is valuable. Maybe we're not exploiting it completely. Has everything we need to memorize. 7 out of 25 groups in district are using it. Very helpful for impromptu meetings. Was set-up initially as a self-funding thing, and it's working. Not only that, it's been distributed as far away as Ireland and Germany.
 - **AMENDMENT** (not to add back the \$750 from the asset line back into the budget, because it would distort the budget). John H.
 - Keeshia M noted it was a big expense; Linda B agreed.
 - Glenn C pointed out it sold briskly, then slowed as the "market" got saturated.
 - Steve H mentioned that his home group was apathetic at the publication, and don't want to buy any.
 - Chad U noted that the just-voted and adopted budget already reflects that amendment.
 - **Amendment withdrawn.**
 - **VOTE**: 13 Yea, 7 Nay, 1 Abstention.
 - **MINORITY OPINION**: Why?

- *CALL FOR RE-VOTE? No one.*
- *The YEAs have it.*
 - *This vote affects the Guidelines in section 1.2.2; to be amended.*
- **MOTION** *(to make the electronic files for MiaP available on the district website).*
 - Tabled until January district meeting.

New Business

2018 Picnic

- **MOTION** *(ask the groups if we should use part of the 2017 budget surplus and District Event Fund to have a picnic in 2018 with a \$300 budget). Shelley S; SECOND: John H. 24 Yeas, 0 Nays, 1 Abstention. The YEAs have it.*

Rent Contract

- **MOTION** *(arrange a rental contract for district meetings). Matt M; SECOND: Thomas S. Unanimous Yea.*

MiaP "Blurb"

- **MOTION** *(draft a blurb on ways to use the MiaP in our home groups; suggest John H do first draft). Keeshia M; SECOND: Matt M. Unanimous Yea.*

D14 Officer/Coordinator Meeting

- Dani M suggested that officers and coordinators have a separate meeting where they talk about where they are in their service commitments and initiatives.
- Chad U, Shelley S, and Thomas S confirmed that that is the way it works at the area level in Area 60.
- Tabled until January district meeting.

Anything Else?

- Steve H wants Meeting Lists and copies of officer reports printed for his home group and the other groups at district meetings. Michelle Y wants more Newcomer brochures for her home group.
 - **TO DO:** *Travis will print materials for January meeting and either get an advance or expense it?*
- Glenn C asked for a year-end contributions report for his home group from the Treasurer; suggested each group should get one.
 - Can we get a list on what meetings donate money to district? Consensus of room said "No, let's not."
- Chad U and Shelley S offered to give rides if anyone wanted to go to the Area 60 4th Quarterly Meeting on 12/10.

MOTION (to close): Matt M; ***SECOND***: Corey C. ***VOTE***: Unanimous Yea.

Close with Responsibility Statement (at 8:17 pm)

NEXT MEETING: January 3, 2018