District 14 April 2017 Minutes

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| *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* |
| *Corey C, Corrections* | *Shelley S, Grapevine* | *Travis K, Literature* | *Dani M, Treatment* |
| District 14 meetings are the first WED of each month, 6:30 pm, downstairs @ *Harmony House Café*, 47 N. Main Street, Washington.***District 14 Events***available at: [**http://www.district14.info/d14events.htm**](http://www.district14.info/d14events.htm)***District 14 GSR Handbook***PDF available at: [**http://www.district14.info**](http://www.district14.info)***Send group contributions to***: *District 14 Treasurer*, 104 River Road, Rices Landing, PA 15357 |

#### Groups Represented

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** | **7th 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 |  |
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| **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*** |  |  |