District 14 June 2017 Minutes – June 7, 2017

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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

AA Literature on Main, Camel Meeting, Canonsburg As Bill Sees It, Canonsburg Big Book Study, Crossroads, Good Orderly Direction, Hill 12&12, How We Feel Today, Made It Til Noon, McMurray Women’s As Bill Sees It, Renewal Group, Sunday Morning Early Birds, The First 164, Thursday Night Trudgers, Washington Group, Wednesday Night Daily Reflections.

#### Officers/Coordinators Present

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

### 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 not 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. The 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

*(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.)*

#### 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)

* Asa would still like to step down; Alt CPC/PI (Linda B) does not wish to take the position.
* Alt dropped off literature at local churches.
* Attendees referred to CPC/PI job description in District Guidelines:

**COOPERATION WITH THE PROFESSIONAL COMMUNITY & PUBLIC INFORMATION (CPC/PI) COORDINATOR**

*Qualifications*: The CPC / PI Coordinator should have two (2) years continuous sobriety.

*Financial Support*: The CPC / PI Coordinator shall be reimbursed for (1) the purchase of literature for the professional’s waiting rooms and other informational locations, as needed, and (2) gasoline purchases used for performing their services. An itemized list of expenses must be submitted monthly to the treasurer for reimbursement. All coordinators are responsible for maintaining their budgets and are accountable for district money and property entrusted to them and to a regular report of their funds.

*Qualifications*: The CPC / PI Coordinator should have two (2) years continuous sobriety.

*Duties*:

* + *CPC*: Members of these committees provide information about AA to those who have contact with alcoholics through their profession. This group includes health care professionals, educators, members of the clergy, lawyers, social workers, and industrial managers, government officials, as well as those working in the field of alcoholism.
  + *PI*: The purpose of P.l. service work is to provide accurate AA information to the public when requested. P.l. coordinators may visit schools, businesses and community meetings for this purpose. emphasizing our Traditions of anonymity, singleness of purpose and non-affiliation
  + The CPC / PI Coordinator is responsible for attending District Meetings, Area 60 meetings and participating in district service events.
* Nancy P mentioned an individual AA can take a packet of information to their own doctor; her district has these made up, but they come right out of the CPC manual available at the GSO website.
* Literature Coordinator emailed the D14 list the PDF of F-13: *Bringing Up the Touchy Subject of a Patient's Drinking.*

#### Grapevine (absent)

#### Treasurer

* See ***Treasurer’s Report*** sent 6/5/2017.
* As of 6/7, all district money is in First Federal account.

#### Secretary

* Minutes presented for approval.
  + ***MOTION*** *(to accept May minutes): xxx; SECOND: xx.* ***VOTE****: xxx.*
* Should groups be removed from the D14 Meeting List that have been closed? **YES**.
* Should groups be added who haven’t sent a GSR or info to the Secretary? **NO**.
  + ***MOTION*** *(for Secretary to update Pittsburgh Central Office of closed groups): Thomas S; SECOND: Brett K.* ***VOTE****: Unanimous Yea, except for one abstention.*
    - *Pittsburgh Central Office and Area 60 updated on Sunday Night with Bill W closure; Area 60 informed Beginners’ Living Sober is closed and of Sunday Morning Early Birds’ new location; Pittsburgh CO group forms for CO forwarded to GSRs of groups; GSRs need to contact Area 60 Registrar to register their groups after a month or two of continued meetings.*

### Old Business

* District Picnic (Thomas S, standing in for Shelley S): Picnic will be Sunday, August 20, noon to 6 pm, at Washington Park at the Lions Pavilion near the pool.
  + $100 returnable deposit and $275 cost.
  + $4 admission for the pool (usually $8).
  + ***MOTION*** *(to approve date/time/expense): Thomas S; SECOND: Debbie E.* ***VOTE****: Unanimous Yea.*
  + Should we invite the Area officers/coordinators, neighboring DCMs?

### District Discussion (all)

* **Groups Closing**:
  + Sunday Night with Bill W was 24 years old; had their anniversary 2 weeks ago. $230 in the red on rent/expenses; couldn’t be covered by homegroup members. Dale mentioned he took the keys 23 years ago, tried to pass them on, and “they always came back to me.”
  + Ebbs and flows of meetings opening and closing; it happens.
  + Holes in week’s meeting schedule – the 4th Tradition allows us to have any sort of meeting we want, so far as it doesn’t affect other groups or AA as a whole.
  + St. Anne’s in Waynesburg is struggling; founded 1959; third oldest meeting in District 14.
  + Jay from Hill 12&12 mentioned sponsors used to get their pigeons into service.
  + Thomas S mentioned the difference between active homegroup members and attendees.
  + Debbie E believes regular group consciences help; Keisha (guest) brought up a discussion of the importance of an informed group conscience that she heard at NERF.
  + John H asked if Waynesburg GSRs could call a group conscience for St. Anne’s; Malcomb B mentioned that meeting/group has been struggling since 2009 – nobody’s stepped up; Brett K said that it’s worth a shot, and they’d keep the DCM and district informed of what happens.
  + Jay mentioned that personalities in the group can be problems: people who take control of meetings means some people left; when controlling people left, others returned. It’s a personalities problem; he liked to be challenged on how things are done in his group to stop that.
  + John H mentioned how the Washington group changed from a Liver Sober lit meeting to a speaker meeting, and had great success.
  + Interest in a prayer/meditation meeting in the district, as well as a new Step-oriented meeting.
  + Chad U mentioned that the principle of rotation could help with the personalities issue; Debbie E mentioned that positions still don’t rotate, because no one steps up.
  + Thomas S mentioned as a new GSR, he’s actively looking for his Alt.
  + Keisha suggested someone write an article for Seeds of Service.
  + Brad B mentioned it’s often a time issue with halfway and three-quarter houses – they have curfews and house meetings; for example, G.O.D. starts too early (6:30 pm) for Lighthouse people to come. 7 to 7:30 is primetime; 8:30 meetings are too late.
  + When to have a group conscience? After a meeting, there’s always one or two people who are eager to go; if you have it before the meeting, those same one or two people won’t show up early.
  + Thomas suggested that sponsors could strongly suggest that while a sponsee is doing stepwork, their homegroup is the sponsor’s homegroup.
  + John H suggests “I need to see you two times a week… Here are the meetings I go to.”

### Anything Else?

* Nope.

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

### Close with Responsibility Statement (at 8:30 pm)

**NEXT MEETING: July 5, 2017**

June *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** |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| AA Literature on Main | 10 | 5 | 50% |  |  |  |
| Camel | 40 | 12 | 30% | 1.5 | G |  |
| Canonsburg ABSI | 45 | 10 | 22% | 2 | SS |  |
| Canonsburg OD | 53 | 9 | 17% | 5 | Ex |  |
| Crossroads | 43 | 15 | 35% | 14 | Ex | quarterly |
| GOD | 20 | 3 | 15% |  | G |  |
| Hill 12&12 | 30 | 13 | 43% |  | G |  |
| How We Feel Today | 20 | 8 | 40% | 5 | SS |  |
| McMurray Women’s ABSI | 25 | 15 | 60% |  | G |  |
| MITN | 20 | 6 | 30% | 15 | G |  |
| Renewal | 27 | 12 | 44% | 8.5 | SS |  |
| SMEB | 40 | 10 | 25% | 7 | G |  |
| The First 164 | 50 | 7 | 14% | 13 | Ex |  |
| TNT | 35 | 5 | 14% |  |  |  |
| Washington Group | 30 | 5 | 17% | 14 | Ex | D |
| Wed Night Daily Reflections | 17 | 3 | 18% | 1 | SS |  |
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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** | **7th 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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