District 14 October 2017 Minutes – October 4, 2017

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| *John H, DCM* | *Chad U, Secretary* | *Malcomb B, Treasurer* | *Mike C, 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, upstairs @  *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 (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](mailto: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 copyedits): 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 or 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 be 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 Offic/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**

September *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.**

District 14 Budget Committee Meeting   
October 22, 2017

#### 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 he 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 *MiaP*s “just sitting there” in Lit Coord’s hands.
  + Chad suggested making the *MiaP*s 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 *MiaP*s 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**