

DISTRICT 14: ALL MOTIONS & MINUTES 2018

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1/3/2018	TO DO (GSRs): Please take to your groups!!! We need more men volunteers at the Washington County Jail (WCCF). Volunteers need 2 years off paper, two years sober. Meeting averages about 10 guys.	
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1/3/2018	MOTION: Put the PDF and PUB files of the MiaP on the District 14 website.	VOTE: 19 Yea, 2 Nay, 2 Abstention. MINORITY OPINION: n/a CALL FOR RE-VOTE? n/a The YEAs have it.
1/3/2018	TO DO (Secretary): Place files on website. [MiaP]	
1/3/2018	CONSENSUS: Have Matt M negotiate with the Reverend Bellhy for district meeting rent contract.	
1/3/2018	CONSENSUS: It is fine the way it is [In email addresses, GSRs in To, Officers/Coordinators in CC, and Interested Parties in BCC]	
1/3/2018	CONSENSUS: Welcome, Jen Mc! [New Alt Treasurer]	
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1/3/2018	CONSENSUS: The district will continue to explore this idea, that we have something valuable to say about this topic. GSRs should talk to their groups about what they think. [Some sort of district publication on Problems Other Than Alcohol]	
1/3/2018	MOTION (to close): Malcomb B; SECOND: Thomas S.	VOTE: Unanimous Yea.
3/7/2018	MOTION (to accept Jan minutes): Will S; SECOND: Dani M.	VOTE: Unanimous Yea.
3/7/2018	TO DO (CPC/PI): Talk to Helen H, Area 60 CPC-PI at pi@wpaarea60.org .	
3/7/2018	CONSENSUS: That expense would be within 10% of the GVs for Treatment budget line; if Shelley chooses to do so as a trusted servant, that's okay, provided she realizes that she'll exceed that budget this year. [Getting another GV subscription to handle both the Washington County and Greene County Care Centers instead of just one of them.]	
3/7/2018	TO DO (BUDGET COMMITTEE): Increase GVs for Treatment budget line for 2019 to include one more subscription.	
3/7/2018	CONSENSUS: \$35 is within 10% of the rent budget line; as trusted servants, can go over, but... [Regarding paying more rent to factor in for Mike S's time opening and setting-up the Café]	
3/7/2018	TO DO (BUDGET COMMITTEE): Increase rent budget line for 2019 to factor any rent increases in.	
3/7/2018	MOTION (take \$20 from the 7 th Tradition collection at the district meeting and put it into the tip jar): Chad; SECOND: Linda B.	VOTE: Unanimous Yea.

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3/7/2018	TO DO (GSRs): Ask your home group members how we can best help the newcomer (especially with this budget surplus) for the April district meeting.	
3/7/2018	TO DO (TREASURER): Explicitly note the budget surplus on Treasurer's Reports.	
3/7/2018	TO DO: Should we consider having a second district or district-wide meeting in a month (as needed) for these other things?	
3/7/2018	CONSENSUS: Suggestion approved by consensus. [Reading Long forms of Traditions at district meeting rather than Concepts]	
3/7/2018	MOTION (to close): Matt M; SECOND: Carol K.	VOTE: Unanimous Yea.
4/4/2018	MOTION (to accept March minutes): Will S; SECOND: Patrick A.	VOTE: Unanimous Yea.
4/4/2018	CONSENSUS: Keeshia called for a round of applause for Matt [M]. [rent negotiation]	
4/4/2018	TO DO (Corrections): Bring back more information next month for discussion.	
4/4/2018	MOTION (Matt M): Keep the topic of including, helping, and retaining the newcomer on the monthly agenda for the district meeting as Old Business every month; SECOND: Chad U.	VOTE: Unanimous Yea.
4/4/2018	TO DO (Treatment): Review and update requirements on the back of the agenda.	
4/4/2018	TO DO (Secretary): Add item to Old Business for next month's agenda.	
4/4/2018	MOTION (to close): John H; SECOND: Corey C.	VOTE: Unanimous Yea.
5/2/2018	MOTION (to accept April minutes): Will S; SECOND: Jen Mc.	VOTE: Unanimous Yea.
5/2/2018	TO DO (Secretary): Update meeting list PDF with new meeting; upload to website.	

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5/2/2018	MOTION (District 14 can have additional district-wide open meetings to invite visitors to speak on AA topics – like general service, archives, Days of Sharing planning, etc. – and with the agenda and chairing duties falling to the Alt DCM): John H; SECOND: Kaitlin H. FRIENDLY AMENDMENT (supplemental meeting should be quarterly, not monthly): Chad U; SECOND: Debbie E. VOTE: Unanimous Yea.	VOTE: Unanimous Yea.
5/2/2018	TO DO (Secretary): This probably involves a change/addition to the district guidelines for the Alt DCM's duties.	
5/2/2018	MOTION (District 14 will hold elections in October, allowing a two month overlap between rotating-out people and elected people): John H; SECOND: Malcomb B.	VOTE: Unanimous except for one (1) nay, Steve H. MINORITY OPINION: : Steve passed. No one changed their vote. CALL FOR RE-VOTE? n/a The YEAs have it.
5/2/2018	MOTION (no meeting on Fourth of July): Dani M; SECOND: Keeshia M. FRIENDLY AMENDMENT (meet on 7/11 instead): Will S; SECOND: Carol K. VOTE: Unanimous Yea.	VOTE: Unanimous Yea.
5/2/2018	CONSENSUS: Exposing more group members to what district does and how district works is a good idea.	
5/2/2018	MOTION (to close): Kaitlin H; SECOND: Malcomb B.	VOTE: Unanimous Yea.
6/6/2018	MOTION (to accept May minutes): Matt M; SECOND: Bill C.	VOTE: Unanimous Yea.
6/6/2018	TO DO: Chad offered to compile the response surveys, to have all the answers in one document.	
6/6/2018	CONSENSUS: More than half the people present are interested in Nancy H and/or Christine N to come to the next District 14 meeting to talk about details.	

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6/6/2018	MOTION (District 14 will give \$200 seed money to this Day of Sharing and get involved): Matt M; SECOND: Carol K. FRIENDLY AMENDMENT (split into two motions to be voted on): Chad U; SECOND: Glenn C. VOTE: Unanimous Yea.	
6/6/2018	MOTION 1 (District 14 will give \$200 seed money to this Day of Sharing): Matt M; SECOND: Carol K.	VOTE: 21 Yea, 0 Nay, 1 abstention. The YEAs have it.
6/6/2018	MOTION 2 (District 14 will participate in this Day of Sharing): Matt M; SECOND: Carol K.	VOTE: 21 Yea, 0 Nay, 1 abstention. The YEAs have it.
6/6/2018	MOTION (to close): Dani M; SECOND: Matt M.	VOTE: Unanimous Yea.
7/11/2018	MOTION (to accept June minutes with corrections): Jeff K; SECOND: Will S.	VOTE: Unanimous Yea.
7/11/2018	TO DO (Budget Committee): Increase GV line item?	
7/11/2018	MOTION (to close): Malcomb B; SECOND: Dani M.	VOTE: Unanimous Yea.
8/1/2018	MOTION (to accept July minutes): Jeff K; SECOND: Will S.	VOTE: Unanimous Yea.
8/1/2018	TO DO (Secretary): Update meeting list.	
8/1/2018	TO DO: Chad will take it to the officer/coordinator meeting for the area. [<i>Seeds of Service</i> column idea]	
8/1/2018	CONSENSUS: Table the sponsorship ideas discussion for a month or two.	
8/1/2018	MOTION (to not pay for the SSL certificate): Malcomb B; SECOND: Carol K.	VOTE: Unanimous Yea.
8/1/2018	TO DO (GSRs): Make this a topic next month for everybody; please take back to your home groups for discussion. Some ideas that were thrown out: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Serenity prayer. • Is this an outside issue? • Are we connecting to each other? How do we hold each other close? • What do you do if somebody's in your sober living house dies? • Relevant AA Traditions are 3, 5, and 6. 	

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8/1/2018	IMPORTANT! District Elections are in October. All officers/coordinators are due to rotate out! If you have an interest in being of service, come and stand for a position.	
8/1/2018	MOTION (to close): Bill C; SECOND: Steve H.	VOTE: Unanimous Yea.
9/5/2018	MOTION (to accept August minutes): Jeff K; SECOND: Carol K.	VOTE: Unanimous Yea.
9/5/2018	TO DO (GSRs): Are any of your homegroup members willing to take corrections or treatment commitments in Greene County?	
9/5/2018	TO DO (GSRs): Take materials back to your home group to talk about it, so we have the basis for an informed discussion. [Deaths in Our District]	
9/5/2018	NOTE: District elections in October!!!	
9/5/2018	TO DO (GSRs): Take it back to your groups to suggest people come and stand. ["Running vs Standing"]	
9/5/2018	TO DO (Secretary): Fix page 9 of Guidelines: change "December" to "October" for the elections.	
9/5/2018	CONSENSUS: If someone emails Chad/District Secretary before the meeting by Tuesday, 10/2, to state that they wish to stand and can't be present, that should be fine.	
9/5/2018	MOTION (to close): Ed M; SECOND: Jeff K.	VOTE: Unanimous Yea.
10/3/2018	MOTION (to accept September minutes): Jeff K; SECOND: Carol K.	VOTE: Unanimous Yea.
10/3/2018	TO DO (Secretary): Add Budget Surplus to November Agenda.	
10/3/2018	TO DO (Treatment): Begin collecting a list on the individuals willing to do commitments rather than groups.	
10/3/2018	District Elections (see October 2018 Minutes for details)	
10/3/2018	TO DO (Secretary): Add request to vote on a Guidelines change for all elections to use the Third Legacy Procedure, requiring 2/3rds majority rather than simple majority. CONSENSUS: Add this to next Agenda.	
10/3/2018	CONSENSUS: The outcoming and incoming Treatment, Corrections, and CPC-PI Coordinators should get together for a meeting about the BtG Committee and if they need a separate Coordinator position.	

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10/3/2018	MOTION (the outcoming and incoming Treatment, Corrections, and CPC-PI Coordinators should get together for a meeting in the next month about the BtG Committee and determine what they want and need, with Dani as the pro-tempore chair): Chad U; SECOND: Jeff H.	VOTE: Unanimous Yea.
10/3/2018	TO DO (GSRs): Should we use the budget surplus to buy books to distribute in the district?	
10/3/2018	TO DO (Literature): Could Travis sell books below cost?	
10/3/2018	MOTION (to close): Malcomb B; SECOND: Ed M.	VOTE: Unanimous Yea.
11/7/2018	MOTION (to accept October minutes): Will S; SECOND: Debbie E.	VOTE: Unanimous Yea.
11/7/2018	TO DO (Chad): A set of minutes with full names for bank purposes; email to John H, Malcolm B, Patrick A, Shelley S.	
11/7/2018	TO DO (Corey): Please check out if full Big Books (with stories) can be provided to Corrections.	
11/7/2018	TO DO (Literature): Look into getting more literature for Corrections next year.	
11/7/2018	MOTION (to leave voting procedure as it is): Malcomb B; SECOND: Michele H.	VOTE: Unanimous Yea.
11/7/2018	MOTION (Spend \$4000 on Big Books): Dani M; SECOND: Roger S.	VOTE: 29-1. MINORITY OPINION: Ben P. That doesn't count the hundred dollars that Corey has decided to use from his budget. Any Votes Changed? Yes, becomes 20-6. Motion passes.
11/7/2018	MOTION (table how much to spend of budget surplus and what to spend it on until next month, after the Budget Committee meets): Michele H; SECOND: Debbie E.	VOTE: Unanimous Yea.
11/7/2018	CONSENSUS: BtG Committee and Coordinator discussion tabled until next month.	

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11/7/2018	MOTION (allow ITHOR to leave D14): Chad U; SECOND: Patrick A.	VOTE: 27-1, 2 abstentions. MINORITY OPINION: Michele H. "Just against it." Any Votes Changed? No. Motion passes.
11/7/2018	(Chair closed meeting.)	
12/5/2018	MOTION (to accept November minutes): Kaitlin H; SECOND: Bill C.	VOTE: Unanimous Yea.
12/5/2018	TO DO (Dani & Chad): Create new Treatment Schedule for 2019.	
12/5/2018	MOTION (2019 Budget): Malcomb B; SECOND: Anita S.	VOTE: Unanimous Yea.
12/5/2018	CONSENSUS: We need to make up a flyer [to recruit volunteers for Bridging the Gap].	
12/5/2018	MOTION (amend the "spend \$4000" motion from last meeting to actually be \$3500): Malcomb B; SECOND: Harry D.	VOTE: n/a [no quorum] CONSENSUS: Wait until 2018 Budget is closed.
12/5/2018	CONSENSUS: This sounds like a workable plan [a budget surplus subcommittee to come up with written motions on how to use the money], but annoyance was expressed about how long this is taking.	
12/5/2018	(Chair closed meeting.)	

DISTRICT 14 JANUARY 2018 MINUTES – JANUARY 3, 2018

<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>	Jen McM, Alt Treasurer	<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>
<p>District 14 meetings are the first WED of each month, 6:30 pm, upstairs @ <i>Harmony House Café, 47 N. Main Street, Washington.</i></p> <p>District 14 Events available at: http://www.district14.info/d14events.htm</p> <p>District 14 GSR Handbook PDF available at: http://www.district14.info</p> <p>Send group contributions to: District 14 Treasurer, 104 River Road, Rices Landing, PA 15357</p>			

Groups Represented [14]

AA Literature on Main, Camel Meeting, Canonsburg As Bill Sees It, Canonsburg Group, Canonsburg Open Discussion, Good Orderly Direction, Hill 12 & 12, Made It Til Noon, McMurray Women's As Bill Sees It, Primary Purpose AA, Renewal Group, Sunday Morning Early Birds, Thursday Night Trudgers (TNT), Wednesday Night Daily Reflections

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 [3]

Welcome, Call to Order, & Open Meeting with Serenity Prayer (DCM) at 6:31 pm

Roll-Call (Alt Sec)

Reading of Concept X from AA Service Manual (Jen McM)

Minutes

- December 2017 Minutes presented for approval, with amendment that we did not vote on the Picnic in December, just to take the idea back to our groups for voting this month.
 - MOTION** (to accept Dec minutes as amended): Malcomb B; **SECOND:** Debbie E. **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, 1/21; Area 60 1st Quarterly Meeting**
 - Penn Hills, 699 Rodi Road. Registration @ 8:30 am; workshop @ 9; meeting @1015.

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

- People have mentioned a need for a daily morning meeting from 6-7 am, M-F; if interested, see John H.

Alt DCM

- Notes from Area 60 4Q2017 meeting, especially the discussion of “anonymity, spirituality, & social media.”
- Pre-Conference Assembly Weekend (PCAW) is March 23-25. She has registration forms. (See also below.)
 - Thomas S mentioned group conscience items, like General Service Conference agenda items, are discussed.
- Suggested district 14 groups check their meeting in the Area 60 website meeting finder to make sure the info is correct.

Corrections

- From Dani’s email: SCI Greene is celebrating their 22nd anniversary this month. We have traditionally invited a guest speaker, and our volunteers will be there to help celebrate with coffee and a cake!
- **TO DO (GSRs): Please take to your groups!!!** We need more men volunteers at the Washington County Jail (WCCF). Volunteers need 2 years off paper, two years sober. Meeting average about 10 guys.
 - We always need more volunteers for the state facilities, too.

Treasurer

- See revised **Treasurer’s Report** sent 1/3.
 - **TO DO (Treasurer):** Will update budget lines to match 2018 budget lines (from December 2107 Minutes) for next report.
- We have surplus funds of \$1848.88 from 2017.

Literature

- Quickly, stopping by on lunch break from work...

- **Literature Report** emailed 12/30.
- We are close to an order; get your orders in now.
- Will only be keeping around 30 D14 Meeting Lists and D14 Newcomer brochures on-hand at a time; if you want more, let him know ahead of time.

Treatment (absent; report by email)

- **Treatment Report & Sign-up Sheet** forwarded by email 1/3.
 - Gateway and Greenbriar coverage for February needed!
- **Bridging the Gap:** *Good news also pertaining to Fayette. We have SUCCESSFULLY set up a contact from the Area 59 data base in Philly to call and meet with an AA being released and going home on the 8th. I will follow up on it this weekend! Hopefully, it will be another Bridging the Gap success! Thanks for being you! xxox*

Grapevine (absent)

CPC/PI

- Ordered CPC/PI literature for Washington and Greene County; distributed it before holidays. Work schedule makes it difficult to deliver lit.
 - **TO DO (CPC/PI):** Will talk to John H offline for other ways to do CPC/PI.

Alt CPC/PI (no report)

Old Business

District Picnic (VOTE)

- **MOTION** *(to use part of the 2017 budget surplus and District Event Fund to have a picnic in 2018 with a \$300 budget). Thomas S; SECOND: Kaitlin H. VOTE: Unanimous Yea.*

Description on "How to Use the District 14 Meeting in a Pocket" (John H)

- John said he "overstepped his advocacy" in taking on writing up the "blurb" for how to use the *MiaP*.
 - This is to be a short explanation of how it can be used, in early/mid/late sobriety, as a sponsor/sponsee, what sort of tool is it, etc.
 - He will assist anyone who steps up.

Placing the District 14 Meeting in a Pocket PDF/PUB files on the district website (Chad U)

- Note that parts of it are not AA conference-approved, though we can print what we want (Debbie E).

- John H suggested updating it.
 - Ed M said people he's talked to love it and use it.
- Malcomb suggested tabling until all the inventory/assets are sold (about 1000 copies).
 - Will S said that when it's helping the next person stay sober, money shouldn't be an issue.
 - Matt M said that the meetings that buy it will continue to buy it even if it is on the website.
 - Patrick A remarked it's handy if there are no copies on-hand and you have access to a computer.
- **MOTION:** Put the PDF and PUB files of the *MiaP* on the District 14 website.
 - **VOTE:** 19 Yea, 2 Nay, 2 Abstention.
 - *MINORITY OPINION: n/a*
 - *CALL FOR RE-VOTE? n/a*
 - *The YEAs have it.*
- **TO DO (Secretary):** Place files on website.

Contract for district meeting rent (John H)

- John H recused himself as DCM for speaking for the district as he'd be representing Harmony Life Center (HLC).
 - Thomas S raised an objection to this; Keeshia M suggested John recuse himself altogether, from both sides, to avoid conflicts of interest.
 - John H agrees; suggest Reverend Tom Bellhy to represent HLC.
 - Matt M will represent district 14.
 - Malcomb asked who the rent check should be made out to?
 - Matt M pointed out that as we discussed last month, it's HLC.
- **CONSENSUS:** Have Matt M negotiate with the Reverend Bellhy for district meeting rent contract.

New Business

Should our email addresses on district communications be placed in the BBC line, or left in the clear? (Chad U)

- **CONSENSUS:** It is fine the way it is (GSRs in To, Officers/Coordinators in CC, and Interested Parties in BCC).

Jen McM stepped up as Alt Treasurer (Malcomb B)

- **CONSENSUS:** Welcome, Jen!

Increasing the Bridging the Gap (BtG) Budget (John H)

- John H suggested increasing the budget line for BtG by \$750, to allow a representative (Dani M?) to attend the second BtG conference in CO this fall. This will help us learn best practices, and keep a successful program going. Everyone's doing a great job with it.
 - Chad U suggested not changing the budget we just voted on after two-three months of discussion, but to use the 2017 budget surplus instead.
 - Some folks in the room agreed this would be a legitimate use of surplus funds.
 - Will \$750 cover airfare, registration, hotel, food? (Jen McM)
 - Malcomb suggested raising that amount to \$1000.
 - Steve H suggested that if the groups buy more *MiaPs*, that would improve our bottom line.
 - Debbie E said that everything like this should be a shared expense, but when money gets involved, people get contentious.
 - John H said that asking with a price tag attached might be a bad idea.
 - Matt M suggested that we keep "sending Dani to this conference," "sending someone to this conference," and "what kinds of things we can do" as separate issues, and that the costs of these things, the amount of money involved, **is** important.
 - Shawn G asked if Dani has the intention of standing for another term as Treatment Coordinator/Bridging the Gap chair. If not, why send her a month or two before she steps down?
 - Patrick A thinks that as a person, Dani M would bring back great information whether or not she'd continue to serve as a Coordinator.
 - Kaitlin said that we need to make sure Dani is interested; she herself would not be comfortable sending someone new to the conference.
- **TO DO (GSRs):** Take back to group: is using some of the 2017 budget surplus to send a representative to the BtG conference in Colorado this fall a good use of district funds?
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What do you want to see at district meetings? (all)

[NOTE: There is mild editing/reorganization of the topics below to logically connect issues from a wide-ranging discussion into a sense of flow.]

- **BUDGET:** Ben P brought up that the district coordinators are budgeted money to be used, and it's not being used... that's why we have a budget surplus. It's an ongoing problem for the past several years in district 14... money not being used fully.
 - John H said that he didn't use all his gas allowance.
 - Several coordinators mentioned they were trying to be good stewards of the money.
 - Thomas S mentioned that Shelley and he brought the picnic in under budget due to lots of contributions, personal and from other individual AAs and groups.
- **EVENTS:** Basic suggestions include a Day of Sharing, site bid for an area quarterly meeting, GSR or AA workshops (sponsorship, GSR, meeting etiquette, steps/traditions/concepts, BtG, etc.)
 - Steve H suggested we look into a Day of Sharing; we'd get support and participation from the area.
 - Chad U and Debbie E mentioned that the DCM of district 7 was looking to talk to John H at last area meeting to discuss participation in the fall districts 7/11/14 Day of Sharing.
 - Could we do just a district-level Day of Sharing?
 - Shawn G suggested a district-level (Washington & Greene Counties) metropolitan meeting – like the one Mike C, Debbie E, and Chad U attended – that was put on by the Pittsburgh Central Office? A meeting for public outreach to local professionals (CPC/PI)?
 - Linda B likes this idea. She offered some negative opinions on suboxone clinics and other recovery without the 12 Steps. She mentioned that the message is not getting out that AA is worldwide tested for decades recovery solution... and it's free – “do it for fun and for free.”
 - John H said that while we are bound by anonymity, are we being too concealed? People understand what a methadone/suboxone clinic is, or what rehab is, but do they understand what AA is?
 - Chad and Debbie both agreed that that is what a metro meeting would be for... public information.
 - Matt M remarked that the basic problem for district 14 is where to have these events? What space, what day, how much will it cost?

- Could rehabs be invited to these events? Jen McM commented that doing so would help “bridge the gap” between treatment and the meetings/people in the district?
 - Malcomb mentioned he wanted/wants to save the world with the message of AA, but over the years he’s learned that this program is for people what want it not people who need it.
 - Chad mentioned that the state convention has given free registration for folks from rehabs for the past two years. The first year, it was just a thing, but last year, some of the rehabs had made going to the convention a reward for those clients who were doing what was asked of them.
 - Ed M said that he found it difficult to believe that the rehabs don’t know about AA; Matt M responded that in his recent 28 days in rehab, he went to an outside AA meeting once.
 - Maybe directing them would help?
 - Patrick A said that when he worked for Greenbriar, the techs don’t use much discretion in picking fellowships to take clients to. Also, the client population is more focused on problems other than alcohol. Making the distinction might be worthwhile.
 - Also, he’s helped get the taped AA PSAs on the college radio station, but WJPA wanted text to read, and the local personalities were uncomfortable reading it. He’s also done a show on recovery that was very respectful. Maybe PI could be more pro-active? Perhaps a recovery talk-show on the air?
 - Kaitlin was taught, when she picked AA as her fellowship (despite having problems other than alcohol) to respect the fellowship... but when you’re giving a lead, if you’re not honest about other problems like drugs, you’re doing the listeners a disservice.
- **PROBLEMS OTHER THAN ALCOHOL:** Chad U suggested that we as a district have something special and unique to say about the relationship between drugs and alcohol. We have been ground-zero for the opioid epidemic for years, many of our members and trusted servants have multiple issues/addictions, many of our members and trusted servants have been active in multiple fellowships, and that Washington & Greene Counties have a large/disproportionate number of treatment facilities, halfway houses, three-quarter-way houses, and other sober living housing.
 - Matt M suggested we need to start crossing aisles.
 - Jen McM mentioned attending a Big Book meeting with Chad U at the Dry Peoples’ Club of Akron, OH. While it was an AA meeting, the chair

read a paragraph that sounded something like, "We are an AA meeting, and we talk about alcoholism here, but we realize people in this town have more problems than just booze, and a lot of people are dying out there. We want you to know you're welcome to be here."

- Several people remarked that "pure" alcoholics are rare these days; some even noted that neither Bill W nor Doctor Bob were "pure" alcoholics.
- Thomas S noted that almost all 12 Step fellowships "started in" AA.
- Ed M agreed 100%, with one reservation. Bill W addressed it in a paragraph in his writings, that we should exclude the exclusively addicted, but not the cross-addicted.
 - Chad U pointed out that this is an article Bill W wrote for the February 1958 Grapevine (this article was modified into AA pamphlet P-35, Problems other than alcohol)
 - https://www.aa.org/assets/en_US/P-35_ProOtherThanAlcohol.pdf
 - Chad also offered that exactly this is how new AA pamphlets get written. We see a need or opportunity on the group/district level, and write something. If others find it useful, we can take it to area or our delegate directly. If he/she thinks it's useful, he/she can take it to the General Service Conference... and it could be a new piece of AA literature. And, if not, there's plenty of useful recovery literature that's not conference-approved.
- John H noted that the interest level of the meeting was high, and agreed that we definitely do have something to say here about problems other than alcohol, from the AA/District 14 perspective.
- **CONSENSUS:** The district will continue to explore this idea, that we have something valuable to say about this topic. GSRs should talk to their groups about what they think.

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

Close with Responsibility Statement (at 8:11 pm)

NEXT MEETING: February 7, 2018



26th Annual Area 60 Pre-Conference Assembly Weekend

Formerly known as Getaway Weekend
March 23-25, 2018

“AA—A Solution for All Generations”

Statement of Purpose:

The purpose of the Pre-Conference Assembly Weekend is for GSRs, DCMs, Area Officers and Coordinators, and A.A. Members of Area 60 Western Pennsylvania to discuss General Service Conference related issues and concerns affecting A.A. as a whole. (The Pre-Conference Assembly will open Sunday at 10:15 am; there is no fee to attend the Assembly only.)

Highlights

- Committee Workshops & Presentations
- Panel Presentations
- Saturday Night Banquet & Speaker Meeting
- Early Bird & Night Owl Meetings

On-Site Registration & Hospitality Room

Opens 3 p.m. Friday, March 23, 2018
Program begins @ 4 p.m. Friday, March 23, 2018

Contact Information

Any questions please contact:
Margie S. 724-244-7304 or Shelly S. 724-833-1496
Email: atldelegate@wpaarea60.org
treasurer@epaarea60.org

Accessibility issues please contact Maresa for help or information at treatment@wpaarea60.org

Location

Comfort Inn & Conference Center
699 Rodi Road
Pittsburgh, PA 15235 (412)244-1600

Room Rates

\$79.00 + 11.06 tax=\$90.06 per night
Includes: Complimentary Breakfast Buffet, use of indoor pool, **hot tub**, exercise facility, and free Wi-Fi.

Please make reservations directly with the hotel by March 9, 2018 (**Mention Area 60 Get Away Weekend**)

Please note that restaurants are available locally if you prefer not to purchase your meals through the Conference, or have special dietary needs.



PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY (or use address label) and RETURN BY MARCH 9, 2018

NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

CITY: _____

STATE: _____

ZIP: _____

PHONE: _____

EMAIL: _____

___ Registration \$20

___ Friday Dinner \$28

___ Saturday Lunch \$13.00

___ Saturday Banquet \$32

Total Enclosed: _____

Your District _____

Your Service Position _____

I would like to volunteer: ___yes ___no

We are unable to accommodate dietary needs. There are, however, many restaurants in the area and a grocery store.

PLEASE MAKE CHECK PAYABLE TO:

Area 60 Treasurer, P.O. Box 1496, Washington, PA 15301
(Write **Pre-Conference Assembly Weekend** on the memo line of the check)

REGISTRATION AND MEALS ARE TRANSFERABLE BUT NOT REFUNDABLE

CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE HOSPITALITY ROOM ARE GREATLY APPRECIATED!

2018	Greenbrier SUN 11 AM & THURS 7 PM	Gateway MON 7 PM & THURS 11 AM
JANUARY	AS BILL SEES IT MICHELLE 4128972673	RENEWAL BILL C. 724-255-2341 DEBBIE E.4129690126
FEBRUARY	OPEN	OPEN
MARCH	RENEWAL BILL C. 724-255-2341 DEBBIE E.4129690126	OPEN
APRIL	OPEN	OPEN
MAY	OPEN	CROSSROADS MICHELLE Y. 7248843941
JUNE	MADE IT TIL NOON LINDA B. 724-592-5402	OPEN
JULY	OPEN	OPEN
AUGUST	CANONSBURG TUESDAY NIGHT BOB V. 412-897-7927	OPEN
SEPTEMBER	OPEN	OPEN
OCTOBER	OPEN	OPEN
NOVEMBER	HILL CHURCH DANI M. 724-709-3836	OPEN
DECEMBER	CANONSBURG TUESDAY NIGHT BOB V. 412-897-7927	OPEN

Hello, fellows! "WE" NEED YOUR HAND OF AA TO REACH OUT!

*Do your home group members want the privilege of putting your group's special name in one of the above open spots? "WE" like helping **others gain sobriety** while staying sober ourselves. Do "WE" want to give away what was so freely given to us? Of course, we do! This fantastic opportunity is a rewarding privilege for members of Alcoholics Anonymous.! Sign up now to give it away! Call or email me to save your spot. Thanks in advance, and as always....*

Service with a Smile, 

Dani

danimikula@live.com or 724.709.3836

DISTRICT 14 FEBRUARY 2018 MINUTES

Meeting cancelled due to inclement weather.

DISTRICT 14 MARCH 2018 MINUTES – MARCH 7, 2018

<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>Jen McM, Alt Treasurer</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 [21]

AA Literature on Main, Camel Meeting, Canonsburg As Bill Sees It, Canonsburg Open Discussion, Carmichaels Big Book Study, Crossroads, Good Orderly Direction, Hill 12 & 12, Made It Til Noon, McMurray Women's As Bill Sees It, Peters Township 12&12, Primary Purpose AA, Prosperity, Renewal, Sunday Morning Early Birds (SMEB), Thank God I'm Sober (TGIS), The First 164, Thursday Night Trudgers (TNT), Washington Discussion, Washington Group, Wednesday Night Daily Reflections

Officers/Coordinators Present [10]

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

Interested Parties Present [2]

Welcome, Call to Order, & Open Meeting with Serenity Prayer (Alt DCM) at 6:31 pm

Roll-Call (Sec)

Reading of Concept XI from AA Service Manual (Patrick A)

Minutes

- No February minutes since February meeting was canceled due to inclement weather.
- January 2018 Minutes presented for approval.
 - **MOTION** (to accept Jan minutes): Will S; **SECOND:** Dani 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.
 - **Carmichaels Big Book** (Tues), **Peters 12&12** (Thurs), **Waynesburg Saturday Night** (Sat) **need SUPPORT!**
- See **District Events** page at <http://www.district14.info/d14events.htm>
 - **Second SUN of every month; Prosperity Potluck**
 - Starts at 6 pm; speaker at 7 pm.
 - **Washington Group (Cookie Church) changing to MON at 7:30 pm, starting 4/2.**
 - Faith Presbyterian Church, 900 E. Beau St., Washington.
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 - Speaker Jam. Free event. 9:00 AM to 3:30 PM. Four Speakers. Pot luck lunch, bring main or side dish, dessert. Westminster Presbyterian Church in Upper St Clair.
 - **FRI, 5/25; Canonsburg As Bill Sees It Memorial Day Cookout**
 - Food at 5:30 pm; meeting at 7:30 pm.
 - **SAT, 4/14; the First 164 Anniversary**
 - Food at 8 am; meeting at 9 am.
 - **April?; Crossroads Anniversary**
 - TBD.
 - **SAT, 6/9, SMEB Day of Sobriety**
 - TBD.
 - **SAT/SUN?, 8/11-12?, D14 Picnic**
 - TBD. Don't want to conflict with PA State Convention or Steps Inside spiritual retreat or any Area 60 events.
 - Shelley trying to determine best date. See her if you want to help out.

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.)

Treatment (absent; report by email)

- **Treatment Report & Sign-up Sheet** forwarded by email 2/28.
 - **Desperate need for Gateway coverage for June, July, August, and September!**
 - Great compliments from Gateway recently.
 - SCI can take more than one person in for meetings. Just two people right now, but three have been approved and waiting for orientation.
- **Bridging the Gap:** Good news pertaining to SCI Greene. Two new guys approved. New coordinator (Heather) looking to get individuals to do 12 Step fellowship one-on-ones with inmates; that means sponsors outside! No

sobriety time requirements from the prison; the district can set whatever requirements we think (some time). Men with men, women with women.

CPC/PI

- John H talked to Mike C about setting up an AA booth at a memorial event.
 - **TO DO (CPC/PI):** Talk to Helen H, Area 60 CPC-PI at pi@wpaarea60.org.

Treasurer

- See revised **Treasurer's Report** sent 3/6.
- \$4,072.32 total in bank.
- Can mail donations directly to his address, or give him a check at district meeting.

Grapevine

- Going to McMurray Women's ABSI meeting on 3/15.
- The issue around the Care Center subscription is that it's going to Greene Co Care. Can we send to both?
 - **CONSENSUS:** That expense would be within 10% of the GVs for Treatment budget line; if Shelley chooses to do so as a trusted servant, that's okay, provided she realizes that she'll exceed that budget this year.
 - **TO DO (BUDGET COMMITTEE):** Increase GVs for Treatment budget line for 2019 to include one more subscription.
- Box of GVs? 30 per package through Grapevine Online.

Corrections

- Dani already touched on SCI Greene news. Direct sponsorship in corrections is exciting.
 - Breaking even on gain/loss of volunteers; We always need more. State facilities, too. Also, need more women for WCCF.
- Got more free corrections literature from Pittsburgh Central Office.

Alt DCM

- Notes from the DCM, who couldn't be here tonight:
 - *Wants to discuss the effectiveness of our dialogue of outreach.*
 - *Really wants to see BtG and CPC-PI come together.*
 - *Wants to explore a "CEO/Human Resources Outreach" program idea with local companies (since they run into alcohol problems all the time with their employees), though anonymity of anyone involved would be effected. Maybe give them pamphlets.*
 - *Would like to invite the Pittsburgh Central Office to hold their next Metropolitan meeting in District 14.*
 - We could do a mini-Metro meeting just for district 14 ourselves, on AA resources in Washington and Greene Counties (someone???)

- Pre-Conference Assembly Weekend (PCAW) is March 23-25. Registration deadline is 3/9. She has registration forms. Please consider going.
 - Reminder that the district pays for registration, lodging, and meals for the Acting DCM, and registration for all officers and coordinators of the district.
 - Reminder that GSRs can ask their groups to help their expenses (at least registration) if they want to attend PCAW.
- We could ask the Area Archivist to come visit District 14 and give us a talk and bring interesting artifacts he has.
- Very interested in the district holding service workshops – no meals, just snacks. She'll talk to people at PCAW for ideas and bring it them back to the next district meeting.

Literature

- Arrived later due to work...
- **Literature Report** emailed 3/6.
- Will fill previously ordered stuff after the meeting; also has some stock if there is anything else people need.
- Turned in \$53 for MiaPs to Treasurer.

Alt CPC/PI (no report)

DCM (absent)

Old Business

Safety/Yellow Card (Dani M)

- The Yellow Card is an AA service piece on safety in the rooms.
- Silence is acceptance, so don't accept things that are unsafe. It's our responsibility to say something.
- Men should stick with men, and women with women.
- Especially if you're giving a lead at treatment, dress appropriately at the podium.
- Keep others away from those who are abusing their position or sobriety time.
 - Several newcomers have been approached, and are uncomfortable or scared.
 - Many will not go to particular meetings any more, because they feel uncomfortable.
- See safety handouts at end of these minutes.

Contract for district meeting rent (Matt M)

- Reverend Tom Bellhy suggested making the rent for the district meeting \$35 per month, because Mike S (or whoever opens the café) is not being paid for their time.
 - **CONSENSUS:** \$35 is within 10% of the rent budget line; as trusted servants, can go over, but...
 - **TO DO (BUDGET COMMITTEE):** Increase rent budget line for 2019 to factor any rent increases in.
 - Matt suggested we keep rent at \$30 and put more in the tip jar, or give Mike \$10-20 out of the general fund.
 - Someone suggested giving part or all of the 7th Tradition basket collection to Mike.
 - Mike S said he'd prefer just the tip jar, and tell Reverend Tom to keep the same. He's working a program himself, and sees it as giving back.
- **MOTION** (take \$20 from the 7th Tradition collection at the district meeting and put it into the tip jar): Chad; **SECOND:** Linda B. **VOTE:** Unanimous Yea.

Service Commitments (all)

What is the feeling in your groups when you've brought up the need for volunteers for treatment and corrections?

- Renewal takes 2 months for Gateway and Greenbriar; no problems, except so few home group members, they need to recruit other people.
- Lit on Main (and other groups) feel like they don't have enough home group members to take on the commitment.
 - While that's total home group members, some groups have home group members who work during the day (Kaitlin H brought this up), don't have required sobriety time, or do not have transportation.
 - Matt M said that similarly, though TNT doesn't have many members, he volunteers personally. His meeting is full of people in the halfway houses, who cannot take a treatment commitment.
- Dani said that this is not a problem: home groups are just volunteering to make sure that the commitment is filled for the month. The people they get do not have to belong to that home group.
- MITN always takes June; they just pass the calendar and people sign up. That seems to work fine.
 - Canonsburg DR also does that; Carol K also mentioned that when she was drinking, it didn't matter what time of day it was.
 - Matt M reiterated that we're not drinking now and have jobs.
- Corey said SMEB figures that they know enough people to fill the commitment, but it does make the group a little nervous.

- Debbie mentioned one of the treatment requirements of it not being one's first lead, so people couldn't go.
 - This is a Greenbriar rule, not district's (pointed out by Shelley): their rule is 6 months to chair and 1 year to lead, can't be first lead.

Budget Surplus (all)

What is the feeling in your groups when you've brought up the 2017 budget surplus?

- Without further contributions right now, the 2017 budget surplus and prudent reserve of \$1845 covers most of the 2018 budget, with a deficit of \$470.62. *[I boiled down a lot of confusing discussion to get to the point, and got the exact figure from Michelle's notes. – CU]*
- Jeff (MITN) asked if we could use the budget surplus to help struggling groups with rent.
 - Shelley replied that no, that's not the way that AA works; money flows from group to district/area/GSO, not the other way. How can you be fair is distributing that money to one group and not another? She suggested the best way was providing free *Meetings in a Pocket (MiaP)* to struggling groups to help the sick and suffering alcoholic.
- Kaitlin H asked what can we do as AA members to help those coming out of treatment? We figure out that **that** is, and that will help us with what to do with the surplus.
 - Could we buy a bunch of Big Books and hand them to people leaving treatment?
- Malcomb reminded that we had talked about using the surplus to send someone to the Bridging the Gap convention in Colorado.
 - . *[Kaitlin H summarized a lot of confusing discussion by saying "The BtG Conference is one of many ways to help the newcomer." – CU]*
 - Is it worth sending Dani to this conference if she will be rotating out of the Treatment Coord position?
 - **TO DO (GSRs):** Ask your home group members how we can best help the newcomer (especially with this budget surplus) for the April district meeting.
- Malcomb will mark the budget surplus explicitly on the next Treasurer's Report.
 - **TO DO (TREASURER):** Explicitly note the budget surplus on **Treasurer's Reports**.

New Business

How Can We Work with All Treatment? (Kaitlin H)

- Riffing off of the "how to best help the newcomer" conversation, Kaitlin suggested we think about how can we work with **all** Treatment facilities in the district.

- Perhaps inviting all treatment and sober living houses to get involved. A meeting? A workshop? A committee? Does this fall under BtG?

Anything Else?

- Chad mentioned the possibility of getting someone in from Steering Committee to talk to us about the Pittsburgh Central Office. Steve W, Alan, other that have led in D14 are on the Steering Committee? Can we talk to them?
 - Matt M mentioned that with all the monthly business we have already, these this other stuff – Steering Committee visit, Area Archivist talk, or having a service workshop – would make an already long meeting even longer.
 - **TO DO:** Should we consider having a second district or district-wide meeting in a month (as needed) for these other things?
- Chad pointed out the old Pittsburgh Central Office brochure “So the Court sent you to AA and You Hate the Idea” pamphlet; maybe we could publish something like that?
- Michelle M mentioned that while she’ll be serving out her term as Alt Secretary, she will not be standing for Secretary in December. So, if anyone would like to learn more about what a district secretary does, this might be a good time to start before standing for the position.
- At PCAW, Debbie E is speaking on a panel on Friday afternoon, Chad U is speaking on a panel Friday evening, Shelley S is giving a presentation Friday evening, and Thomas S will be running Night Owl meetings both Friday and Saturday night.
- Chad suggested we think about reading the long form of the 12 Traditions to start off the district meeting, once we’re done with Concept XII and its Warranties next month, to help all of us GSRs and district officers to understand the Traditions.
 - **CONSENSUS:** Suggestion approved by consensus.

MOTION (to close): Matt M; **SECOND:** Carol K. **VOTE:** Unanimous Yea.

Closed with Responsibility Statement (at 8:01 pm)

NEXT MEETING: April 4, 2018

Examples of Respect in AA...* (What can your home group add?)

- Greeting everyone with a handshake.
- Helping to set up or clean up at any meeting you attend.
- Taking off your hat during prayers.
- Not getting up during the lead.
- Not talking to your neighbor during the readings or meeting.
- Not swearing from the podium or when sharing. We are here to change!
- Dressing appropriately when invited to speak at a meeting.
- Thanking the chair person and the speaker at every meeting.
- Not texting or using cell phone during meetings.
- Staying in your own "hula hoop" and not gossiping.
- Remembering our primary purpose ... to help the alcoholic who still suffers.

Think first before ...

- getting up during lead
- leaving a meeting when you don't like the lead
- opening a new meeting (check to see if your time/day and location would take members away from other meetings)
- putting a dollar in the basket when you can afford more
- agreeing to sponsor some one of the opposite gender

Take a pause to be sure it fits our primary purpose and to consider how it affects other groups and AA as a whole

- consider how it relates to respect, safety and meeting decorum
- allow others to serve by rotating out

Not using ...

- cell phones or texting
- e-cigarettes
- foul language
- cross talk or chanting
- the readings as a time for conversation

Practice gratitude and respect by ...

- dressing to chair or lead
- taking hats off during prayers
- greeting or shaking everyone's hand
- welcoming newcomers
- thanking the speaker and the chair
- showing up early/staying to help clean up
- allowing others to serve by rotating out

* <https://www.wpaarea60.org/docs/newsletters/seeds-of-service-2015-Q2.pdf>

What Can Groups and Members Do?

Groups and members can discuss the topic of safety, to raise awareness in the Fellowship and seek through sponsorship, workshops and meetings, to create as safe an environment as possible for the newcomer, and other members or potential members. This can be the subject of sharing among groups at the district or area level.

Here are some helpful suggestions and reminders:

- Talk about issues of safety before they arise.
- Safety is something each member attending an A.A. meeting can be mindful of.
- Communicate clearly what A.A. is and what it is not.
- Sponsorship plays an important role and sponsors can be helpful in pointing out warning signs or unhealthy situations to sponsees and newcomers.
- A.A. members who are concerned about the words or actions of a sponsor or other member, may find it helpful to speak to someone they trust, their A.A. group, or a professional, as needed.
- Include Safety and the A.A. Meeting Environment as topics for a group inventory.
- Consider developing group guidelines and procedures on safety.
- In all discussions about safety, keep the focus on our primary purpose, our common welfare, and place principles before personalities. Helpful Resources for A.A. Members and Groups

Helpful Resources for A.A. Members and Groups

- Box 459 October 2010 edition, articles on "Disruptive Members at A.A. Meetings" and "A.A. and the Law" (available on the newsletters page at www.aa.org).
- A report from the 62nd General Service Conference Workshop: "Safety in A.A. Our Common Welfare."*
- Final Report of the "Ad Hoc Committee on Group Safety of the General Service Board of Alcoholics Anonymous, U.S. and Canada" (Feb. 2, 2014).* • A.A. pamphlet, "Questions & Answers on Sponsorship."**
- A.A. pamphlet, "The A.A. Group... Where it All Begins."***
- Service Material, "Safety Card for A.A. Groups."**
- Contact your District Committee Member or Area Delegate for local shared experience.
- Western Pa Area 60 Newsletter *Seeds of Service* VOL XXX Issue 2 Spring2015

*Available upon request by contacting G.S.O.

**Available on aa.org

DISTRICT 14 APRIL 2018 MINUTES – APRIL 4, 2018

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Officers/Coordinators Present [8]

DCM, Alt DCM, Alt Treasurer, Secretary, Corrections Coordinator, Grapevine Coordinator, Literature Coordinator, Treatment Coordinator

Interested Parties Present [2]

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

Roll-Call (Secretary)

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

Minutes

- March 2018 Minutes presented for approval.
 - MOTION** (to accept March minutes): Will S; **SECOND:** Patrick A. **VOTE:** Unanimous Yea.

Pass the Basket (district 7th Tradition)

- Collection \$36 from the basket; \$20 put in the Café tip jar (for Mike S); \$16 was given to the DCM (since the Treasurer was absent).

GSR Report Highlights (Events/News/Support)

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 - **SUN, 5/6; Area 60 Second Quarterly Meeting**
 - Comfort Inn, 699 Rodi Road, Penn Hills. 8:30 am Registration; 9 am Workshop; 10:15 am Meeting.
 - Decides area business for all of Western PA AA. DCMs, Area Officers & Coordinators, and past Delegates vote.
 - **FRI, 5/25; Canonsburg ABSI Memorial Day Cookout**
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 - **SAT, 6/9, SMEB Day of Sobriety**
 - Times TBD.
 - **SAT, 6/9, District 7 Service Workshop**
 - 11 am to 3 pm, Our Lady of Grace School, 1734 Bower Hill Road, Pgh 15243. Come hear panels on "Love and Service: How to Grow Spirituality through General Service Work."
 - **TUES, 6/12; Lit on Main First Anniversary**
 - Food at 530; meeting at 630.
 - **SUN, 6/24; Area 60 Post-Conference Assembly**
 - Comfort Inn, 699 Rodi Road, Penn Hills. 8:30 am Registration; 9 am Workshop; 10:15 am Meeting.
 - Come hear the Delegate's post-Conference report. GSRs, DCMs, Area Officers & Coordinators, and past Delegates vote.
 - **August 3-5, Pennsylvania State AA Convention**
 - Red Lion Hotel, 4751 Lindle Road, Harrisburg, PA 17111.
 - Reduced Room rate of \$110 + 11% Tax will be offered until July 26, 2018. Please mention code Code PACT0803 when booking your room. Call toll free at 1-800-637-4817.
 - Website at <http://www.aapastateconvention.com/>
 - **SAT, 8/11, District 14 Picnic**
 - Lions Club Pavilion, Washington Park, Washington, PA. Times TBD. Pool will be available.
 - **SAT, 8/18, Area 60 Third Quarterly Meeting**
 - St. John's Lutheran Church, 2216 Peach Street, Erie, PA. 8:30 am Registration; 9 am Workshop; 10:15 am Meeting.

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Officer & Coordinator Reports

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CPC/PI (absent)

Alt CPC/PI (absent)

DCM (no report)

Treatment

- At PCAW, did a lot of networking; brought in contacts for Bridging the Gap; had a good time; thanks for sending me.

Treasurer (absent; Alt Treasurer gave report)

- See **Treasurer's Report** sent 3/25.
- DCM has two checks to give Treasurer, but since he's on the account, he will deposit himself. Hill 12 & 12 for \$100, and Washington Group \$150.

Grapevine

- Going to McMurray Women's ABSI meeting on 3/15 at 630 with the GV display.

Corrections

- Same as always, we need more volunteers for going into WCCF.
- Have a volunteer who went into WCCF every week who now has a schedule conflict, so we need people to step up.
- WCCF has a new clearance form coming soon.

Literature

- Arrived later due to work...
- **Literature Report** emailed 4/1.
- Printed out 100 meeting lists; have 60 on-hand. Pre-folded! OfficeMax did a really good job; expenses were \$16.96.
- Can order Pittsburgh Central Office meeting lists at \$0.30 each; let him know so he can order them.
- Turned in \$51.50 for MiaPs to DCM (since Treasurer absent).

Alt DCM: PCAW Report

- Debbie E passed out the itinerary/program for people to look at; Shelly, Chad, and she did presentations; Thomas S did a great job with Night Owl meetings.
- Here are the things she thought she needed to bring back to the district to talk about:

- At the group level:
 1. In each group, is GSR getting important information available to all members?
 2. Attraction to home group -- why? Also, what are the responsibilities of being part of your home group?
 3. Why are you or aren't you involved with your home group?
 4. Service rotation and importance of rotation.
 5. Should we have a Traditions workshop?
 6. Taking a yearly home group inventory.
- At the district level:
 1. The district is the collective group conscience from informed GSRs.
 2. Diversity of opinion
 3. Sponsorship as a means of promoting service activities: active sponsors equals active sponsees.
 4. Traditions workshop as a district function.
 5. How to do AA service commitments in a busy world -- function and effectiveness.
- The district bought a copy of the weekend on CD; please see Debbie to borrow.
- See her after the meeting for information all the votes taken; most of them were about pamphlets.
- Keeshia M asked what was the major thing that PA is saying to the assembly?
 - A lot of wording changed in literature, mostly pamphlets, but adding also adding the responsibility statement, the declaration of unity, and the library of Congress statement that the big book is one of the top 100 most influential books of all time to the next edition of the Big Book.
 - Hot and heavy discussion in the Trustees committee on the manuscript litigation; the lawsuit was dropped, AA will pay the court fees.
 - Shelley went in with one idea and came out with a changed idea. Maybe we decided wrong, but didn't need punishment for trusted servants. How people forgive when we make a mistake doing what we think is right.
 - Ed added that the motion to reconstruct the board failed; there was a lot of dissension because of litigation and thinking the Board acted improperly, overstepping and not abiding the Traditions. But there was no action to censure; it originally came from Northeast Texas (the board reorg came from South Florida). They discussed for three hours how procedures may be amended in case this happens again. Discussed strongly and thoroughly a lot of misinformation because of an Facebook group spreading a lot of assumptions.

- Keeshia said this speaks to the importance of attending to take this back to groups; it is important. effects As a black woman, she's not down with stuff that happened in 1935 except AA, the Steps, Traditions, and Concepts.
- John H said we talk about AA being democratic, because every member can talk, listen, learn, and contribute to change. We listen; we can change our minds. AA exposes and explodes assumptions. We might've done the same thing in hindsight. This is real; this is our history that we will talk about 10 years from now.
- Ed said that AA has given up all rights to that manuscript, the physical artifact, in its legal situation to maintain unity.
- Debbie said we spent \$350,000 in lawyers and legal costs, and we don't need the physical artifact to do our primary purpose of getting the message
- Shelley loves AA and could give a crap about the artifact. Also spoke about sitting on Bill W's couch, but he was just a man, who cares? But she met a lady who had a different experience because she came up in Akron. The couch was important to her. Shelley appreciates different perspectives today: neither is right or wrong, we both love AA . We might not agree, but we can agree to disagree
- Kisha said practicing the principles in all our affairs is an important part to keep this moving forward. Your voice is heard
- Debbie mentioned there's a service workshop in District 7 on June 9. Also, we will probably work District 7 on the fall Day of Sharing. Nancy H will come to the district to talk about it.
- There's a Day of Sharing in Dubois May 5, the same day as the Speaker jam in South Hills at Westminster .

Old Business

Contract for district meeting rent (Matt M)

- Matt M met with Reverend Tom; rent contract is good to go at \$25 a month.
- We'll put \$20 in the basket for Mike S.
- At the discretion of the district, with advance notice, and for the same rental cost and basket donation, we can have a second meeting at the Café.
- **CONSENSUS: Keeshia called for a round of applause for Matt.**

District 14 Picnic (Shelley)

- Reserved the Lions Club Pavilion at Washington Park for Saturday, August 11.
- She will get with Chad to create a flyer.
- Gave hundred dollars for deposit.
- Pool should be open.
- More to come.

How to Best Help the Newcomer (especially from Treatment)? (all)

- Matt M made a motion to make these four points (outreach, retention, treatment, and inclusion) part of our monthly discussion; Chad U seconded, but discussion below altered the motion.
 - Dani said singleness of purpose means we're not against, but not with other 12 Step Fellowships. We are asking for but not getting any help; we can't get any new volunteers to help more alcoholics.
 - Joy remarked that the requirements are stringent on the people who have time and interest to do that service in early sobriety.
 - Keisha said people are unaware of the requirements being lessened. People need to know.
 - John H and Danny we can take as many people as you want, if they have their clearance to SCI Greene.
 - What about WCCF? That's Cory.
 - John H said that our singleness of purpose means we need to work with the jail.
 - Keeshia feels we should position ourselves towards people out of treatment; her own group has plenty of sobriety, but its not real relevant to them to volunteer. Let people in early sobriety give service without with a thousand requirements. Maybe CPC-PI can give them the opportunity?
 - Matt that's SCI, these aren't people getting out tomorrow. We need to focus on people getting out of H&I now.
 - Patrick said he's getting ideas to get people more involved. Involved. He said most people think "I don't understand why this is important; I've never been there; I don't think I have anything to share." Maybe if I heard more about it, I'd be interested. Maybe if I heard someone who was in jail who got a meeting brought from somebody in jail? What if somebody who heard a meeting in jail came to the picnic and told everybody ?maybe it would inspire someone.
 - Joy had been in the jail, and she can express that. She volunteered to do that for the picnic. She was in jail for 70 days, so she appreciated meetings. Judge Hill wants to get her inside

the jail to talk, even though she still on paper. "You are the person I need in there," he said.

- John H suggested a dialogue between the judge and Corey.
- Chad mentioned a Tom I/Sandy B workshop "12 Steps, Service, and Spirituality" from 2010 he bought at PCAW; it talks about exactly this type of dialogue.
- Corey said the warden will not let anyone in without two years of sobriety and two years off paper. He's been building a relationship with the treatment supervisor, and doesn't want to ruin that.
- Chris M said the warden or deputy warden writes the rules for the county jail.
- Kisha said she was talking about more information rather than advocating to reduce the requirements.
- Joy said that -- not to take away from Corey -- the judge's intent is to go into the correctional facility.
- Dani said the biggest thing is SCI Greene is far away -- 95 miles! You need transportation, and it takes up all Sunday; rewarding and great though. Some 20 people every week in this group inside the walls; 23 years old. Can we put it into the meeting list?
 - **Answer: No, because people cannot just drop in on that meeting. Corrections groups customarily not listed on meeting lists for that reason.**
- John H asked if there was consensus for advocating Joy and Corey talk to the warden?
 - **TO DO (Corrections): Bring back more information next month for discussion.**
- Chad asked Matt to restate his motion after discussion.
 - **MOTION (Matt M): Keep the topic of including, helping, and retaining the newcomer on the monthly agenda for the district meeting as Old Business every month; SECOND: Chad U. VOTE: Unanimous Yea.**
 - **TO DO (Treatment): Review and update requirements on the back of the agenda.**

New Business

Second Monthly District Meeting? (all)

- Dani and Debbie know people who would like to or could talk to us about service and AA, like the area archivist, area Grapevine, other districts' DCMs,

etc., but this would make our meeting really long. Does a second district meeting a month make sense?

- Matt and Keeshia suggest a second meeting once a quarter for that sort of thing. Matt suggested we balance between people's availability (they come when they come) and scheduling people to come.
- John H said a second meeting might lead to fatigue and stress for trusted servants, and that wouldn't do the invited speaker justice. Have a quarterly meeting with a strict agenda; invite everybody to come.
- Patrick A asked why not one day when you gather several speakers in a bigger place, and just make it a big deal.
 - Matt and Kisha pointed out that that's essentially a Day of Sharing.
- Chad U asked why don't we take this back to the groups for discussion?
 - John H said it's incumbent on the GSRs to come up with a decision on this.
- **TO DO (Secretary): Add item to Old Business for next month's agenda.**

Anything Else?

- Debbie E is planning to hold a workshop on sponsorship, possibly based off of the AA sponsorship pamphlet. No details as of yet on date, time, or location. Should have a report next month.

MOTION (to close): John H; **SECOND**: Corey C. **VOTE**: Unanimous Yea.

Closed with Responsibility Statement (at 8: 10 pm)

NEXT MEETING: May 2, 2018

DISTRICT 14 MAY 2018 MINUTES – MAY 2, 2018

<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>Jen McM, Alt Treasurer</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 [18]

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Officers/Coordinators Present [10]

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

Interested Parties Present [2]

Welcome, Call to Order, & Open Meeting with Serenity Prayer (DCM) at 6:29 pm

Roll-Call (Secretary)

Reading of Tradition One (Long Form) (Billy Joe)

Minutes

- April 2018 Minutes presented for approval.
 - **MOTION** (to accept April minutes): Will S; **SECOND**: Jen Mc. **VOTE**: Unanimous Yea.

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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.

- **TO DO (Secretary): Update meeting list PDF with new meeting; upload to website.**
- See **District Events** page at <http://www.district14.info/d14events.htm>
 - **Carmichaels Big Book, Tues at 7:30, in desperate need of home group members and attendees!**
 - **Second SUN of every month; Prosperity Potluck**
 - Starts at 6 pm; speaker at 7 pm.
 - **Washington Group (Cookie Church) now at MON at 7:30 pm.**
 - Faith Presbyterian Church, 900 E. Beau St., Washington.
 - **NEW MEETING: Afternoon Beginner's Step Study**
 - Fridays, 1:30 pm, STEP, Harmony Life Center, 47 North Main Street, Washington.
 - **SUN, 5/6; Area 60 Second Quarterly Meeting**
 - Comfort Inn, 699 Rodi Road, Penn Hills. 8:30 am Registration; 9 am Workshop; 10:15 am Meeting.
 - Decides area business for all of Western PA AA. DCMs, Area Officers & Coordinators, and past Delegates vote.
 - **FRI, 5/25; Canonsburg ABSI Memorial Day Cookout**
 - Food at 5:30 pm; meeting at 7:30 pm.
 - **SAT, 6/2; Growth Through Sponsorship Workshop**
 - Sunlight Club, 234 East Maiden St., Washington. 2 to 4 pm. Speakers and panel discussions. What's sponsorship, and what's its importance? (Dani M); Sponsorship & the "Spiritual Side" (Jon C); Do's & Don't's of Sponsorship (Jackie B); How should you choose a sponsor? (Glenn C). Come with experience, questions, or comments! Free coffee; donations of snacks and desserts welcome. Call Debbie E (412.969.0126) with any questions.
 - **SAT, 6/9, SMEB Day of Sobriety**
 - Stone Pavilion, Washington Park, Washington. 10 am - 5 pm. 10 am start; 11 am God as I Understand Him; lunch at noon; 1:30 pm Sponsorship panel; 2:30 pm Sobriety Countdown; 3 pm AA Speaker. Covered dishes, desserts, and vegetable trays appreciated. Hamburgers, hot dogs, chips, and water provided free. Pop is 50 cents a can.
 - **SAT, 6/9, District 7 Service Workshop**
 - 11 am to 3 pm, Our Lady of Grace School, 1734 Bower Hill Road, Pgh 15243. Come hear panels on "Love and Service: How to Grow Spirituality through General Service Work."
 - **TUES, 6/12; Lit on Main First Anniversary**
 - Food at 530; meeting at 630.
 - **SUN, 6/24; Area 60 Post-Conference Assembly**

- Comfort Inn, 699 Rodi Road, Penn Hills. 8:30 am Registration; 9 am Workshop; 10:15 am Meeting.
- Come hear the Delegate's post-Conference report. GSRs, DCMs, Area Officers & Coordinators, and past Delegates vote.
- **August 3-5, Pennsylvania State AA Convention**
 - Red Lion Hotel, 4751 Lindle Road, Harrisburg, PA 17111.
 - Reduced Room rate of \$110 + 11% Tax will be offered until July 26, 2018. Please mention code Code PACT0803 when booking your room. Call toll free at 1-800-637-4817.
 - Website at <http://www.aapastateconvention.com/>
- **SAT, 8/11, District 14 Picnic**
 - Lions Club Pavilion, Washington Park, Washington, PA. Times TBD. Pool will be available.
- **SAT, 8/18, Area 60 Third Quarterly Meeting**
 - St. John's Lutheran Church, 2216 Peach Street, Erie, PA. 8:30 am Registration; 9 am Workshop; 10:15 am Meeting.
 - Decides area business for all of Western PA AA. DCMs, Area Officers & Coordinators, and past Delegates vote.

Officer & Coordinator Reports

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Treasurer

- See **Treasurer's Report** sent 4/29.

Literature (absent)

- **Literature Report** emailed 4/28.
- *Attached you'll find the most currently literature inventory. I will be unable to attend Wednesday's meeting due to work, however I just finished up my spring semester so I'm available more often, and my work schedule should be changing this month, giving me more freedom to make it to meet with folks and attend the district meetings. There were no meeting in a pocket sales in April, so I have no money to give to the treasurer on Wednesday. I'll follow up with the treasurer next month about reimbursement for meeting lists.*

If there's anything you need, reach out to me and I'll get you set up!

Treatment

- Chris with the Greene County Hospital behavioral unit said they are going to convert it to a treatment facility; Danny doing the research.
- Patrick A pointed out there is an *Observer-Reporter* article about it today; 28 beds, long-term (up to 100 days).
- A couple successful stories from **Bridging the Gap**:

- Received a request from Fort Lauderdale, FL, for someone who saw the District 14 *Meeting in a Pocket* in Ireland; Dani pointed to the files on our website.
- Dani suggests a GV subscription for SCI Greene from Bridging the Gap's budget.
- Ben's daughter is ill, so there he won't be in the area for a time; therefore, we are light on volunteers for SCI Greene.

Grapevine (absent)

- Keeshia spoke about Shelley coming to McMurray Women's ABSI meeting with the GV display and presentation; urged other groups to check it out.
- Former GV Coordinator Josh from Canonsburg passed away from cancer. Memorial 5/28 at Trinity Methodist Church in McMurray at 3 pm.
- John H mentioned that Ed L, 53 years sobriety, also passed away recently. Memorial at Tsaro's in Bloomfield 5/12, noon to 3.

CPC/PI (no report)

- WJPA will not use prerecorded PSAs; their radio personalities read their own.
 - John H suggested maybe we should all pray about it.
 - Chad suggested Mike to contact GSO and see if they have a script for this situation.
 - Patrick A and Matt M asked what if they don't have a script do we write one? In that case, Keisha suggested should we pressure GSO to write one.

Alt CPC/PI

- Put brochures at three magistrates in Greene County, but those don't seem to be a really great place.
- Put brochures at Greene County airport.
- Talked to a judge who said he doesn't ask people to go to AA, because it's hard to track them. Suggested requiring slips to be signed like CARE or drug court.
 - John H pointed out this illustrates different thoughts around here about AA, tracking offenders versus a life-saving program for people. Maybe we do need to talk to magistrates, telling them of success stories and so forth. If anyone else wants to help, see Mike.

Secretary

- Chad mentioned the Area 60 elections are in October, and suggested we have district elections in October as well. This will give the newly elected O/Cs time to shadow the current O/Cs and learn how they do what they do. Will raise this as a motion under New Business.

Corrections

- Same as always, we need more volunteers for going into WCCF.
 - Have a volunteer who went into WCCF every week who now has a schedule conflict, so we need people to step up.
 - WCCF has a new clearance form coming soon.
 - We're having as many as three meetings for men, one for women (we need two women for one meeting).
 - Distributing Big Books, but they're only the first 164, without the stories in the back. Can we get those to Corrections? What about GV, or *Inmate-to-Inmate*?
- John H asked what percentage of the jail population is coming to these meetings?
 - With 75 in a pod, about five people (6.67%).
 - Dani said at SCI Greene, there's a waiting list to go to the AA meeting (!).
 - What about a meeting in the jail run entirely by inmates for inmates?
 - Corey says they don't have access to multipurpose room on their pod.
 - Chad mentioned that historically there was a corrections group inside WCCF called Brothers Behind the Walls, but it hasn't been active for 10+ years, possibly because of changes in jail rules.
 - Patrick A asked if inmates know the meeting is coming in? Corey said there's a sign-up sheet.
 - John H says he thinks there's a need and doing not enough. Corey C agreed that that is the point. He thinks that the warden is on our side, but not enough volunteers are going in. More volunteers, more meetings.
 - Are our GSRs making corrections service attractive? Dani remarked that it's the most satisfying service work she's done.
 - John H suggested making it into a regular part of a GSR report; that if you could talk to inmates, you'd see how life-changing it is for those hungry guys.
 - Keeshia suggested a sign-up sheet for corrections like we have for treatment.
 - Someone suggested Debbie go to Greene County meetings to see if anyone's mentioning SCI Greene. Dani said if you go into Greene, there's only seven people from Greene County doing this service work; we have a bunch more coming from Washington County.
 - Bonnie has been going into the Greene County jail (GCCF) for 20 years. She said we flat-out have a smaller population

in the county, and we have the same problems Washington County has with being off paper and having the sobriety time..

- Patrick A would attend a workshop on how to prepare to go into Corrections; he's hesitant to do so, because he's never been in jail. What do I wear? What can I expect? He would attend that kind of workshop.
 - The volunteer/contractor orientation for WCCF talks about a lot of that, maybe the person there could give a presentation on it for people thinking about volunteering?
- Stacey F said that when he was in jail, they had AA meetings on their own, along the lines of a Bible study.
 - Chad suggested Corey ask Smitty from Area 60 about a lot of these same problems in Corrections service; maybe he could do a workshop.
 - Dani mentioned he's an ex-inmate with 27 years of sobriety, he does the work, but some places he can't go into because he's a felon. Met him at PCAW.
 - Women's jail seems different. When in getting together doing daily readings, everything is okay, but women get harassed when going to a meeting brought in from the outside.
 - Kisha asked can we give them a DVD or a movie or something? Chad mentioned the new corrections PSA movie from the last Area 60 Post-Conference Assembly.
 - Can Corey purchase the prison video? Stacey F asked if it could be put on the closed captioned TV in federal prison?
[Editor - It's available online; link below.]
 - http://unikron.http.internapcdn.net/unikron/aa/correctional_facilities/New_Freedom/New_Freedom_EN_Master.mp4
 - Dani and Debbie asked about downloading or buying leads on CD?
 - What about a movie night?
 - Corey thinks that the warden may be receptive to some of these ideas. The reception desk holds all our materials (DVDs, books, etc.) until we come in; they're not on the pod.
 - John H don't just settle for that see what can be done Cory will ask
 - Kaitlyn said that when she was in, there was no separate multipurpose room in the women's pod. She also suggested we focus on and stress needing more volunteers at the next home group conscience of our groups. ***It starts with us.*** It's honestly going to have to be people who have been here a while, because

she and many of her younger friends don't yet qualify to go into the jails with having the amount of sobriety time and being off-paper.

- Chad mentioned AA has been around for 80 years, and many of these things have been talked about before. He suggested looking at the website at www.aa.org for resources for just about everything.

Alt DCM

- **PCAW:** Debbie offered a thank you to Keeshia for making copies of PCAW CDs. Deb, Chad, and Shelly appear on them.
 - There are three copies of the five-CD set. Any GSR or group can borrow for a month. John H said to circulate them
- **Workshops:** Because we sit around and talk, but never do one, Debbie is doing a workshop herself. She provided a flyer.
 - It's about sponsorship, because she's heard real horror stories about it around here.

DCM (no report)

Old Business

Include/Help/Retain the Newcomer? (all)

How do we Include, Help, and Retain the newcomer? (all; permanent Old Business)

- Kaitlin liked what Debbie is talking about. Some sort of sponsorship workshop. Maybe a get-together with treatment center clients. A gathering of those willing to be sponsors and those looking for sponsors.
 - John H suggested color-coded nametags.
 - Patrick A suggested "sponsor speed-dating."
 - Matt M suggested "sponsorship from the hat" like the AA Third Legacy voting procedure.
 - Ed pointed out two issues:
 1. Sponsors not knowing the dos and don'ts.
 2. Actually matching people up.
 - Stacey F said that part of the problem is reaching out; Michelle M agrees.
 - Michelle M said that a big part of being sober is being willing to be responsible, and being a sponsor is being responsible.
 - Carol K stresses to her group to always make the newcomer feel welcome; they pass on women's phone numbers to women, men's number to men.

Additional District Meetings (all)

- Second/additional district meeting would be supplemental and not required. Alt DCM decides and chairs.
- **MOTION** (*District 14 can have additional district-wide open meetings to invite visitors to speak on AA topics – like general service, archives, Days of Sharing planning, etc. – and with the agenda and chairing duties falling to the Alt DCM*): John H; **SECOND**: Kaitlin H.
 - **Discussion**: Kaitlin discussion it's a great idea if we're going to do this what's the agenda would be interested in it as long as it's not another business meeting.
 - Debbie likes this idea: not a business meeting, but a service-oriented speaker meeting or workshop. Lots of people at the Area level (like the Archivist, or Grapevine, or Website Coordinator) could come in and talk about AA and general service at the next bigger level. Maybe bring some artifacts or we could have the area grapevine come in.
 - John H plays Devil's Advocate: we have a good vibrant discussion here, but not every district meeting has a thick agenda. Maybe officers & coordinators could bring in speakers for light-agenda months? We don't want meeting fatigue for our trusted servants.
 - **FRIENDLY AMENDMENT** (*supplemental meeting should be quarterly, not monthly*): Chad U; **SECOND**: Debbie E. **VOTE**: Unanimous Yea.
 - Ed asks if we can use this room [Harmony House Café]; Matt M responds that he had it added to the rental agreement last month.
 - Patrick A suggests bringing your whole homegroup (unless it meets on Wednesday nights!).
 - Where does the funding for this meeting (room rent, coffee, etc.) come from? Alt DCM's budget, aka the Administration line.
 - **VOTE**: Unanimous Yea.
 - **TO DO (Secretary)**: This probably involves a change/addition to the district guidelines for the Alt DCM's duties.

New Business

Second Monthly District Meeting? (all)

- **MOTION** (*District 14 will hold elections in October, allowing a two month overlap between rotating-out people and elected people*): John H; **SECOND**: Malcomb B.
 - **Discussion**: Carol K thinks it will help people learn the job.
 - Dani was thinking because of the process with some positions (like Treatment or Corrections) building rapport with their facilities, maybe

some positions should have more than a two-year term. Or maybe they should have staggered terms, so there's a year overlap.

- Kaitlyn asked which O/Cs are willing to stand another year to set the cycle? No answer.
- Malcolm B said if staggering the cycles means rewriting the guidelines, he says no.
- Will S wanted to know are we asking people to stand for re-election?
 - Chad mentioned that in AA's spirit of rotation, we should serve our term and step aside to give another person a chance to serve.
- Steve H do the Treatment and Corrections Coordinators have alternates? Answer: no.
 - Kisha which O/C positions benefit from having an alternate? Answer: all of them. (Treatment and Corrections especially.)
 - Also, who is willing to stand for up for two years as the Alt to then stand another two years as the O/C? "Looks like no one is rushing to raise their hand."
- Dani wanted to know if **Bridging the Gap** should be a whole Coordinator position.
- Someone said that if we act like adults, the problem will be solved.
- Ed called the vote.
- **VOTE: Unanimous except for one (1) nay, Steve H.**
 - **MINORITY OPINION: Steve passed. No one changed their vote.**
 - **Motion passes.**
- Kaitlyn asked what happens if nobody stands for a position? John H say then they are open for the year and we try to fill it; that's why we recruit and train a replacement.
- **MOTION** (no meeting on Fourth of July): Dani M; **SECOND: Keeshia M.**
 - **FRIENDLY AMENDMENT** (meet on 7/11 instead): Will S; **SECOND: Carol K. VOTE: Unanimous Yea.**
 - **VOTE: Unanimous Yea.**

Anything Else?

- Patrick A mentioned that the Camel Group purposely schedules their group conscience for after the district meeting (thus, the following Saturday) so that he can bring back information to group. He offers it as a suggestion to other GSRs and their groups. Also, since we don't have people willing to step up for O/C positions, it's probably a good idea to bring more of our group members and expose them to district.
 - **CONSENSUS: Exposing more group members to what district does and how district works is a good idea.**

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

Closed with Responsibility Statement (at 8: 19 pm)

NEXT MEETING: June 6, 2018

DISTRICT 14 JUNE 2018 MINUTES – JUNE 6, 2018

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Officers/Coordinators Present [7]

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

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Roll-Call (Secretary)

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 - **MAY through SEPTEMBER, last Saturday of every month; Bonfires at Dancing Trees, Markleysburg**
 - More information required.
 - **SAT, 6/9, SMEB Day of Sobriety**
 - Stone Pavilion, Washington Park, Washington. 10 am - 5 pm. 10 am start; 11 am God as I Understand Him; lunch at noon; 1:30 pm Sponsorship panel; 2:30 pm Sobriety Countdown; 3 pm AA Speaker. Covered dishes, desserts, and vegetable trays appreciated. Hamburgers, hot dogs, chips, and water provided free. Pop is 50 cents a can.
 - **SAT, 6/9, District 7 Service Workshop**
 - 11 am to 3 pm, Our Lady of Grace School, 1734 Bower Hill Road, Pgh 15243. Come hear panels on "Love and Service: How to Grow Spirituality through General Service Work."
 - **TUES, 6/12; Lit on Main First Anniversary**
 - Food at 530; speaker at 630.
 - **SUN, 6/24; Area 60 Post-Conference Assembly**
 - Comfort Inn, 699 Rodi Road, Penn Hills. 8:30 am Registration; 9 am Workshop; 10:15 am Meeting.
 - Come hear the Delegate's post-Conference report. GSRs, DCMs, Area Officers & Coordinators, and past Delegates vote.
 - **August 3-5, Pennsylvania State AA Convention**
 - Red Lion Hotel, 4751 Lindle Road, Harrisburg, PA 17111.
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 - **SAT, 8/11, District 14 Picnic**
 - Lions Club Pavilion, Washington Park, Washington, PA. Times TBD. Pool will be available. Flyer to follow.
 - **SAT, 8/18, Area 60 Third Quarterly Meeting**
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 - Decides area business for all of Western PA AA. DCMs, Area Officers & Coordinators, and past Delegates vote.
 - **MON, 8/27, Fairchance Anniversary?**
 - More information required.

- Good lead, good feed!
- **SAT, 9/1, MITN Picnic**
 - Rogersville Park, Center Township.
 - More information required.
- **SUN, 9/2, Propserity Bonfire**
 - Instead of usual meeting.
 - More information required.

Officer & Coordinator Reports

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Treasurer

- See **Treasurer's Report** sent 6/3.

Literature (absent)

- **Literature Report** emailed 6/4.
- 100 updated meeting lists folded and available.

Treatment

- SCI Greene [corrections] is a registered AA group (with GSO and Area 60) of inmates in our district called "Last Stop" and they are being given a founding date of 1995.
- The Greene County Hospital behavioral unit (fourth floor) is shutting down; they are going to convert it to a treatment facility.
 - Patrick A said he heard/knew the person from Greenbrier here that will be running that behavioral unit.
 - Lisa asked "what facility?" Dani responded that it's a long-term for chronic relapsers facility, for 90 days up to year.
 - Bill C and Chris Mc will try to get more info.
 - Matt M is interested in meeting with Greenbrier to have meetings scheduled for the evening at that facility, so more available outside AA people can take speakers in.
- Brett K passed away; 57 years old; please keep him in your prayers.

Grapevine (absent)

CPC/PI (no report)

Alt CPC/PI

Secretary

- Chad mentioned the Area 60 elections are in October, and suggested we have district elections in October as well. This will give the newly elected O/Cs time

to shadow the current O/Cs and learn how they do what they do. Will raise this as a motion under New Business.

Corrections

- Same as always, we need more volunteers for going into WCCF.
 - One new volunteer for WCCF
- Debbie said that last month someone suggested a corrections workshop; are we pursuing that?
 - Corey will have an information and informal information session at the SMEB Day of Sobriety picnic; also at the District 14 picnic, after he talks to the picnic committee.
 - Debbie asked him to give a report next month.

Alt DCM

- Debbie couldn't attend the Area 60 second quarterly meeting because of health issues, and **nobody** showed up from District 14.
 - We're really supposed to go there.
 - We get to exchange a lot of info and meet people from nearby districts at these meetings. GSRs might want to try to go twice a year. Read the service manual: part of the job of the GSR is to go to area meetings. But we know everyone can't be there every time.
- While not a district event, the Sponsorship Workshop Debbie put on was a success.
 - 15 people in attendance; 4 speakers.
 - Excellent reports back; people want more.
 - Comments included the suggestion to invite to invite halfway and three-quarter way houses next time.
- Other comments:
 - Workshops always useful.
 - Detailed answers you get you don't get anywhere else
 - Everyone said they found it useful.
 - **TO DO: Chad offered to compile the response surveys, to have all the answers in one document.**
- Debbie wants to form a Workshop Committee; see her after the meeting. We have to have workshops every quarter.
 - Actually, having them at all is the Alt DCM's discretion according to the vote we took last month.
 - Maybe the next workshop could be in September?
- Chad asked how much work did it take to put that on?
 - Debbie responded she did it all herself.
 - The hardest part was getting the groceries, and carrying them into the room.

- She also felt the poster/flyer could've been better.
- Lisa C can distribute fliers and get word out at Turning Point (both the halfway house, the three-quarter house, and the apartments) because she works there.

DCM (no report)

Old Business

Include/Help/Retain the Newcomer? (all)

How do we Include, Help, and Retain the newcomer? (all; permanent Old Business)

- Glenn C commented on engagement: people feel more part of when there something to do; then they tend to show up.
- Patrick A said Camel worked on this, and has a beginner's packet, even if it's just for people new in town. You get a pen, meeting list, and a *MiaP*. Staying conscious of who is walking in. They have greeters at the door. We want to welcome them. Just a couple of ways we found.
- Christy said she's a new person (14 months) and was immediately recruited as secretary at one home group, and Grapevine Representative at another home group. It works! Extremely helpful!
- As soon as someone expresses interest, encourage them.
- Light a fire to get people to pitch-in.
- Debbie could a group designate a member to call newcomers after they come in? (Women for women, men for men.) She'd never heard of that, but it just popped into her head.
- Carol K said when she was in Florida, they did exactly that. Show that someone cares, it brings more people back.
- Corey C said SMEB welcomes and recognizes new people to give them extra attention. They pass around a meeting list for people to give phone numbers to. Personally, he goes up to them after the meeting to share his name and star it on their list.
- Matt M likes that idea, but a lot of people at halfway houses can't call out, and it's tough to get through to call them back. Give newcomers a person to call that they can actually call and talk to.

New Business

Day of Sharing? (all)

- Nancy H from District 7 asked if we would be participating with them and district 21 in the Day of Sharing this year? We need financial support as seed money (gave \$200 last year) and a representative.
- Someone asked Dani, Debbie, Keeshia, and Chad how much work was it?
 - Keeshia: Not a lot of work. The heavy lifting is finding the right topics, the right people, and everyone stepping up. Getting raffle basket donations, assembling them, then cooking and decorating. Great opportunity for service. Area officers/coordinators come, part of their job is to come and talk. We need a new chair for the committee. It's a little late; we usually start in March. A lot of positions available.
 - Dani heard nothing until the email today from Chad.
 - Keeshia said that Christine N in District 7 is the Secretary and only reached out to a small group so far; she's the point of contact.
 - Dani also remarked that our seed money of \$200 brought in \$170 last year.
 - Debbie said there were a lot of meetings; it took time to put together.
 - Chad agreed: it wasn't difficult, but time-consuming... and didn't have to be that way.
 - Chad asked Keeshia if the venue is set; Kisha replied not yet. Good, we could host it in District 14 if we wanted to.
 - Matt M said to add that to the agenda for the 2019 Budget Committee, if we want to host next time.
- **CONSENSUS: More than half the people present are interested in Nancy H and/or Christine N to come to the next District 14 meeting to talk about details.**
- Malcolm funding isn't an issue; with last year surplus, plus the seed money we got back, should not make it a problem.
- Debbie: the problem is if we have volunteerism.
 - Drew asked can we go back to our groups? That's only two months for all this planning.
 - We can act as trusted servants to make this decision.
- Chad read the Area 60 Day of Sharing requirements from the Area 60 the website (it was one page long and not too difficult).
- Glenn C said we need one person to be the driver, or it won't happen.
- Kisha agreed: Nancy P was the someone who had the time and freedom during the day to do it last year.
- Stephanie asked if we needed someone to organize the whole thing, or just participating? What do we need?

- **MOTION** (District 14 will give \$200 seed money to this Day of Sharing and get involved): Matt M; **SECOND**: Carol K.
 - Chad U made a friendly amendment to the motion (split into two motions to be voted on); Glenn C seconded. Amendment accepted.
 - **MOTION 1** (District 14 will give \$200 seed money to this Day of Sharing): Matt M; **SECOND**: Carol K.
 - **Discussion**: Roger we started with a straw poll now we're on a board are on board with giving money and getting involved. I'd sit back and wait to see what the plan is before making the decision.
 - Stephanie sounds like if we don't tell they were willing to participate, it might not go on.
 - Keeshia said that traditionally, three districts (usually 7, 11, and 14) participate. hey can't formulate what the plan is until they have people willing to support it. It's a chicken and egg problem.
 - Roger said we assume we know who we are giving her the money to.
 - Last year, the money was handled through the District 7 Treasurer, since District 7 was hosting.
 - **VOTE**: 21 Yea, 0 Nay, 1 abstention. The **YEAs** have it.
 - **MOTION 2** (District 14 will participate in this Day of Sharing): Matt M; **SECOND**: Carol K.
 - **Discussion**: Roger said he would rather put the time and effort into a September workshop idea rather than getting hung-up with these Day of Sharing baskets and everything.
 - Keeshia said "Come get involved!"
 - Chad said that much like the PA AA state convention, people will send money – but they will not get involved. Getting involved is more important than the money. His service sponsor says "You can pretend to care, but you can't pretend to show up."
 - **VOTE**: 21 Yea, 0 Nay, 1 abstention. The **YEAs** have it.

Anything Else? (no.)

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

Closed with Responsibility Statement (at 7:50 pm)

NEXT MEETING: July 11, 2018

DISTRICT 14 JULY 2018 MINUTES – JULY 11, 2018

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Officers/Coordinators Present [7]

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

Interested Parties Present [4]

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

Roll-Call (Secretary)

Reading of Tradition Three (Long Form) (not read)

Minutes

- June 2018 Minutes presented for approval.
 - Corrections: Change Tradition One to Two; correct name of SCI Greene group.
 - **MOTION** (to accept June minutes with corrections): Jeff K; **SECOND:** Will S. **VOTE:** Unanimous Yea.

Pass the Basket (district 7th Tradition)

GSR Report Highlights (Events/News/Support)

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- See *Groups Represented* above.
- See **District Events** page at <http://www.district14.info/d14events.htm>
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 - Starts at 6 pm; speaker at 7 pm.
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Corrections (absent; report by text)

- Need more volunteers; will be out of town for the district picnic; will attempt to find someone to speak about Corrections and volunteering.

Treasurer

- See **Treasurer's Report** sent 7/8.

Treatment

- **Bridging the Gap** update: Dani will present at picnic; donations of time, books, food, or money should go to Shelley S or Thomas S. Note that the picnic is the same week as the Pony League World Series.
- No much progress on the new Greenbriar facility in Greene County; starting in August.
- Picked up a commitment for a Pittsburgh Group on Saturday. Be there at 1:15 for a 1:30 meeting; she'll pass around a sign-up sheet.

Grapevine

- Getting GV books from the Area GV Coordinator [Amber].
 - Chad pointed out that Amber has an article on the two new *Grapevine* books (*Women in AA* and *AA in the Military*) in the latest *Seeds of Service*.
- Would like an increase in her budget to buy more inventory this year.
 - **TO DO (Budget Committee): Increase GV line item?**
 - Malcomb suggested all O/Cs use their budgets completely; Matt M pointed out that money is meant to carry the message; Steve H asked what the GV budget line was [\$100].

Literature (absent)

- **Literature Report** emailed 7/8.
- Matt suggested that all reports of damaged books go through Travis and not straight to GSO so we can help gather information about literature assets being damaged in production or shipping.

CPC/PI (no report)

Alt CPC/PI (no report)

Secretary (no report)

Alt DCM (absent)

DCM (no report)

Old Business

Include/Help/Retain the Newcomer? (all)

- Kaitlin H brought back the idea from last time of a sponsor/sponsee mixer; invite the treatment centers, halfway, and three-quarter houses, along with people who want to sponsor.
 - Shelley S said the other fellowship does it and has a good response.

- Format of one or two hours. Rent out a pavilion; have a few speakers, games, fun, food.
- Chad suggested a list of sober AAs who will sponsor and attend.
- Matt M suggested something like a "God As I Understand Him" format, or a round-robin "what sponsorship means to you".
- Patrick A didn't want to be negative, but people can't wait. People sober living houses need a sponsor within two weeks. Might not be worth putting all this energy into a special event.
- Stephanie, speaking as a fairly new person, the meetings she usually goes to aren't a good fit to get a sponsor; a meeting with people wouldn't normally see at my usual meetings might be good.
- Ed M said a smaller, more routine effort more regularly might be better. Shelly supports a shorter time between meetings; doesn't have to be a giant extravaganza to be cost-effective.
- Dani said at the Lighthouse, I can only pick up one woman at a time. Lots of women want to go to AA, but the house goes to NA. Maybe a group of female AAs could go out there and have a meeting for a group of girls ourselves out there.
 - John H liked taking a meeting into the Lighthouse, and they should talk about sponsorship and Bridging the Gap.
- Keeshia agrees with Danny about going to the fellowship to find volunteers. Also, can we do something at Harmony House once a month, maybe downstairs after our regular meeting? It's someplace easy to get to. If she knew newcomers were here looking for sponsors, she could come right here.
 - John H suggested staying an extra hour after the district meeting for a mixer downstairs.
 - Group meeting once a month at Harmony house talk about sponsorship an hour after the district meeting could introduce people to district service too.
- John H suggested getting a gauge on three options from the groups:
 1. Fun event.
 2. Take a meeting into the Lighthouse.
 3. Piggyback off the district meeting.
- Patrick A we might want whatever this is to be a meeting, because people in the houses might not come to something like a workshop that's not a meeting (need to get slip signed).
- Kaitlin liked the one per month idea. If we want to do this, we have to push outside of the GSRs to other AAs in the groups.
- Ed M asked Patrick A how do people in the sober living houses find sponsors now? Just going to meetings; some people have a harder time.

- Kaitlin said from her experience, she hasn't always gotten a sponsor, but getting one made her want to stick around. A lot of people around here get Sponsors In Name Only. Exposure would help; working on steps early and fast helps.
- Jerry suggested that maybe what about another brochure to help alcoholics navigate the sponsorship thing. His experience being surrounded by more addicts made his sobriety very fragile: going to meetings not of his own fellowship. He got into AA after getting out of the three-quarter house. Make it attractive to the drunks in the houses – “hey, this is something I can be doing.” We need to make an effort to talk to them, hold her hand, make them feel wanted.
 - John H maybe we need a piece of literature on sponsorship based on workshop notes.
- Matt pointed out we need people willing to sponsor.
- Chad U mentioned that has a dislike of the words “temporary sponsor”; and doesn't raise his hand.
 - Kaitlin's meeting changed it. Since we discussed it before, she doesn't hear it in many more meetings. Matt M also changed it at his meeting.
- Michelle M said that if people are not getting a sponsor, or getting one unwillingly, they're not ready to work the program. They won't go to events to do so, and if they do, they'll just get a Sponsor In Name Only. What's good about that?
- John H suggests more exposure to attract or promote the idea.
- Michael P said that a guy like him, who didn't go to treatment, he had to exchange phone numbers, but this idea might not be right for the sober living houses.
 - Patrick A said the Camel Group has volunteers to contact the newcomer. They call and follow up with them, asking “are you coming back?” Right now, it's Michael for men and possibly Jenna for women.
- John H suggest that after GSRs see the minutes, get some comments from your meeting about this.

New Business

Day of Sharing (Nancy H, Christine N, Chad U)

- [Kaitlin H ceded time and tabled her discussion on the Yellow Card to give visitors more time to speak.]
- Nancy H is the DCM of District 7.
 - Thanks to District 14 for inviting her to share about the Day of Sharing.

- October 27, Saturday, at Our Lady of Grace School, Scott Township, 9 AM.
- Was approved by Area 60. Gets funding from the area and from Districts 7, 14, and 21. Flyers on the Area 60 website; more will be printed soon.
- One committee meeting so far; next meeting is July 15. Sunset Hills United Pres Church, 900 Country Club Dr, MT LEBANON; in the library at 5 PM. After that meeting, a women's meeting – that's her home group.
- Several committees need help.
 - Nancy is doing food (rigatoni, sauce, meatballs, salad, bread).
 - Chad is doing program.
 - Volunteers to help, pairs of hands close to the day. See Nancy, her phone number is [REDACTED].
- Christine said that it's a great event to bring a newcomer to; a really good fellowship thing.
- Christine N is the Day of Sharing Secretary.
 - Feedback from last year showed communities like Washington who participate want more say in how the DoS goes.
 - If you want to host next year, more than happy to help; we'll share our experience, strength, and hope. No district owns this event. If you'd like to have a say, get involved now. Planning starts 12 months ahead, in order to get a time and date for the church or wherever we have it.
 - Very thankful D14 wants to contribute and participate.
- Chad U is the DoS Program Chair.
 - Described the featured speakers (on the Big Book and AA Meetings around the country); the three panels on Yesterday, Today, and Tomorrow; and described how the Panel Moderators, Panel Speakers, and Q&A works.
- Dani asked when tickets will be available and how much will they cost?
 - Nancy when the seed money from the districts are received, it'll be a couple days after that – probably in the next week or two. Tickets will be six dollars. We'll have more fliers, but please print out fliers from the area website and pass out in your groups.

Yellow Card Issues (Kaitlin H)

- In light of recent events in our district, we need to discuss safety in the rooms.
- In the last one and a half years, she's been inappropriately approached/ \sexually harassed by an individual with significant time in the program, someone who's popular in the fellowship. She never said anything about it or did anything about it. Despite being a strong woman, she was intimidated.

When she did talk about it, people just said "that's just the way he is", so she took no further action.

- Then, this individual harassed a sponsee of hers. Now, she feels responsible to speak out.
- She feels this goes on all over. We have to step up. Her sponsee could've been drinking or dead after the incident.
- This is a home group issue, not a district issue. She suggests reading the yellow card in the GSR reports, rather than repeating the same stuff that the chair or the secretary give in their reports. There should probably be a designated person in a home group to go to. We as GSRs are guardians of the Traditions and should take this role.
 - Ed encourage people to go to their trusted servants. Identify them, tell newcomers who they are.
- John H said this is a home group issue of responsibility. If you see something, say something.
- Steve H asked where can we get yellow cards? You can get them from Travis; they're free.
- Dani said that this is an ongoing issue: just because you have time, it doesn't mean you're living a program. When women came to her, her jaw dropped in shock. What kind of predators are out there? We should be able to be safe in our rooms. Who is seeing this? Nearly everyone has heard of this.
- Patrick A mentioned inappropriate jokes from the Grapevine Rep two times in the last week. The jokes were not from the GV. They are drunk joke, but very degrading to women. The women's faces in the meeting dropped. Chronic disrespect towards women even by leaders in AA. One said "if she shows any skin, he wants to grab it." A dozen girls over the years have come to Patrick (because he's gay) to tell him about a guy with time asking them to send him pictures of their breasts.
- Dani said that while the only requirement is a desire to stop drinking, you could have a child molester in a meeting with children running around. Do some research, open doors, guard our safety... but something illegal is all of our responsibilities.
- Jerry remarked that meetings are our place, not like the real world. Maybe people do this because they think it's safer to do this sort of thing here than in the real world.
- Matt M does not read the yellow card at TNT, he paraphrases it, basically saying "inappropriate stuff should be reported to the home group members; if it's illegal, call the police."

- Kaitlin said we need to give newcomers who are affected a voice and old predators a warning not to act out. If she herself is acting out and no one calls her on it, she's more likely to keep acting out.
- Shelley S as Area 60 Grapevine Coordinator at NERF wore make-up and dressed up. There's a reason she doesn't often dress up, because of what men say, they are disrespectful. Sickening the way women are diminished in the rooms. In a lot of people's eyes, women are lesser, and it's OK to treat them that way. But we are in here and we have a program to live better. That's why she loves her group, the Grumpy Old Men. They don't read the yellow card, but they won't put up with that kind of shit. It's not OK. Like Kaitlin said, I don't want someone to go out because of these predators.
- John H said that we are sick people trying to get better. This is life and death, not a dating service. Treat women like your sister. They are someone's possibly undiscovered treasure. Men with men women with women. Before and after meetings he's heard some of the most sophomoric banter. Thanked Kaitlin for an important timely topic.
 - John also believes so much of this goes on is because there's more pornography out there, but that's an outside issue.
- We cannot let these things go on. John H asked GSRs to take this back to the home groups to see what you'd like us to do.
 - Patrick A also suggested take back to your Grapevine Rep that any jokes need to come from the GV. You're representing *Grapevine*, not just the joke of the day.

Teen Center (John H)

- The teen center in town wants an Alateen meeting.
 - Anyone interested in their home group supporting an Alateen meeting, reach out **Dr. Mary Jo Podgurski** or John H if you want to help.
 - There used to be an Alateen meeting in Washington 20 years ago, but not now.
 - Chad asked if she's reached out to Al-Anon in town? John H said that Al-Anon is struggling here right now; we have a deeper bench.

Anything Else?

- Drew remarked that a lot of people don't realize how racist, sexist, anti-religious, or homophobic they are: that's just the way they were raised. It happened to him. He got his awareness raised by coming to AA. You might want to say something to people you see in meetings being racist, sexist, etc., just to make them aware.

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

Closed with Responsibility Statement (at 7:59 pm)

NEXT MEETING: August 1, 2018

DISTRICT 14 AUGUST 2018 MINUTES – AUGUST 1, 2018

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Officers/Coordinators Present [8]

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

Interested Parties Present [2]

Welcome, Call to Order, & Open Meeting with Serenity Prayer (DCM) at 6:29 pm

Roll-Call (Secretary)

Reading of Tradition Four (Long Form) (Bill C)

Minutes

- July 2018 Minutes presented for approval.
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GSR Report Highlights (Events/News/Support)

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- 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; speaker at 7 pm.
 - **FRI, 8/3, Canonsburg ABSI**
 - No meeting due to church function.
 - **August 3-5, Pennsylvania State AA Convention**
 - Red Lion Hotel, 4751 Lindle Road, Harrisburg, PA 17111. Reduced Room rate of \$110 + 11% Tax will be offered until July 26, 2018. Please mention code PACT0803 when booking your room. Call toll free at 1-800-637-4817.
 - Website at <http://www.aapastateconvention.com/>
 - **THURS, 8/9, Steps 2 Serenity**
 - Moved to Thursdays at 7 pm, starting on 8/9.
 - **TO DO (Secretary): Update meeting list.**
 - **SAT, 8/11, District 14 Picnic**
 - Lions Club Pavilion, Washington Park, Washington, PA. Times TBD. Pool will be available. Flyer on website.
 - **SAT, 8/18, Area 60 Third Quarterly Meeting**
 - St. John's Lutheran Church, 2216 Peach Street, Erie, PA. 8:30 am Registration; 9 am Workshop; 10:15 am Meeting. Decides area business for all of Western PA AA. DCMs, Area Officers & Coordinators, and past Delegates vote.
 - **MON, 8/27, Fairchance Anniversary?**
 - **SAT, 9/1, MITN Picnic**
 - Rogersville Park, Center Township. Flyer on website.
 - **SUN, 9/2, Propserity Bonfire**
 - Instead of usual meeting.
- **NEED SUPPORT:**
 - Canonsburg Group
 - Carmichaels Group
- **FORMAT CHANGE:**
 - Good Orderly Direction has changed from a Step study covering 1-12 to a beginner's Step study covering 1-3 each month, with a speaker on the last week of the month.

Officer & Coordinator Reports

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Corrections

- Need more volunteers.
- Will be out of town for the district picnic; Ben P will speak about Corrections and volunteering.

Grapevine (no report)

Treasurer

- See **Treasurer's Report** emailed 7/31.
- There's a discrepancy, but Malcomb cannot find where. John H thinks it might be a deposit he made; Malcolm isn't sure. Shelley offered to help, to be another set of eyes.
- Malcolm will not be at next month's meeting.
- Budget allowance for officers and coordinators: spend it! We have money for outreach; just bring in your receipts.

Treatment

- reminder that Sunday morning early bird has Greenbrier this month. Greenbrier for Waynesburg meeting should be Saturday afternoon Danny has a sign up sheet stop opening mid September one meeting a week commitment. Literature (absent)
- **Literature Report** emailed 7/8.
- Matt suggested that all reports of damaged books go through Travis and not straight to GSO so we can help gather information about literature assets being damaged in production or shipping.

Literature (absent; report by email/text)

- See **Literature Report** emailed 7/29.
- Travis does not have literature in his car at work today.

CPC/PI (open position)

- Mike C has resigned as CPC/PI due to work. Chad has the CPC/PI materials in his car.

Alt CPC/PI (no report)

Secretary (no report)

- See *New Business, SSL Certificate*.

Alt DCM (no report)

DCM (no report)

Old Business

Yellow Card Issues (all)

- In light of recent events in our district, we need to continue to discuss safety in the rooms.
- Debbie E remarked that all her sponsees for the past couple years have come to her after 3 to 4 months to talk about being inappropriately approached. These women often have a history of abuse and rape, and they are uncomfortable with being hit on in meetings. They feel unsafe. We all have a history. Innuendos and lewd jokes can hurt people.
- Dani asked how many groups are using the yellow card? (6 out of 20).
- Carol K said that saying the wrong thing makes people not want to come back to the meeting. You can tell by their faces that they can't believe the lewd advances they get. This is supposed to be AA, and about something else. People should be told to go to a GSR or a member of that group they feel comfortable talking if they are getting unwelcome approaches.
- Patrick A said that this is a very difficult problem to answer. The Yellow Card doesn't really handle the sexual advances part of safety. Try working it into your shares, so the good conversation we're having here reaches people outside this room. That way they'll be aware that we know this is happening and that they are welcome to talk to us
- John H wrote an article for *Seeds of Service* for more input on unwelcome sexual advances in our meetings. Men and women in the rooms don't have appropriate boundaries, desperate for connections, instead of using the Steps. How about a column talking about men for men by John and women for women by Debbie E on these sort of things?
 - **TO DO:** Chad will take it to the officer/coordinator meeting for the area.
- Steve H talked about a recent *Grapevine* "fact in the back" which said that more women are going to the ER for alcohol abuse – there's been a big surge.
 - He's been in meetings 30 years, and back in the day, two to three guys would protect the women from jerks. But now there is such an influx of people, and not all men are gentlemen.
- Ed M has mixed feelings: he doesn't like doing shotgun blasts at meetings. People may not realize they are offending, and he hates to tell other people to stop doing something they are NOT doing. Sure, read the Yellow Card, but address the individual doing it.
 - John H take 2 to 3 people and address the person.
- Patrick A said it's about standing up for people who are affected.
 - Jerry said there has to be a specific person at a meeting like the GSR to handle it. When you handle it, react to it, at least after the meeting.

Approach in a polite way about their behavior not being what we want to see around AA.

- Roger said the intent of the Yellow Card is safety, but there's choices involved. More power to them, but what about that 23 hours outside the meeting – especially coming to and going from the meeting?
- Carol K said have a specific person, sure, but two people (one man, one woman), so people can be comfortable going to them. When she was in Florida, a man put hands on a newcomer, Carol made her move away from the guy and talked to him. But that girl never went back to that meeting.
- Patrick A thinks its foolish to have one or two people as the "sexual predator cop." It's the strength of the group, trusted servants, sure. Most of this stuff we don't find out when it's happening. It's covert, trying to hide it, but we find out later.
- Michael P is glad were putting energy into this. Having just hit five months, he is inundated with women telling him about this, and it makes him sick . We should be vigilant for this behavior before, during, and after meeting.
- Linda B thinks we are missing part of the equation, the woman herself. She had to tell the old lechs to back off herself. We need to teach women to stand up for themselves. There was a guy in Waynesburg hanging around the women's Oxford house; they talked to him about it.
- Danielle K said its about feeling comfortable in the rooms. I'm a victim of sexual/physical abuse, so I'm going to seek out someone with whom I feel safe. We should all be available, anybody in that room. Not putting one person on blast, not whispered behind closed doors, not a major spectacle. We don't want to drive people out of the rooms, they may not come back. Delegate the decision up to the person feels unsafe.
- Shelly S agrees that lots of things are going on, and as women we need to speak up. For several years, I did not speak up seeing women taken advantage of. That includes women sponsoring women sponsees.
 - Also, she has said things to women to stay away from certain men, and they've made a beeline right to them. Alcoholics!
 - It's the officials of the AA district to talk to the offenders that need to be spoken to.
 - Women be vigilant – tell your friends and sponsees to keep talking about it.
 - Shelly's going to bring it up at area, because she's not happy with what happened to her at NERF.
 - If she sees someone getting harassed or fighting with someone, she's calling 911.

- It's hard to hold someone accountable if you don't have the self-esteem to do it.
- Jerry's question is that these things go on a long long time.
 - The problem was the guy was popular. I didn't come here to be popular; I came to do the 12 steps and stop drinking.
 - If this was our workplace, we wouldn't be tiptoeing around it. We'd go to someone.
 - If I was being bullied by bigger guys in a meeting, I'd go to somebody and talk about it
- John H said this is a continuing discussion.
 - Each group is a autonomous, we will come up with our own solution.
 - We are trying to save our lives.

Include/Help/Retain the Newcomer? (all)

- Michael P said Camel has an "ambassador" (one for men and one for women) as we discussed in the last meeting. Good story: guy from Akron with one year was in town and linked up with me, and I was able to give him rides to meetings in town.
- Linda B went to a meeting in Parkersburg, and no one said hi. It was a big meeting. When newcomers come to our group, we pounce on them. That might even drive them away! Weirdest thing: I've never been to an AA meeting where no one said hi... so I went and said hi.
- Patrick A suggests that GSRs make sure that you have the most recent version of the meeting list – they get dated fast. Don't want to look like we don't know what we're doing. Make sure they get good info. The district website is up-to-date. Everyone needs to sing this song "www.district14.info"
 - Steve H said to tell them about the area website for the meeting finder, if they're not staying in Washington. www.wpaarea60.org
 - Patrick suggested making up a slip with the URLs on it to hand out.
- James C said that when you go to a meeting every week, reach out and tell them the basics.
- Shelly S said that the old-school way is if they want it, to go get it. They have greeters for Grumpy. Get the newcomers, shake their hand, and say hello. If women, Shelly and Lorelei approach them; they're the only women of the home group. Give them a *Meeting in a Pocket (MiaP)*, and they put their names in. We need a handshake and a smile, might make people want to come back. People need to feel that, but it's good to have something tangible like the MiaP.

- John H asks how many people go home and don't have the tools? I call the meeting in the pocket the "AA ER."
 - Making people feel welcome. At a funeral, told the family about AA. I told family I was from AA, and was being of service by bringing cups of water around. When I got here, I was almost begging, "Please, somebody talk to me!" We're dying on the vine. People just talking in their own groups.
- Cory said that greeter is a formal position at SMEB. Don't want to reiterate what I spoke about at length in past meetings, but I would like to restate the greeters as a formal position is really useful in "the meeting before the meeting" and "the meeting after the meeting." Really helpful for new people: sometimes it's their first service position.
- Malcolm B said don't run the newcomer off. He's a firm believer that if a newcomer comes into meeting wanting to get sober, he really can't say anything wrong; if they don't want to be sober, he really can't say anything right.
- Debbie E said to welcome people. No one likes to be ignored. Be caring and be a resource to people.
- John H heard something new at SMEB. How many times we passed the meeting list, then get holier than thou? What did we feel like back then? Would we have called those numbers? What about being called? Try it!
- Stephanie pays attention at meetings. She goes to all the newcomers with a MiaP. These phone numbers are real, we want you to call us, really! She explains what it is. Reinforce it.

District Picnic (Shelley S)

- Shelly S says the district picnic is the best district event of the summer (SMEB's picnic is a group event!).
 - People have been donating stuff. If you want to donate money do so ASAP.
 - Last year there was probably 100 people, but we have invited Turning Point and the Lighthouse for Women, so there should be 50 people right there. We're prepping for 150.
 - She's passing around a sign-up sheet and will start calling after Monday. If you want to volunteer be there at 10 AM. Bring something.
 - Water balloons, corn hole, music, fellowship, food (burgers, dogs, and buns), books raffle, officers and coordinators talking on their district positions, 50-50.
 - She'll meet up with Travis for the literature on the day of. The grapevine and literature display will be set up.

- Pony League World Series is at the same time, but the whole parking lot by Lions Club Pavilion is for us
- The flyer is on the website.
- Patrick A asked can we use the back entrance to the pool? Shelley will find out.
- Linda asked if we can buy literature at the picnic? Shelley will find out.

Sponsorship Workshop/Speed-Dating

- **CONSENSUS:** *Table the sponsorship ideas discussion for a month or two.*

Day of Sharing 2018 (Christine N)

- Thank you for your support.
- The check from Area 60 was received.
- She went to District 21's district meeting last night.
- Next planning meeting is 8/12 at 5 PM.
- Tickets were done last week, but there were errors they were sent back. They'll be done tomorrow, and she will get tickets to you over the next week. You'll be given flyers with your tickets.

New Business

SSL Certificate (Secretary)

- Chad asked about the SSL certificate issue for the District 14 website; lowest cost would be \$42 per year, which is 150% of our hosting costs.
 - **MOTION** *(to not pay for the SSL certificate): Malcomb B; SECOND: Carol K. VOTE: Unanimous Yea.*

Deaths in Our District (all)

- Patrick A mentioned that two people died over the weekend and one today, possibly two, in Washington alone. Some of them were in three-quarter houses; all were drug overdose related.
 - As a manager of a three-quarter house, is there anything we can do? I've been around awhile, but a lot of these people go to meetings of the other fellowship.
 - Most of the other house managers in town only have one year or 18 months. It's not limited to AA, mix of AA and NA people.
 - It seems like we don't consider the percentage of people in sober living houses; they get short shrift.
- Steve said these halfway houses are outside enterprises, and we don't want to break a tradition.
 - Malcolm said another Tradition says we take care of alcoholics.

- Jerry wants to agree to disagree. He was in one of these houses and two people he was in with are at this meeting today. How can we reach out to alcoholics are in there?
 - We had thought of a literature thing, brochure, that could help them navigate things. It would help bring them into our rooms.
- Debbie had a sponsee who complained she was going to NA meetings, not AA meetings, when she was in the three-quarter house.
 - Patrick A pointed out the difference between a halfway house and three-quarter house: in a halfway house you don't have a choice where you're going to a meeting.
 - Also, Greenbrier takes wherever the majority of clients want to go, or whichever fellowship the tech wants to take them to.
- Danielle K lives in a three-quarter house. Some people there work AA, some work NA, and some work CA. They're all one house: they come together as a house. It doesn't matter what fellowship someone's in.
- Roger asked how to phrase this topic to it up to my home group?

TO DO (GSRs): Make this a topic next month for everybody; please take back to your home groups for discussion. Some ideas that were thrown out:

- Serenity prayer.
- Is this an outside issue?
- Are we connecting to each other? How do we hold each other close?
- What do you do if somebody's in your sober living house dies?
- Relevant AA Traditions are 3, 5, and 6.

Anything Else?

- **IMPORTANT!** District Elections are in October. All officers/coordinators are due to rotate out! If you have an interest in being of service, come and stand for a position.

MOTION (to close): Bill C; **SECOND**: Steve H. **VOTE**: Unanimous Yea.

Closed with Responsibility Statement (at 8:02 pm)

NEXT MEETING: September 5, 2018

DISTRICT 14 SEPTEMBER 2018 MINUTES – SEPTEMBER 5, 2018

<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>Jen McM, Alt Treasurer</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>
<p>District 14 meetings are the first WED of each month, 6:30 pm, upstairs @ Harmony House Café, 47 N. Main Street, Washington.</p> <p>District 14 Events available at: http://www.district14.info/d14events.htm</p> <p>District 14 GSR Handbook PDF available at: http://www.district14.info</p> <p>Send group contributions to: District 14 Treasurer, 104 River Road, Rices Landing, PA 15357</p>			

Groups Represented [16]

AA Lit on Main, Afternoon Beginner's Step Workshop, Canonsburg As Bill Sees It (ABSI), Canonsburg Weds Daily Reflections, Canonsburg Open Discussion, Canonsburg Group, Good Orderly Direction (G.O.D.), Hill 12 & 12, In the Heat of Recovery (ITHOR), Made It Til Noon (MITN), Prosperity Group, Steps 2 Serenity Women's 12 & 12, Sunday Morning Early Birds (SMEB), The First 164, Thursday Night Trudgers (TNT), Washington Discussion

Officers/Coordinators Present [8]

DCM, Alt DCM, Secretary, Alt Secretary, Corrections, Grapevine Coordinator, Treatment Coordinator, Literature

Interested Parties Present [3]

Welcome, Call to Order, & Open Meeting with Serenity Prayer (DCM) at 6:29 pm

Roll-Call (Secretary)

Reading of Tradition Five (Long Form) (???)

Minutes

- July 2018 Minutes presented for approval.
 - **MOTION** (to accept August minutes): Jeff K; **SECOND**: Carol K. **VOTE**: Unanimous Yea.

Pass the Basket (district 7th Tradition)

GSR Report Highlights (Events/News/Support)

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- See **District Events** page at <http://www.district14.info/d14events.htm>
 - **Second SUN of every month; Prosperity Potluck**
 - Starts at 6 pm; speaker at 7 pm.
 - **MON, 9/17, Hill 12 & 12 20th Anniversary**
 - Dinner @ 7; meeting @ 8:30.
- **NEED SUPPORT:**
 - Afternoon Beginners Workshop, FRI 1:30 @ Harmony Life Center
 - Looking to change date and time; suggestions welcome.

Officer & Coordinator Reports

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Alt DCM

- At the last few meetings Debbie has been at, the yellow card wasn't read.
- John H asked if we have any?
 - Travis has distributed a ton, and still has a ton.
- Roger said that they have talked about this at some meetings he's gone to, and they not only read the yellow card, they say that there are sexual predators around. One might not want to go that far; his group doesn't want to.
- Carol K repeated a story about safety issues at meetings.
 - Chad U mentioned that the district had long discussions the last two meetings, reflected in the minutes, so there's no need to rehash what was said before. New stuff, sure.

Corrections

- State facilities are on lockdown because of fentanyl. SCI Greene is temporarily not letting volunteers or literature in.
- Need more volunteers, especially men for WCCF. GCCF could use more men, too.
- In WCCF, meetings are held one night a week. Two for the men, one for the women. But next week there might be three men's meetings and one woman's meeting.
 - We could have more meetings that we have more volunteers.
 - Corey is hesitant to push for more meetings when we can't cover the once a week commitment.

CPC/PI (open position)

Alt CPC/PI (absent)

DCM (no report)

Grapevine

- We had a display at the district picnic.
 - George bought a book with some of his winnings from the 50-50.
 - A lot of compliments, a couple books sold.

Literature

- See **Literature Report** emailed 9/3.
- Travis has books and yellow cards; sold quite a bit just now at the meeting.
- Carol K is handling the *Meetings in a Pocket* and the meeting list, to get her feet wet in preparation for the October elections, but you can still reach out to Travis for either.

Secretary (no report)

Treasurer (absent)

Treatment

- SCI Greene would like another meeting.
 - We have been invited. There are 40 people waiting to get into meetings.
- Dani M talked to Peggy at Greenbrier, she wants us to take a treatment commitment for the new facility.
 - Soft opening October 15.
 - What day would we like at 7 or 7:30 PM? Tuesday? Wednesday?
 - Michelle M likes Tuesday.
 - Jeff K suggested Friday nights.
 - Chris Mc asked if it was possible to change the format so it's not a speaker meeting?
- John H said we should take the commitment because "when anyone, anywhere, reaches out for help..."
 - Danny said respectfully, if we don't have the volunteers to cover it, we shouldn't take the commitment.
 - John H said Washington County spends money, time, and effort for a judicial intervention on drug court, then we in AA struggle to bring in one meeting a week!
 - John H asked the GSRs to take to their home groups the question if we can handle this commitment. These are the most vulnerable people. It will be a detox and a 3C facility. The requirements are minimal.

- From Dani's experience, Greenbrier wasn't that hard to fill, but Gateway was harder to handle because it was further away. The new facilities are in Greene County...
- **TO DO (GSRs): Are any of your homegroup members willing to take corrections or treatment commitments in Greene County?**
- Saturday at 1:30 at Greenbrier, the 15th and the 22nd this month are still open.
 - Michelle M will do the 22nd.

Old Business

Include/Help/Retain the Newcomer? (all)

- Any additional input?
 - Greet people as they come in.
 - Give them a cup of coffee, a cookie, and a handshake.
 - Make them feel welcome, and they come back.
 - Meeting list with phone numbers written on it.
- Male liaison to talk to newcomer men; female liaison to talk to newcomer women.
 - SMEB adopted that idea of Camel's; it's working fine.
- John H said "wouldn't it be nice if somebody called them, instead of waiting for them to call us?" He said that when he came in, he was isolated and had that 500 pound phone. A phone call from someone else might break the ice.

Day of Sharing Update (Chad U)

- Ran down the program since he is program chair.
 - Two featured speakers: one on "the History of the Big Book in Akron" (by Paul G from Doctor Bob's Home, Akron, OH) and one on "AA Meetings Across the Country" (by Cowboy Jack, Akron, OH).
 - Three panels:
 - Yesterday' World - Our Legacies Begin (District 7).
 - Today's World - Demonstrating Integrity, Anonymity, and Service (District 14; Debbie E is our Panel Moderator).
 - Tomorrow's World - Courage to be Vigilant (District 21).
 - Lunch!
 - Raffles all day!
 - Sobriety Countdown done by our Emcee, Patrick A.
- Chad distributed tickets. Six dollars (\$6) each, covers lunch. Can pay at the door on the day if you don't have a ticket.
 - We paid for tickets with our seed-money, so they are already paid for.
 - If you sell then we get our seed-money back, if you don't sell them, then that's just money spent carrying the message.
 - Give them to newcomers if you want!

District Picnic Wrap-Up (Shelley S)

- Went really well: over 100 people.
- Had a lot of support: money, books, time and effort, people talking about it.
- We didn't do the Sobriety Countdown, she forgot.
- Money spent was \$351.53; money brought in was \$322.
- George won the 50-50, but had to run all over the park to find his ticket!
- Plenty of food, fellowship, games, music, and awesome burgers (even though a bin of them got dropped).
- Shelley received a round of applause.

Deaths in Our District (all)

- This topic came up last meeting, some ideas were thrown out, and the O/Cs and GSRs asked that it be put on the agenda for this meeting for discussion.
- Chad U recapped the ideas from the last meeting:
 - **TO DO (GSRs):** Make this a topic next month for everybody; please take back to your home groups for discussion. Some ideas that were thrown out:
 - Serenity prayer.
 - Is this an outside issue?
 - Are we connecting to each other? How do we hold each other close?
 - What do you do if somebody in your sober living house dies?
 - Relevant AA Traditions are 3, 5, and 6.
- John H asked if anyone took it back to their groups yet?
 - (Not really.)
 - (No further discussion.)
 - **TO DO (GSRs):** Take materials back to your home group to talk about it, so we have the basis for an informed discussion.

New Business

District Elections (all)

- **NOTE: DISTRICT ELECTIONS IN OCTOBER!!!**
 - Dani said she only learned about the district, when district meeting was at her home group right before it. We should talk in each GSR report about it!
- John H said they passed around something at the Area 3rd quarterly meeting called "Running versus Standing".

RUNNING vs STANDING

All over our beautiful country, politicians are **running** for something. City to city, promising things that they know will never be fulfilled—but they're doing it anyhow!

We in Alcoholics Anonymous don't run for any office or job. Our days of **running** are over with (running to the bottle; from life; from responsibilities; etc.). We in AA—**stand** for a service position. Whether it is: Delegate/Alt-Delegate; Area Officer; District Officer or Group Officer. We **stand** for these positions. We do not govern.

Like it or not, **rotation** comes every two years in Western Pennsylvania. Some of us like our Trusted Servant jobs we have and would like them to continue beyond the time limit—but all good things must come to an end.

Some people I've talked to can't wait till the Election Assembly in October; while others have resigned from the jobs they had for many reasons (some unexplained).

This writer has been hearing about the upcoming elections since the Getaway Weekend in March and the rotation buzz was the topic of discussion by many at the weekend of the PA State Convention. Personally, this writer thinks we have been elected for a two-year term and that means we have to serve until the last day of 1996.

Many suggestions and sometimes advice have been bestowed upon me by a service and recovery sponsor over the years. The excitement and grandeur of being in a new service position is great; however, I must look to the job I now hold in General Service and reflect on the performance and consistency of that particular job. If I was haphazard or delinquent in my duties then maybe I should not **stand** for another AA job. However, if I followed the Guidelines and performed to the best of my ability, and made all meetings/assemblies, etc.—then I know I did—what was asked of me! This writer takes a personal inventory before he jumps into something that he might not be able to jump out of.

I look at rotation as a '**spiritual cleansing**'. Every two years we elect persons who will bring new ideas and new thoughts to General Service; but most of all we elect persons who will help 'Carry the message to those of us who still suffer.'

For those who are planning to stand for any service position in Alcoholics Anonymous, please read the A.A. Service Manual and particularly the 9th Concept.

If you feel you have something to contribute to the Area, District or your Home Group, go for it!!! But if it's for personal glory—give it up!!!

The RUNNING is over with—please **stand** up for a new **service** job.

Seek out your Higher Power and may He be with you in any decision you make.

Presented by Alt.-Delegate, Dave B. at: 3rd Quarterly Area 60 meeting on 08/18/1996

- **TO DO (GSRs): Take it back to your groups to suggest people come and stand.**
- Chad U read the district office or coordinator descriptions.
 - **TO DO (Secretary): Fix page 9 of Guidelines: change "December" to "October" for the elections.**
 - CPC-PI position is flexible.
 - Should we make a committee? Should we split the position, if people only want to do one part?
 - People are not taking pamphlets at the magistrates... "Stuck on stupid..."
- Question by Corey C: Do you have to be here to stand for the position? Ben would like to Stanford corrections, but has a corrections commitment the same time...
 - Ed M asked if they have to be present? If they can't be here can they can stand?

- **CONSENSUS:** If someone emails Chad/District Secretary before the meeting by Tuesday, 10/2, to state that they wish to stand and can't be present, that should be fine.
- Rogers suggested a new election procedure.
 - People offer to stand a month in advance of the elections, so GSRs could take back to their home groups to discuss.
 - Chad said we can't do that this year, the *Guidelines* would have to be changed. We already moved elections from December to October and have been announcing them.
 - However, he would personally be very interested in discussing that procedure for the next election; it sounds interesting.

Anything Else?

- Corey said that SMEB needs help fulfilling its Greenbriar commitment this month.

MOTION (to close): Ed M; **SECOND:** Jeff K. **VOTE:** Unanimous Yea.

Closed with Responsibility Statement (at 7:45 pm)

NEXT MEETING: October 3, 2018

DISTRICT 14 OCTOBER 2018 MINUTES – OCTOBER 3, 2018

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Officers/Coordinators Present [9]

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

Interested Parties Present [9]

Welcome, Call to Order, & Open Meeting with Serenity Prayer (DCM) at 6:31 pm

Roll-Call (Secretary)

Reading of Tradition Six (Long Form) (Danielle K)

Minutes

- July 2018 Minutes presented for approval.
 - MOTION** (to accept September minutes): Jeff K; **SECOND**: Carol K.
VOTE: Unanimous Yea.

Pass the Basket (district 7th Tradition)

GSR Report Highlights (Events/News/Support)

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- 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; speaker at 7 pm.
 - **SAT, 11/10, Camel 2nd Anniversary Pizzapalooza**
 - Pizza at 6 pm; male and female speakers at 7.
 - **MON, 11/12, Washington Group (Cookie Church) 71st Anniversary**
 - Pizza at 6:30 pm; candlelight gratitude meeting at 7:30.
 - **FRI, 12/21, Canonsurb As Bill Sees It 3rd Annual Cookie Pageant**
 - Dinner @ 6; pageant format to follow..

Officer & Coordinator Reports

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Alt DCM

- Quick update on the Day of Sharing on October 27 at Our Lady of Grace Church School.
- John H suggested getting some newcomers in your group together in a car and go: you could meet more new people in one day than in months of meetings.

Corrections

- Need more volunteers for all corrections facilities.
 - We are allowed back into SCI Greene, the lockdown has been lifted, but still having problems getting literature in.

Grapevine (no report)

Treasurer

- See **Treasurer's Report** emailed 10/3.
 - Ending amount \$4,968.51
- Rent was late last month because he went to Cook Forest; we are all paid up now.
- Officers and Coordinators: spend your budget! We already have a surplus in the bank, and if you don't spend down your budget, we'll have a bigger one.
- John H asked if we can send it to GSO? Maybe buy Big Books for the groups? Some kind of advertising? He'll never forget a guy who couldn't find AA in town, so he walked into the radio station and asked.
 - **TO DO (Secretary): Add to November Agenda.**

- Dani M asked if we ever resolved the \$100 excess problem? Malcomb said it's worse: it's now \$100.50. Likely it was a deposit made that he never got the receipt for.
- Adding forming the Budget Committee to New Business.

Treatment

- Should we add a Bridging the Gap Coordinator to the O/C list?
 - Moved to New Business.
- She got a new BtG contact.
- Went to a Corrections Workshop in KY; good to compare what we're doing in D14 with other places.
- Greenbriar opened Facility in Waynesburg. Are we (District 14) willing to take on a 2 meeting a week commitment? We can get up to 3 people in at a time; at least 6 months sobriety; can have a meeting of their choice. What did your groups say?
 - Ben P said his group was against Waynesburg because of distance, but they will do Washington.
 - Anita said they already have 3 people signed up for Greenbriar, but didn't vote on Waynesburg.
 - Malcomb said he didn't discuss it at his home group, but a member will be an employee there. He's sure some people in Greene County will be taking some meetings im.
 - Stephannie T asked when these meetings were?
 - Dani said we need to set a time. Maybe 1 weekday evening and 1 weekend day?
 - Danielle K said her group would discuss it, but she's sure they are interested.
 - Chad I said Canonsburg OD would love to do a month, but can't do December because they're already doing GB-Washington then. They like Thursday at 7, and could try to do weekends.
 - Dani said it's a 20 minute drive from here, and she's *walked* further to get to a bar.
 - Michele H said Thursday is hard to fill before; Dani replied that was Gateway and that was because it was a daytime meeting.
 - Debbie suggested starting small, maybe 1 day a week, maybe someone could be responsible.
 - It was pointed out that someone already is responsible, and that's the Treatment Coordinator.
 - Michele H said that 8 years ago, Gateway had asked for more meetings, but the district couldn't fill the commitment, so 3-4 individuals did it.

- Chad U responded that that's the way the Washington Hospital commitment works, sort of: one group (Canonsburg ASBI) takes the majority of the meetings into 3A.
- **TO DO (Treatment):** Begin collecting a list on the individuals willing to do these commitments rather than groups.

Literature (absent)

- See **Literature Report** emailed 10/1.

Alt CPC-PI

- Linda won't be coming back as Alt, but will deliver pamphlets to Greene County if needed.

Old Business

District Elections (all)

- Dani reiterated that if no one stands for a position, the position will be unfilled until someone steps up.
- Chad U read the duties and requirements from the *District 14 Guidelines* for each position before voting.
- **DCM:** Patrick A. **VOTE: Unanimous Yea.**
- **Alt DCM:** Kaitlin H. **VOTE: Unanimous Yea.**
- **Secretary:** no one stood.
 - **Harry D** observed that if you don't have a Secretary, you don't have a district.
 - Secretary vote tabled until later.
- **Treasurer:** Shelley S. **VOTE: Unanimous Yea.**
- **Grapevine:** Dani M. **VOTE: Unanimous Yea.**
- **CPC-PI:** Steve K. **VOTE: Unanimous Yea.**
- **Treatment & Accessibilities:** Danielle K. **VOTE: Unanimous Yea.**
- **Corrections:** Ben P. **VOTE: Unanimous Yea.**
- **Literature:** Carol K, Stephanie T, Will S.
 - **VOTE: Carol 7, Stephanie 4, Will 14.**
- **Secretary:** Stephanie T. **VOTE: Unanimous Yea.**
- Harry D asked shouldn't the vote be 2/3rds majority? That's the Third Legacy Procedure.
 - Chad U pointed out that the *District 14 Guidelines* currently say "simply majority" unless Third Legacy Procedure is specifically asked for.
 - The 2/3rds majority is to represent substantial unanimity in our trusted servant selection.

- **TO DO** (Secretary): Add request to vote on a *Guidelines* change for all elections to use the Third Legacy Procedure, requiring 2/3rds majority rather than simple majority.
 - **CONSENSUS:** Add this to next Agenda.
- Alternates for Officers and Coordinators (except Alt DCM) are appointed by the Officer or Coordinator; this will be done in January 2019 for incoming O/Cs.

New Business

Budget Surplus (all)

- As noted earlier, Chad U will add to November agenda.

Bridging the Gap Committee & Coordinator (all)

- **CONSENSUS:** The outcoming and incoming Treatment, Corrections, and CPC-PI Coordinators should get together for a meeting about the BtG Committee and if they need a separate Coordinator position.
 - Dani M, Corey C; Danielle K, Ben P, Steve K.
- Kaitlin suggested seeing if the groups would commit to Bridging the Gap?
- John H asked if groups should have a group officer? What about supporting a new O/C position?
- Chad U read from the *District 14 Guidelines* regarding the BtG Committee.
 - Dani M said that the Committee has never met, but maybe they need a Coordinator.
 - Ben P said other districts have a BtG Coordinator.
 - **MOTION** (the outcoming and incoming Treatment, Corrections, and CPC-PI Coordinators should get together for a meeting in the next month about the BtG Committee and determine what they want and need, with Dani as the pro-tempore chair): Chad U; **SECOND:** Jeff H. **VOTE:** Unanimous Yea.
 - John H said he'd join the meeting.

Budget Surplus (all)

- As noted earlier, Chad U will add to November agenda.
- Kaitlin suggested we take this question back to our home groups. We have to figure out these budget commitments.
- Shelley S mentioned we need to create a budget for next year.
- Chad read the *District 14 Guidelines* for the Budget Committee.
- Malcomb suggested having a Budget Committee meeting within the next 2 weeks or after the next district meeting. Take it to the home groups to find out what we should do with the surplus, to reiterate what Kaitlin said.
- Patrick A asked what we can use it for?

- Ed M suggested that looking at everything as a blank slate will lead to paralysis. We need to give options to frame the discussion.
- Chad U said that he has an outstanding need for more printer ink; will buy and get reimbursed.
 - Also, while he is at Office Max, he will purchase a voice recorder for the Secretary position, and hand that over to the incoming Secretary to help her with doing minutes.
- Michele H asked how can you have a Budget Committee meeting to set a new budget without dealing with the current budget surplus?
 - (Someone) said that since we have a surplus, obviously last year's budget lines need to be adjusted.
 - Harry D said that yes, these are two separate issues, but the surplus especially needs to be gotten rid of. Concentrate on not what should be, but what is. The surplus needs to be used as a separate action before the end of the year. He agrees with Kaitlin to bring it back to the groups. His suggestion is that we use it to carry the message, and that means we should buy some books!
 - **TO DO (GSRs): Should we use the budget surplus to buy books to distribute in the district?**
 - Chad U mentioned that Grapevine Coordinator has asked several times in the past 2 years to get more Grapevine subscriptions available to treatment and sober living in the district.
 - Jeff H mentioned that a surplus is a good problem to have.
 - John H agreed that we should probably buy books to carry the message here. Ask your groups which ones!
 - Fred H asked how this would work? Make one big order, then divvy up the copies?
 - Malcomb said this year's surplus is \$1800, and next year will make it bigger.
 - Jeff asked if Literature could sell books at below cost?
 - **TO DO (Literature): Could Travis sell books below cost?**
 - Debbie said that girls she talks to in the houses are literature-poor. It makes sense to get books and literature into the hands of the newcomers.
 - Chad U asked again if we've put literature racks with AA pamphlets into the sober living houses? (No one answered.)

Anything Else?

- Corey said that SMEB needs help fulfilling its Greenbriar commitment this month.

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

Closed with Responsibility Statement (at 8:33 pm)

NEXT MEETING: November 7, 2018

DISTRICT 14 NOVEMBER 2018 MINUTES – NOVEMBER 7, 2018

<i>John H, DCM</i>	<i>Chad U, Secretary</i>	<i>Malcomb B, Treasurer</i>	<i>Mike C, CPC-PI</i>
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Officers/Coordinators Present [8]

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

Interested Parties Present [5]

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

Roll-Call (Secretary)

Reading of Tradition Seven (Long Form) (Jerry K)

Minutes

- October 2018 Minutes presented for approval.
 - **MOTION** (to accept October minutes): Will S; **SECOND**: Debbie E.
 - VOTE**: Unanimous Yea.

Pass the Basket (district 7th Tradition)

GSR Report Highlights (Events/News/Support)

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Officer & Coordinator Reports

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Treatment

- Went to Greenbriar-Waynesburg for open house, got information from facilitators.
 - We will be bringing a meeting in on Thursday mornings at 9:30 am.
 - Up to three people can go in, any format.
 - Needs literature and books.
- Greenbriar-Washington is filled for the rest of the year.
 - John H will take Thanksgiving.
 - First 164 willing to take two months for Greenbriar-Washington because they cannot do Greenbriar-Waynesburg
 - Home Groups starting to sign up for Greenbriar-Washington for 2019:
 - January: NEEDS A GROUP
 - February: Lit on Main
 - March: Renewal
 - April: 164
 - May: Crossroads
 - June: Made it til Noon
 - July: As Bill Sees It (Cburg)
 - August: Canonsburg Open Discussion
 - September: Early Birds
 - October: G.O.D.
 - November: NEED A GROUP
 - December: Canonsburg Open Discussion
- Had BtG meeting; will go under old business.

Treasurer

- See **Treasurer's Report** emailed 11/4.
- After we get the minutes for this meeting, indicate who the new treasurer and DCM are, in an unredacted version, so that we can have four signers on the bank account until January at First Federal of Greene County.
 - **TO DO (Chad): Full names for bank purposes; email to John H, Malcolm B, Patrick A, Shelley S.**
- Budget committee meeting tomorrow

Corrections

- Need more volunteers for all corrections facilities.
- Discussions of getting books and literature into corrections.
 - Can the paperback Big Book with stories in the back be provided to inmates?
 - **TO DO (Corey): Please check that out.**
 - Do we get a literature allocation from Central Office? Only for corrections, not for treatment.
 - Corey is planning to get additional literature at end of the year with remaining money in his budget.
 - *Box 459* states if inmate sends letter to GSO, they will get free 12&12s and Big Books, but by the time they are delivered, the inmate might be moved.
 - Good amount of literature at SCI Greene.
 - **TO DO (Literature): Look into getting more literature for Corrections next year.**

Alt DCM

- The Day of Sharing on October 27 at Our Lady of Grace Church School was great; everyone involved did a wonderful job. Very informative and helpful.

Grapevine (no report)

Literature (absent)

- See **Literature Report** emailed 11/6.
- Will S (Literature-Elect) reported that Travis is close to getting \$500 minimum for order; you're your groups' orders in now if you want/need books.
- Will S. is handling Meeting in a Pocket, and recently sold \$50 worth.
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Alt CPC-PI

- Took some literature to Greenbriar-Waynesburg.

Old Business

District Election Procedure (Chad UI)

- Chad U read the request to consider and vote on a Guidelines Change such that all future district elections use the Third Legacy Procedure (requiring 2/3rds majority rather than simple majority) from *AA Service Manual*.
 - **No one made that motion**
 - **MOTION** (to leave voting procedure as it is): Malcomb B; **SECOND:** Michele H. **VOTE: Unanimous Yea.**

Budget Surplus (all)

- Budget surplus is between \$3600 and \$4000.
 - Can we send \$900 to GSO?
 - Customarily, GSO has refused those sorts of donations from districts, preferring contributions to districts to be spent locally. GSO operates on donations from individuals and groups, not districts.
 - However, Ben P – concerned about the large surplus – contacted GSO about it, and they said a sizable donation **can** be sent from a district in these cases. They have a special budget line for it.
- **MOTION** (Spend \$4000 on Big Books): Dani M; **SECOND**: Roger S. **VOTE**: 29-1.
 - **Minority Opinion**: Ben P. That doesn't count the hundred dollars that Corey has decided to use from his budget.
 - **Any Votes Changed?** Yes, becomes 20-6.
 - Motion passes.
- What do we do with this \$4000 worth of Big Books we just resolved to buy?
 - Distribute to home groups, treatment (hospital and Greenbriar) clients, sober living house residents?
 - Michele H says that Greenbriar and sober living houses would be a Tradition Six violation implying affiliation, by lending our name (AA, District 14) to an outside facility.
 - Some agreed, some disagreed. Much discussion ensued.
 - Ben P again stated he's unsure, with any outstanding budget commitments or any that come in before January, that the surplus will be \$4000, so how can we use money we don't have to buy books?
 - Can we buy 12&12s too, with that \$4000?
 - No, we voted on that exact amount specifically for Big Books.
 - What about using it for workshops in the district?
 - No, we voted on using it all on Big Books.
 - Why would we give Big Books to home groups? If they can't afford books, they're not self-supporting by the 7th Tradition.
- **MOTION** (table how much to spend of budget surplus and what to spend it on until next month, after the Budget Committee meets): Michele H; **SECOND**: Debbie E. **VOTE**: Unanimous Yea.
 - The Budget Committee meeting is tomorrow: November 8 @ 12:00pm, at Crown Center Mall Food Court.
 - **NOTE**: We voted to spend \$4000 on a specific asset, before we knew for certain if we had that money available, and before we had an agreed-upon use for that specific asset. We then voted to not spend that money (because we don't know if we had it) and to talk about what we would

use what we are not buying now for. ***This is what happens when people get "motion-happy" and quick to vote without complete discussion.***

New Business

Bridging the Gap Committee & Coordinator (all)

- **CONSENSUS:** Tabled until next month.

ITHOR (Cecil) Move to District 11 (Chad U)

- ITHOR wishes to move to District 11 for several reasons:
 - They're closer (4 miles to Bridgeville vs 17 miles to Washington).
 - They wish to do take district service commitments: scheduling means that D11's meeting is more convenient for ITHOR GSRs than D14's; distance means more likely able to handle closer Treatment commitments.
 - They are in the Allegheny County zip code.
- Chad found out the process at the area level for this move:
 - ITHOR votes to change districts.
 - D14 votes to let them go.
 - D11 votes to let them in.
- ITHOR voted on Sunday, 11/4, to leave D14.
- **MOTION** (allow ITHOR to leave D14): Chad U; **SECOND:** Patrick A. **VOTE:** 27-1, 2 abstentions.
 - **Minority Option:** Michele H. "Just against it."
 - **Any Votes Changed?** No.
 - Motion passes.

Anything Else?

- No.

(Chair closed meeting.)

Closed with Responsibility Statement (at 8:11 pm)

NEXT MEETING: December 5, 2018

DISTRICT 14 DECEMBER 2018 MINUTES – DECEMBER 5, 2018

<i>John H, DCM</i>	<i>Chad U, Secretary</i>	<i>Malcomb B, Treasurer</i>	<i>___ CPC-PI</i>
<i>Debbie E, Alt DCM</i>	<i>Michelle M, Alt Secretary</i>	<i>___/ Alt Treasurer</i>	<i>Linda B, Alt CPC-PI</i>
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Officers/Coordinators Present [7]

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

Interested Parties Present [8]

Welcome, Call to Order, & Open Meeting with Serenity Prayer (DCM) at 6:34 pm

Roll-Call (Secretary)

Reading of Tradition Seven (Long Form) (Lynda K)

Minutes

- November 2018 Minutes presented for approval.
 - **MOTION** (to accept November minutes): Kaitlin H; **SECOND:** Bill C.
 - VOTE:** Unanimous Yea.

DCM

- Thank you and farewell speech.
- Suggested everyone read Rev. Sam Shoemaker's "I Stand At the Door."
 - Available online at:
<https://www.thejaywalker.com/pages/shoemaker.html>

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Alt DCM

- Thank you and farewell.

Literature (absent)

- See **Literature Report** emailed 12/5.
- Coordinator workbook order has been received.
 - Came out of the Bridging the Gap budget line, reported Dani M.
 - Give any extras to your Alt.

Corrections (absent)

- Report via text to Secretary:
 - Need more volunteers for all corrections facilities.
 - Large literature order for Corrections on its way.

Treasurer

- See **Treasurer's Report** emailed 12/2.

Treatment

- Greenbriar-Waynesburg successful so far.
 - Looking for someone to cover 12/27. (Anita S)
- Greenbriar-Washington
 - Needs someone to cover Saturday, 12/29. (Debbie E)
- Need coverage for January 2019... (McMurray Women's and Primary Purpose)
- **TO DO (Dani & Chad): Create new Treatment Schedule for 2019.**

Grapevine (no report)

Alt CPC-PI

- Took pamphlets to magistrates in Greene County.

- Had a little taste of Bridging the Gap – Tried to get a woman in jail into the female Oxford House in Waynesburg; she suggests waiting until the person is actually out.
- Will call Steve K, because she would still like to help out CPC-PI in Greene County.

Old Business

District Change Form (Patrick A, Stephanie T)

- Nearly completely filled-out for 2019..

Budget Committee (Malcomb B)

- Budget committee met: Malcomb B, Shelley S, Debbie E, Stephanie T, Jeff H.
- For our 2019 Budget, suggest our 2018 Budget with following changes:
 - Grapevines for Treatment: +\$200, total \$400.
 - PCAW: -\$200, total \$600.
 - Eliminate Phonebook Expense: -\$300.
- **MOTION** (2019 Budget): Malcomb B; **SECOND**: Anita S. **VOTE**: Unanimous Yea.

Bridging the Gap Committee (Dani M)

- Bridging the Gap committee met (11/5): Dani M, Corey C, Ben P, Steve K, Debbie E, Patrick A.
- Gave the history of the BtG effort.
- Looked at how other districts do BtG.
- Updated the contact list.
- Reminded that District 14 has a BtG stamp, gmail address, and phone number.
- Should there be a committee and chairperson for this?
- Should it just be Officers and Coordinators, or can anyone be on this committee?
- Would this committee need it's own Bridging the Gap Coordinator position created?
- **CONSENSUS**: We need to make up a flyer.
 - Danielle K will set-up a meeting about this and announce the date at the January district meeting; might set it for February. She'll help make the flyer.
- Lastly, there was some consternation expressed about the district mandating that the Bridging the Gap Committee meet to discuss the above questions.

Budget Surplus (all)

- **MOTION** (amend the “spend \$4000” motion from last meeting to actually be \$3500): Malcomb B; **SECOND**: Harry D.
 - Long discussion.
 - Cannot do that; cannot amend a motion after it’s been voted on without killing it entirely.
 - **UPSHOT**: We never should have voted on that motion last month, because the 2018 books were not closed.
 - No quorum to vote anyway.
 - **CONSENSUS**: Wait until 2018 Budget is closed.
- New Suggestions for spending budget surplus:
 - Donation to Pittsburgh Central Office?
 - Washington Discussion Group (Grumpy) provided a **written list** of three options.
 - Great idea! Should do that move forward.
 - However, specific ideas there have hard dollar-figures that may not match actual money on hand.
 - As incoming DCM, Patrick A will get all the general ideas in writing for the January meeting, so that they can be discussed at the groups will the ledgers are being closed.
 - When we have the group consciences on the general concepts for spending the money **and** the actual numbers in hand, Patrick will create a Budget Surplus Subcommittee of about 5-6 people, open to anyone who wants to participate.
 - This subcommittee will come up with one to three **written motions** on how to use the money, that the district can vote on.
 - **CONSENSUS**: This sounds like a workable plan, but annoyance was expressed about how long this is taking.

New Business

Day of Sharing 2018 (Chad U)

- Due to low ticket sales revenue, we will not be getting the seed money back from the DoS committee.
 - They were, however, able to pay back the seed money received from Area 60, so that’s good news.
 - Otherwise, they broke even.
- The day was a great success otherwise.
- Chad, as DoS 2019 Chair, will be contacting the new DCMs of the districts (including Patrick for D14) about a planning meeting soon.

Anything Else?

- Patrick A suggested we include people from Young People in AA (YPAA) in our district meetings somehow.
 - Maybe have them come in and talk about what YPAA is and how it interacts with general service?

(Chair closed meeting.)

Closed with Responsibility Statement (at 8:17 pm)

NEXT MEETING: January 2, 2019