District 14 June 2018 Minutes – June 6, 2018

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| *John H, DCM* | *Chad U, Secretary* | *Malcomb B, Treasurer* | *Mike C, CPC-PI* |
| *Debbie E, Alt DCM* | *Michelle M, Alt Secretary* | *Jen McM, Alt Treasurer* | *Linda B, Alt CPC-PI* |
| *Corey C, Corrections* | *Shelley S, Grapevine* | *Travis K, Literature* | *Dani M, Treatment* |
| District 14 meetings are the first WED of each month, 6:30 pm, upstairs @ *Harmony House Café*, 47 N. Main Street, Washington.***District 14 Events***available at: [**http://www.district14.info/d14events.htm**](http://www.district14.info/d14events.htm)***District 14 GSR Handbook***PDF available at: [**http://www.district14.info**](http://www.district14.info)***Send group contributions to***: *District 14 Treasurer*, 104 River Road, Rices Landing, PA 15357 |

#### Groups Represented [17]

AA Literature on Main, Afternoon Beginner’s Step Workshop, Camel Meeting, Canonsburg Daily Reflections, Crossroads Group, Hill 12 & 12, In the Heat of Recovery (ITHOR), Made It Til Noon (MITN), McMurray Women’s As Bill Sees It, Prosperity Group, Renewal Group, State Line Group, Sunday Morning Early Birds (SMEB), Thank God I’m Sober (TGIS), Thursday Night Trudgers (TNT), Washington Discussion, Wednesday Night Daily Reflections

#### Officers/Coordinators Present [7]

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

#### Interested Parties Present [4]

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

### Roll-Call (Secretary)

### Reading of *Tradition Two (Long Form)* (Matt M)

### Minutes

* April 2018 Minutes presented for approval.
	+ ***MOTION*** *(to accept May minutes): Matt M; SECOND: Bill C.* ***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; speaker at 7 pm.
	+ **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.
		- 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. Flyer to follow.
	+ **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?**
		- 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

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

#### Treasurer

* See ***Treasurer’s Report*** sent 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**