

Summary Report - Meeting Highlights

This report provides an overview of the key points and discussions from the recent meeting. The meeting touched upon various topics.

- **Late Distribution of Agenda and Minutes:**
The meeting began with concerns regarding the late distribution of the agenda and minutes. The Secretary requested that all officers provide her in writing or via text with their reports.
- **Budget Allocation and Spending:**
 - Questions were raised about how to utilize the remaining budget. Emphasis was placed on the need for corrections and treatment coordinators to develop plans for spending allocated funds. Drew, who recently took over the Treatment Coordinators position, indicated that the Treatment budget has been allocated by previous Coordinator. He will provide info at next meeting.
 - As of month 10 out of 12, a significant portion of the allocated funds remained unspent. While there is no obligation to spend the entire budget, members voiced their belief in the importance of using these funds to help individuals struggling with alcoholism.
 - The concern arose from a pattern observed over the past three years, where the district had a tradition of not fully utilizing the budget allocated for corrections and treatment services. These two areas were highlighted as critical due to their direct impact on the recovery of alcoholics.
- **Corrections and Treatment Committees**
 - Members noted that the challenge extended to the committees responsible for corrections and treatment. There has been issues with continuity and participation in these committees. These issues are partly do to changes in officers in this area.
- **Potential Solutions**
 - Members recognized the importance of making a change in this regard. To address these issues, the following solutions were suggested:
 - A suggestion for district as well individual group members step up and assist the Corrections and Treatment Committees by providing more continuity and dedication to these service roles.

- Investigating the facility's role in the distribution and availability of literature and materials in correctional facilities.
- Suggestions were made to provide Big Book-based meetings within jails to better support incarcerated individuals. Mike will be going to Waynesburg during Oct. He will see if he can find where existing Big Books might be stored. Adam to contact Bonnie to about plans for spending the Corrections budget for literature.
- **Corrections**
- It was agreed to include an agenda item for the next meeting where the Corrections and Treatment Committees will present their respective plans for utilizing allocated funds. This will ensure greater transparency and accountability in addressing these concerns.
- **Treatment**
- Members discussed opportunities for individuals to be speakers at Treatment Center meetings. It was suggested that multiple people could take on this role and that there is no strict format for speaking. Members were encouraged to consider volunteering to speak at Treatment Center meetings to share their experience, strength, and hope. GSR's were also encouraged to poll individual meetings for speakers.
- It was emphasized that there are no strict guidelines for being a speaker. They just need to share their experience, strength, and hope.
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- **Community Public Relations (CPC)**
- Additionally, it was noted that the Area Committee has planned a discussion via Zoom on how to address questions related to digital literature when speaking to public organizations. It is important to be prepared for inquiries that may arise in the future.
- **Treasurer's Report**
- Harry presented an overview of the group's finances. Balance of \$2,043.
- One of topics discussed was the district's budget and planning for the upcoming year. Members emphasized the importance of knowing where the budget comes from. This discussion aimed to address issues that had been raised a couple of months ago, such as determining the sources of the district's budget and ensuring that the information is accessible to all members.

Lastly, the Treasurer acknowledged a delay in processing paperwork and requested support from the members to address this issue.

- **Speaker Jam Updates**

- The district meeting also featured updates regarding an upcoming speaker jam. The event is scheduled for November 11th and is expected to take place at Center Presbyterian Church 255 Center Church Rd., McMurray, PA15317. Members expressed their eagerness to participate and support the event. A few details about the speaker jam were shared, including plans for appetizers, entrees, and desserts. Attendees were encouraged to bring their friends and support this event.

- **Online Flyer for the Speaker Jam**

- Members inquired about the availability of an online flyer for the upcoming speaker jam. It was confirmed that a flyer for the event exists and can be accessed online for anyone interested in promoting the event or seeking additional information.

- **Continuity in Service Commitments**

- Members discussed the need for officers and coordinators to ensure that their roles are covered in the event of their absence. The focus was on job information and reports that are typically provided during meetings. appoint alternates or ensure that someone else is aware of their responsibilities, allowing for a smooth transition when they cannot attend a meeting. The goal is to avoid any disruptions in the flow of information or service commitments within the district.

- **Monthly Traditions and Concepts**

- During the meeting, it was proposed that a tradition or concept of the month be discussed and shared by GSRs during their home group meetings. This idea was inspired by the effectiveness of the Cookie Group in discussing monthly traditions and concepts. It was seen as a valuable way to promote understanding and discussions about the traditions and concepts of AA.

- **Reminders**

- Group was reminded of upcoming Area Fall Assembly on Oct. 15
- The meeting concluded with a reminder of the next district meeting, where officers and coordinators are encouraged to provide reports, or in their absence, ensure someone else is informed about their responsibilities.

- **Upcoming District Meeting**
- Members were reminded of the importance of the upcoming district meeting. Officers and coordinators were encouraged to ensure that their reports are submitted or delegated if they are unable to attend the meeting.
- **Closing Statement:**

The district meeting adjourned with a sense of shared responsibility and commitment to ensure that the district's work is carried out efficiently.

Respectfully Submitted

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