

**District 25 Meeting Minutes – Panel 73
September 3, 2024**

Diane M. (D25 – DCM); **Chris B.** (GSR – Good News Group/D25 – Secretary); **Kat L.** (D25 – Treasurer); **Lenny T** (D25 – Webservant); **Charles W.** (GSR – Vernon Park); **Josh L.** (GSR – Manayunk Big Book); **Jackie C.** (GSR – Steps 3, 7, and 11: A Spiritual Journey {*Virtual*}); **Wanda H.** (GSR – Briar Road Strep); **John S.** (GSR – Saturday Night Step); **Braden A.** (GSR – East Falls Big Book); **Torey S.** (AGSR – Good News Group); **Loretta M.** (GSR – Top of the Hill); **Rick F.** (GSR – Sunshine); **Karen S.** (GSR – Day By Day); **Ed H.** (GSR – Chestnut Hill Local); **Douglas R.** (Visitor); **Greg B.** (GSR – Now Here This); **Audley W.** (GSR – West Oak Lane); **Carine S.** (Visitor); **Kristen K.** (GSR – Chestnut Hill Big Book); **Ellesurze O.** (GSR – Osceola); **Rita B.** (Visitor); **Que M.** (Visitor); **Sophia B.** [GSR – Steps Sisters (Chestnut Hill)]

1 – DCM; 1 – Secretary; 1 – Treasurer; 1 – Webservant; 15 – GSRs; 1 – AGSRs; 3 – Visitors

1. Meeting opened at 7:10 PM by **Diane M.** (D25 – DCM) with the Serenity Prayer, GSR Preamble, and the “I AM RESPONSIBLE” Pledge.
2. **Kat L.** (D25 – Treasurer) read a portion of the section entitled *A.A.’s Third Legacy of Service of The A.A. Service Manual Combined with the Twelve Concepts of World Service.*
3. **Roll Call**
 - a. **Diane M.** (D25 – DCM) ⇒ Present.
 - b. **Chris B.** (GSR – Good News Group/D25 – Secretary) ⇒ One Group Issue: Attendance at Meetings continues to be an issue as many of the group’s scheduled meetings continue to be suspended. Two Announcements: (1) New Noon Meeting on Wednesdays (Literature); (2) New 6:00 PM Meeting on Sundays (Came to Believe).
 - c. **Lenny T** (D25 – Webservant) ⇒ Present.
 - d. **Charles W.** (GSR – Vernon Park) ⇒ No Group Issues.
 - e. **Josh L.** (GSR – Manayunk Big Book) ⇒ No Group Issues.
 - f. **Jackie C.** (GSR – Steps 3, 7, and 11: A Spiritual Journey {*Virtual*}) ⇒ No Group Issues.
 - g. **Wanda H.** (GSR – Briar Road Strep) ⇒ One Group Issue: Meeting needs support.
 - h. **John S.** (GSR – Saturday Night Step) ⇒ No Group Issues.
 - i. **Braden A.** (GSR – East Falls Big Book) ⇒ No Group Issues. One Announcement: Anniversary Meeting, 11/24/2024.

- j. **Torey S.** (AGSR – Good News Group) ⇒ Present.
 - k. **Loretta M.** (GSR – Top of the Hill) ⇒ No Group Issues. One Announcement: Anniversary Meeting, 10/26/2024.
 - l. **Rick F.** (GSR – Sunshine) ⇒ No Group Issues.
 - m. **Karen S.** (GSR – Day By Day) ⇒ No Group Issues. One Announcement: Anniversary Meeting, 10/10/2024.
 - n. **Ed H.** (GSR – Chestnut Hill Local) ⇒ No Group Issues.
 - o. **Douglas R.** (Visitor) ⇒ Present.
 - p. **Greg B.** (GSR – Now Here This) ⇒ One Group Issue: Meeting needs support.
 - q. **Audley W.** (GSR – West Oak Lane) ⇒ No Group Issues. One Announcement: Old Timers Panel, 09/25/2024.
 - r. **Carine S.** (Visitor) ⇒ Present.
 - s. **Kristen K.** (GSR – Chestnut Hill Big Book)
 - t. **Ellesurze O.** (GSR – Osceola) ⇒ No Group Issues.
 - u. **Rita B.** (Visitor) ⇒ Present.
 - v. **Que M.** (Visitor) ⇒ Present.
 - w. **Sophia B.** (GSR – Steps Sisters (Chestnut Hill)) ⇒ No Group Issues.
4. The *Minutes from the August 2024 District Meeting* were presented by **Chris B.** (D25 – Secretary).
- a. **Wanda H.** (GSR – Briar Road Step) motion was made to approve the Minutes as read.
 - i. **Loretta M.** (GSR – Top of the Hill) seconded the motion.
 - ii. The motion passed unanimously.
5. **Lenny T.** (D25 – Webservant) gave the monthly *Webservant’s Report*.
- a. See Attachment.
 - b. **Braden A.** (GSR – East Falls Big Book) made a motion was made to approve the Report as read.
 - i. **John S.** (GSR – Saturday Night Step) seconded the motion.
 - ii. The motion passed unanimously.

6. **Lenny T.** (D25 – Webservant) gave the monthly *Structure Committee Report*.
 - a. See Attachment.
 - b. The title of this report will be *Structure Manual Report* going forward.
 - c. A copy of the current District 25 Structure Manual can be downloaded from www.district25aa.org.
7. **Kat L.** (D25 – Treasurer) presented the monthly *Treasurer’s Report*.
 - a. D25 Available Balance minus all set aside amounts (prudent reserve, etc.) is **\$1,983.50**.
 - b. **John S.** (GSR – Saturday Night Step) made a motion was made to approve the Report as read.
 - i. **Wanda H.** (GSR – Briar Road Step) seconded the motion.
 - ii. The motion passed unanimously.
8. **Diane M.** (D25 – DCM) gave the monthly *DCM Report*.
 - a. Visited the following Groups:
 - i. Nomads
 - b. Future Events
 - i. 09/08/2024 Area 59 4th Quarterly Meeting, **707 Neshaminy Mall, Bensalem, PA 19020.**

(1) GSR’s/AGSR’s are encouraged to attend, if possible.
 - ii. 11/08/2024 to 11/10/2024 67th Annual Eastern Pennsylvania General Service Assembly, **Wyndham Lancaster Resort & Conference Center, 2300 East Lincoln Highway, Lancaster, PA 17602.**
9. Old Business
 - a. ADCM position continues to be vacant.
 - i. The ADCM assists the DCM at Area Meetings along with attending the Monthly Grapevine Meetings and leading the planning of District workshops.
 - b. A discussion was held regarding the issue of “What do we do about the eligibility requirements to stand for District Committee (Webservant, etc.) positions in the future?”
 - i. A suggestion was made for GSRs to take the question back to the homegroups and report back to the District at the next District Meeting in September.

c. Visitation Committee Updatesi. **Braden A.** (GSR – East Falls Big Book) gave an update.

(1) Still need additional volunteers to serve on the Committee.

(a) **Kat L.** (D25 – Treasurer), **Braden A.** (GSR – East Falls Big Book), and **Chris B.** (GSR – Good News Group/D25 – Secretary) are current members.(b) **Loretta L.** (GSR – Top of the Hill) had also volunteered but stated that she was unable to continue.(2) **Chris B.** (GSR – Good News Group/D25 – Secretary) said that he had visited the *Miracle on Pechin Street* Meeting/Group that meets every **Wednesday at 8:00 PM**. The location of the meeting is the **Salvation Army, 4555 Pechin Street, Philadelphia, PA 19128**.

(a) This is a new meeting/group, and we need to get it registered.

(3) A motion was previously passed to table the *Visitation Committee* Report indefinitely.10. New Businessa. Visitation Committee Updatesi. **Braden A.** (GSR – East Falls Big Book) gave an update.

(1) He had obtained a list of current groups from district 25.

(a) Went through the list and asked if anyone had attended any of the meetings on the list.

(i) Those in attendance gave feedback.

b. **Lenny T.** (D25 – Webservant) made a request to allocate an amount of **\$120.00** to make an additional 25 copies of the current District 25 Structure Manual.i. **John S.** (GSR – Saturday Night Step) proposed an amendment to the request to only make 10 additional copies instead of 25 as initially requested.

ii. Further discussion was tabled to the meeting in October.

11. *Tradition Nine* from the Twelve Traditions Illustrated Pamphlet was not read due to time constraints.12. *Concept Nine* from the Twelve Concepts Illustrated Pamphlet was not read due to time constraints.

13. *Chapter Nine: The General Service Board's Operating Corporations* from The A.A. Service Manual Combined with the Twelve Concepts of World Service was not read due to time constraints.
14. The meeting was closed at 9:08 PM with the Serenity Prayer.
15. The next District 25 Meeting will take place both in-person; at the **Unitarian Society of Germantown – 6511 Lincoln Drive (enter parking lot off of Johnson Street), Philadelphia, PA**; and online via the **ZOOM Platform (Meeting ID: 711 925 4298, Passcode: 998248)** on **Tuesday, October 1, 2024**; at **7:00 PM**.

Prepared and Presented by **Chris B.**, District 25 Secretary.

Who will be the next web servant?

I have had the privilege of serving as the District 25 Web Servant for nearly five years. On August 6, 2024, we decided to have the GSRs consult their home groups regarding my potential continuation for another two-year term. We seek feedback on the following:

1. Is there strong support for adhering to the principle of rotation?
2. Do the skills required for this position justify an exception to the usual rotation practice?

The election is scheduled for November 5, 2024. If I choose not to stand for the position and no other eligible candidate steps forward, we need feedback on the following additional question:

- Should we modify the eligibility criteria to allow alternate GSRs to stand for the Web Servant position if no one else is available?

Each GSR is requested to present these questions to their groups and bring the feedback, along with any additional questions, to the district meeting on September 3, 2024.

Depending on the feedback from groups and the decision of this group we may want to make a motion like the following:

In the event no eligible person stands for the district 25 web servant position, we will open the position to any alternate GSR present at the 2024 election meeting.

Website Address and Pages

Please take some time to look at the content on the website at: District25AA.org

Just because I may know about an event, doesn't mean it goes on the website. It is the responsibility of the GSR/Officer or member to request their information be posted to the web site. If your Group wants to add their information about virtual meetings and/or any other AA related event/announcement please do so with the [Bulletin Board Request form](#). The link for this is near the bottom of the Bulletin Board Page.

District Officers Email Accounts

Each District 25 elected officer has an email, separate from their personal emails.

1. Diane M., DC dcm@district25aa.org,
2. VACANT 2/7/2024., ADCM adcm@district25aa.org,
3. Chris B., Secretary secretary@district25aa.org,
4. Kat L., Treasurer treasurer@district25aa.org, and
5. Lenny, Web Servant webservant@district25aa.org

There is one additional email that GSR's and others can use to contact all officers with this single email: DistrictCommittee@district25aa.org. If you send an email to this address it will be sent to all five listed above. We also have a group email list for the current officers, GSR's and AGR's that you can use when you want to send something everyone. CurrentPanelD25@NETORG8042715.onmicrosoft.com. I suggest you save this to your email address book for future use.

Thank you for allowing me to serve as District 25 Web Servant. I think it is a realistic goal that each GSR and District 25 officer memorizes the website address (District25AA.org). I hope you will agree and attempt to do so. I suggest you repeat it often during your next and every business meeting. You can use any computer, phone, tablet, etc. to view it. We have useful information on the site and want people to use it. Let it begin with you..

Please call me at (215)849-5119 (home) or (215)929-6629 (cell) or by email webservant@district25aa.org to tell me what you like, don't like or just to discuss the website or other items of concern I may be able to help with.

Lenny T. - Web Servant, District 25

I changed the report name from Structure Committee report to Structure Manual report because the committee is no longer meeting. The committee completed their task when the district approved the Structure Manual in April 2024. The last two reports focused on the district officers. This report will be on the election process to be used November 2024. This may be the final report for this year.

Printing the Structure Manual

Everyone should have an electronic copy of the district 25 structure manual. I have had multiple requests for hard copies and believe it is a good idea to have some available for the next panel starting January 2025. During new business I would like to discuss this and if people are in agreement, we can decide to make 20-30 copies. In April 2024 I went to Staples and made 25 copies (20 pages each) for a price of \$115.00. Thank you for your consideration.

What follows are excerpts from the District 25 Structure Manual. There are more details in the completed manual. [Click this link for the complete manual.](#)

Officer Eligibility, Nomination and Election

Nominations for all District officer positions should begin no later than September and will end at November's monthly District Meeting when the elections take place. The current DCM will select an external person to run the election process from the Area 59 Officers, Past Delegates or Current or past DCM's. Election for District Officers is held in November of even numbered years, prior to the Eastern Pennsylvania Area 59 Annual Assembly Convention. Newly elected officers assume office for their two-year term beginning in January. Note: Both old and new Area Panel members attend the December Area Quarterly Meeting: the district has usually followed this lead at the December District Meeting.

Eligibility to Stand

The following are eligible to stand for District office, if willing:

1. All District Officers, except the current DCM
2. All current GSRs

Eligibility to Vote

The following are eligible to vote for District Officer positions:

1. All current District Officers including the DCM
2. All current GSRs
3. In the absence of a Group's GSR, the AGSR or someone designated by the group may vote in their GSR's place. Voting by proxy is not allowed.
4. All GSRs and Officers have one (1) equal vote per person, regardless of the number of positions held. AGSRs cannot vote if the GSR is present.

Election Procedure

All District Officers are elected by written ballot as directed in the Third Legacy Procedure of the A.A. Service Manual. If only one candidate is standing the election official may opt out of written ballots. The

election official is an external person to run the election process from the Area 59 Officers, Past Delegates or Current or past DCM's. The current DCM is responsible to obtain the election official. A person may stand for, but not be elected to, more than one office.

Voting is conducted in the following order:

1. DCM (require 2/3 majority)
2. ADCM (require 2/3 majority)
3. Treasurer (require 2/3 majority)
4. Secretary (require 2/3 majority)
5. Web Servant (require 2/3 majority)

Using the above order the election official will use the election process below for each position.

Election Process

All persons present and eligible will be asked if they are willing to serve/stand. Each person will reply with "I accept" or "I decline". The names of those who accept will be written down. Each person eligible to vote will submit a written ballot, one choice per ballot. The first candidate to receive two-thirds of the total vote is elected. For more details see the A.A. Service Manual under "Third Legacy Procedure."

Who Wants to Attend the 4th Quarterly Area Meeting?

Each officer is asked to attend at least one Area 59 Quarterly Business meeting. The September 8, 2024 meeting is relatively close to us. **Does anyone want to plan on attending?**

Sunday Sep 8, 2024 4th Quarterly Area Meeting 2024, Doors open 8 AM, meeting starts at 11 AM.
Neshaminy Mall, 707 Neshaminy Mall, Bensalem, PA 19020 in District 68

Submitted by Lenny. T., Web Servant and was the Chair of District 25 Structure Committee