District 25 Meeting Minutes – Panel 73 December 5, 2023

Diane M. (D25 – DCM); Leroy L. (D25 – ADCM); 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); Loretta L. (GSR – Top of the Hill); Lee B. (GSR – Steps 3, 7, and 11 {Virtual}); Celeste W. (GSR – Wister {Virtual}); Karen S (GSR – Day by Day); Douglas R. (AGSR – Briar Road Strep); Wanda S. (GSR – Briar Road Strep) 1 – DCM; 1 – ADCM; 1 – Treasurer, 1 – Webservant; 8 – GSRs; 1 – AGSR

- 1. Meeting opened at 7:00 PM by **Diane M.** (D25 DCM) with the Serenity Prayer, GSR Preamble, and the "I AM RESPONSIBLE" Pledge.
- 2. A portion of the section "A.A.'s Third Legacy of Service" of <u>The A.A. Service Manual Combined with the Twelve Concepts of World Service</u> was read.
- 3. Roll Call
 - a. **Diane M.** (D25 DCM) \Rightarrow Present
 - b. Leroy L. (D25 ADCM) \Rightarrow Present
 - c. 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.

 One Announcement: New Noon Meeting on Wednesdays (Literature)
 - d. Kat L. (D25 Treasurer) \Rightarrow Present
 - e. **Lenny T.** (D25 Webservant) \Rightarrow Present
 - f. Charles W. (GSR Vernon Park) \Rightarrow No Group Issues
 - g. **Josh L.** (GSR Manayunk Big Book) \Rightarrow No Group Issues
 - h. **Loretta L.** (GSR Top of the Hill) \Rightarrow No Group Issues
 - i. Lee B. (GSR Steps 3, 7, and 11 $\{Virtual\}$) \Rightarrow No Group Issues
 - j. **Celeste W.** (GSR Wister $\{Virtual\}$) \Rightarrow No Group Issues
 - k. **Karen S** (GSR Day by Day) \Rightarrow No Group Issues

- I. **Douglas R.** (AGSR Briar Road Strep) \Rightarrow Present
- m. Wanda S. (GSR Briar Road Strep) ⇒ No Group Issues
- 4. Tradition Twelve from the Twelve Traditions Illustrated Pamphlet was read and briefly discussed.
 - a. Anonymity is the spiritual foundation of all our traditions.
- 5. Concept Twelve from the Twelve Concepts Illustrated Pamphlet was read and briefly discussed.
 - a. The AA Members' Bill of Rights
 - b. Warranties can only be changed with written approval of 2/3 of all groups throughout the world who respond.
- 6. Chapter 12: A.A. Grapevine, Inc. from <u>The A.A. Service Manual Combined with the Twelve Concepts of World Service</u> was not read due to time constraints.
- 7. The Minutes from the November 2023 District Meeting were presented by **Chris B.** (D25 Secretary).
 - a. **Wanda S.** (GSR Briar Road Step) made a motion to approve the Minutes with one correction.
 - i. **Loretta L.** (GSR Top of the Hill) seconded the motion.
 - ii. The motion passed unanimously.
- 8. **Lenny T.** (D25 Webservant) gave the monthly *Webservant's Report*.
 - a. The website address is www.district25aa.org.
 - b. Please take some time to review the content of the website including the district calendar page.
 - c. Links to all documents contained in a GSR Kit are located on the "LINKS" Page.
 - d. There will be a request for reimbursement for \$215.84 to cover expenses related to renewals for webhosting, etc. that are due in December of 2023.
- 9. **Leroy L.** (D25 ADCM) gave the monthly *ADCM Report*.
 - a. Attended EPGSA in Lancaster on November 10-12, 2023.
 - b. Attended November 9th Grapevine Committee meeting.
 - i. Grapevine magazine is still having problems with delivery.
 - ii. Suggested that the visitation committee could inquire about Groups having GVRs again, and that suggestion was accepted.

- 10. **Leroy L.** (D25 ADCM) gave the *Visitation Committee Report*.
 - a. A virtual visitation committee meeting was held on November 15th at 7:30 p.m.
 - i. Committee members are Lee B, Kat L, Karen S, Sharyn F, and Leroy L.
 - ii. The committee is continuing to review the available information from Area 59, SEPIA, and our district to determine the current information about the groups in our district, meeting types, meeting times, meeting locations, etc.
 - iii. The committee is continuing to contact various groups to confirm or update current information. While doing so, we will also solicit GSR and AGSR district participation and inquire about GVR participation in the grapevine committee.
 - iv. The committee is still seeking District approval for the "Visitation Invitation."
- 11. **Lenny T.** (D25 Webservant) gave the *Structure Committee Report*.
 - a. A DRAFT copy of the proposed District 25 Structure Manual was previously submitted for review by the District GSRs.
 - i. No feedback has been provided as of the December 2023 meeting.
 - ii. Please submit any feedback no later than January 25, 2024.
- 12. **Diane M.** (D25 DCM) gave the monthly *DCM Report*.
 - a. Visited the East Falls Big Book and Midvale Miracles Groups.
 - b. DCM attended the following events:
 - i. 11/19/2023 Sunshine Group 44th Anniversary St. Luke Episcopal Church, 5421 Germantown Ave., St. Barnabis Hall, 3:00 PM.
 - ii. 12/10/2023 1st Quarterly Area Meeting, 2985 East Prospect Road, York, PA 17402.
 - c. <u>Future Events</u>
 - i. 1/6/2024 DCM Workshop "Burnout," 479 Stoney Brook Drive, Levittown, PA.
 - ii. 2/23-25/2024 NERAASA (Northeast Regional AA Service Assembly), Hershey, PA (Hosted by Area 59).

- d. Stories are being solicited for the Update to the Pamphlet <u>Do You Think You're Different?</u>
 - i. The deadline for submissions is **April 30, 2024**.
 - (1) Submit your story to the following link:
 - (a) https://app.smartsheet.com/b/form/5a77c27d179d4856b32eed86b01e3429
 - (2) Additional ways of sending your story
 - (a) Send an E-Mail to pampletstories@aa.org
 - (i) Subject Line: "Do You Think You're Different?"
- e. Please review the list of proposed Agenda Items for the 2024 General Service Conference.

13. Old Business

- a. A motion was made by **Loretta L.** (GSR Top of the Hill) to reimburse **Lenny T.** (D25 Webservant) a total of \$60.00 for copies.
 - i. **Janet M.** (GSR Conscious Contact) seconded the motion.
 - ii. The motion passed unanimously.
- b. The question of whether District 25 Meetings would continue in a hybrid (both in-person and online) format was brought up during the previous meeting in November.
 - i. A motion was made by **Loretta L**. (GSR Top of the Hill) to continue to hold District meetings in a hybrid format.
 - (1) **Chris B.** (GSR Good News Group/D25 Secretary) seconded the motion.
 - (2) The motion passed unanimously.

14. New Business

- a. **Diane M.** (D25 DCM) submitted a request for reimbursement for attendance at NERAASA 2024 in Hershey, PA.
- b. **Diane M.** (D25 DCM) urges groups to make contributions to the General Service Office (GSO). GSO is down about \$1,000,000.00 in revenue due to members/groups not buying hard copies of AA Literature, therefore, when you need new literature; please purchase it directly from GSO and not Amazon.
- c. District 25 has been selected to host the next pre-conference sharing session.

- d. A brief discussion of the proposed Agenda Items was held with more discussion to be held later.
- 15. The meeting was closed at 9:05 PM with the Serenity Prayer.
- 16. 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 (ZOOM Credentials TBD)** on **Tuesday, January 2, 2023,** at **7:00 PM**.

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