

District 25 Meeting Minutes – Panel 73
November 14, 2023 (Corrected)

Diane M. (D25 – DCM); **Leroy L.** (D25 – ADCM); **Chris B.** (GSR – Good News Group/D25 – Secretary); **Lenny T.** (D25 – Webservant); **Tara C.** (Area 59 – Treasurer {*Guest*}); **Charles W.** (GSR – Vernon Park); **Rick F.** (GSR – Sunshine); **Janet M.** (GSR – Conscious Contact); **Kristen K.** (GSR – Chestnut Hill Big Book); **Josh L.** (GSR – Manayunk Big Book); **Ellesu** (GSR – Osceola); **Loretta L.** (GSR – Top of the Hill); **Lee B.** (GSR – Steps 3, 7, and 11 {*Virtual*}); **Celeste W.** (GSR – Wister {*Virtual*}); **Ed. H.** (GSR – Chestnut Hill Local)
1 – DCM; 1 – ADCM; 1 – Webservant; 1 – Area Officer; 11 – GSRs

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 The A.A. Service Manual Combined with the Twelve Concepts of World Service was read by **Celeste W.** (GSR – Wister {*Virtual*}).
3. **Roll Call**
 - a. **Diane M.** (D25 – DCM) ⇒ Present
 - b. **Leroy L.** (D25 – ADCM) ⇒ 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.
 - d. **Lenny T.** (D25 – Webservant) ⇒ Present
 - e. **Tara C.** (Area 59 – Treasurer {*Guest*}) ⇒ Present
 - f. **Charles W.** (GSR – Vernon Park) ⇒ No Group Issues
 - g. **Rick F.** (GSR – Sunshine) ⇒ No Group Issues (Announcements: (1) 44th Group Anniversary 11/19/2023 @ 3:00 PM; (2) Long time Group Member **Fay D.** passed away on 11/12/2023)
 - h. **Janet M.** (GSR – Conscious Contact) ⇒ No Group Issues
 - i. **Kristen K.** (GSR – Chestnut Hill Big Book) ⇒ No Group Issues
 - j. **Josh L.** (GSR – Manayunk Big Book) ⇒ No Group Issues
 - k. **Ellesu** (GSR – Osceola) ⇒ No Group Issues
 - l. **Loretta L.** (GSR – Top of the Hill) ⇒ No Group Issues

- m. **Lee B.** (GSR – Steps 3, 7, and 11 {*Virtual*}) ⇒ No Group Issues
 - n. **Celeste W.** (GSR – Wister {*Virtual*}) ⇒ No Group Issues
 - o. **Ed. H.** (GSR – Chestnut Hill Local) ⇒ No Group Issues
4. *Tradition Eleven* from the Twelve Traditions Illustrated Pamphlet was read and briefly discussed.
5. *Concept Eleven* from the Twelve Concepts Illustrated Pamphlet was read.
- a. **Tara C.** (Area 59 – Treasurer {*Guest*}) briefly shared her experience, strength, and hope as it pertains to Concept 11.
 - i. Highlight: General Service Board is made up of 21 Trustees (7 – Class A {Non-Alcoholic} and 14 – Class B {Alcoholic})
6. **Tara C.** (Area 59 – Treasurer {*Guest*}) also briefly shared about her current position as Treasurer for Area 59.
- a. Advises the Finance Subcommittee and the Grapevine/La Viña Subcommittee.
 - b. Manages all area bank accounts (Operating/Checking; Savings/Prudent Reserve).
 - c. Processes Reimbursements.
 - d. Processes Grapevine/La Viña Orders for Area Events.
7. *Chapter 11: A.A. World Services, Inc.* from The A.A. Service Manual Combined with the Twelve Concepts of World Service was read and briefly discussed.
8. The *Minutes from the October 2023 District Meeting* were presented by **Chris B.** (D25 – Secretary).
- a. **Celeste W.** (GSR – Wister {*Virtual*}) made a motion to approve the Minutes as read.
 - i. **Loretta L.** (GSR – Top of the Hill) seconded the motion.
 - ii. The motion passed unanimously.
9. **Lenny T.** (D25 – Webservant) gave the monthly *Webservant's Report*.
- a. The website address is www.district25aa.org.
 - b. Links to all documents contained in a GSR Kit are located on the “LINKS” Page.
 - c. The website also includes a link to the Area 59 “WE” Newsletter.

- 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.
10. **Leroy L.** (D25 – ADCM) gave the monthly *ADCM Report*.
- a. Attended October 12th 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.
 - b. Attended the Top of the Hill's anniversary celebration on November 4th. Our DCM was one of the guest speakers. It was well attended and lively, with plenty of food and hugs.
11. **Leroy L.** (D25 – ADCM) gave the *Visitation Committee Report*.
- a. A virtual visitation committee meeting will be held on November 15th at 7:30 p.m.
 - i. Committee members are Lee B, Kate L, Karen S, Sharyn F, and Leroy L.
 - ii. The committee is reviewing 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. While reviewing, we will contact the 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. We are also seeking District approval for the "Visitation Invitation."
 - v. And we could use some help. Does anyone want to volunteer?
12. **Lenny T.** (D25 – Webservant) gave the *Structure Committee Report*.
- a. A DRAFT copy of the proposed District 25 Structure Manual was submitted for review by the District GSRs.
 - i. The deadline for feedback is **January 25, 2024**.
13. **Diane M.** (D25 – DCM) gave the monthly *DCM Report*.
- a. DCM attended the following events:
 - i. 10/14/2023 Area 59 Inventory 1300 Hilltop Rd., Leesport, PA.
 - ii. 10/19/2023 PI Sub-Committee Inventory Meeting (Virtual).

- iii. 11/04/2023 Top of The Hill Anniversary, Church of St. Martin in the Fields.
- iv. 11/10-12/2023 66th EPGSA, Wyndham Lancaster Resort & Convention Center, 2300 Lincoln Highway Hwy E., Lancaster, PA 17602
- v. 11/08/2023 Prepare for District Meeting
- vi. 11/13/2023 Staples for copy handouts

b. Future Events

- i. 11/19/2023 Sunshine Group 44th Anniversary St. Luke Episcopal Church, 5421 Germantown Ave., St. Barnabas Hall, 3:00 PM.
- ii. 12/10/2023 1st Quarterly Area Meeting, 2985 East Prospect Road, York, PA 17402.
- iii. 2/23-25/2024 NERAASA (Northeast Regional AA Service Assembly), Hershey, PA (Hosted by Area 59).

c. Stories are being solicited for the Update to the Pamphlet Do You Think You're Different?

- 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 pamphletstories@aa.org

(i) Subject Line: "Do You Think You're Different?"

d. The latest quarterly newsletter from GSO is out.

i. https://www.aa.org/sites/default/files/newsletters/F-14_Qtrly_September_2023_ONLINE.pdf

e. Please review the list of proposed Agenda Items for the 2024 General Service Conference.

14. Old Business

a. **Lenny T.** (D25 – Webservant) brought up the \$215.84 plus tax that is due in December of 2023 for renewals related to the District 25 Website (i.e., Webhosting, etc.).

b. An update was given on the status of resuming the placement of A.A. literature at City Health Center No. 9 on Cheltenham Avenue.

- c. **Diane M.** (D25 – DCM) announced that the next District Meeting would be held on November 14, 2023 (the second Tuesday) due to November 7, 2023 (the first Tuesday) being Election Day. This change was requested by the Staff of the Unitarian Society of Germantown since the meeting room serves as a polling place.

15. New 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 meeting. The discussion was postponed to the next meeting in December.

16. The meeting was closed at 9:19 PM with the Serenity Prayer.

17. 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, December 5, 2023, at 7:00 PM.**

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