

**District 25 Meeting Minutes – Panel 73**  
**February 6, 2024**

**Diane M.** (D25 – DCM); **Chris B.** (GSR – Good News Group/D25 – Secretary); **Lenny T.** (D25 – Webservant); **Charles W.** (GSR – Vernon Park); **Josh L.** (GSR – Manayunk Big Book); **Jackie** (GSR – Steps 3, 7, and 11: A Spiritual Journey {*Virtual*}); **Celeste W.** (GSR – Wister {*Virtual*}); **Karen S** (GSR – Day by Day); **Wanda S.** (GSR – Briar Road Strep); **Janet M** (GSR – Conscious Contact); **Ed H.** (GSR – Chestnut Hill Local); **Rick F.** (GSR – Sunshine); **John S.** (GSR – Saturday Night Step); **John St.** (GSR – Mt. Airy Beginners); **Braden** (GSR – East Falls Big Book); **Audley** (GSR – West Oak Lane); **Ellesu** (GSR – Osceola); **Chrissie** (AGSR – Osceola); **Torrey** (AGSR – Good News Group); **Dan B.** (Secretary – Area 59 {Visitor}); **Ted C.** (DCM – District 27 {Visitor})

**1 – DCM; 1 – Webservant; 15 – GSRs; 2 – AGSRs; 1 – Area Officer; 1 -- Visitor**

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. **Celeste W.** (GSR – Wister {*Virtual*}) read 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.*
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.  
One Announcement: New Noon Meeting on Wednesdays (Literature)
  - 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** (GSR – Steps 3, 7, and 11: A Spiritual Journey {*Virtual*}) ⇒ No Group Issues
  - g. **Celeste W.** (GSR – Wister {*Virtual*}) ⇒ One Announcement: Group Anniversary, 3/16/2024  
Doors Open, 6:30 PM, Meeting 7:00 PM
  - h. **Karen S** (GSR – Day by Day) ⇒ No Group Issues

- i. **Wanda H.** (GSR – Briar Road Strep) ⇒ One Group Issue: Meeting needs support.
  - j. **Janet M** (GSR – Conscious Contact) ⇒ No Group Issues
  - k. **Ed H.** (GSR – Chestnut Hill Local) ⇒ No Group Issues
  - l. **Rick F.** (GSR – Sunshine) ⇒ No Group Issues
  - m. **John S.** (GSR – Saturday Night Step) ⇒ No Group Issues
  - n. **John St.** (GSR – Mt. Airy Beginners) ⇒ No Group Issues
  - o. **Braden** (GSR – East Falls Big Book) ⇒ No Group Issues
  - p. **Audley** (GSR – West Oak Lane) ⇒ No Group Issues
  - q. **Ellesu** (GSR – Osceola) ⇒ No Group Issues
  - r. **Chrissie** (AGSR – Osceola) ⇒ Present
  - s. **Torrey** (AGSR – Good News Group) ⇒ Present
  - t. **Dan B.** (Secretary – Area 59 {Visitor}) ⇒ Present
  - u. **Ted C.** (DCM – District 27 {Visitor}) ⇒ Present
4. The *Minutes from the January 2023 District Meeting* were presented by **Chris B.** (D25 – Secretary).
- a. **John S.** (GSR – Saturday Night Step) made a motion to approve the Minutes as read.
    - i. **Rick F.** (GSR – Sunshine) seconded the motion.
    - ii. The motion passed unanimously.
5. **Lenny T.** (D25 – Webservant) gave the monthly *Webservant’s Report*.
- a. The website address is [www.district25aa.org](http://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 \$388.66 to cover expenses related to renewals officer email package that was due in January of 2024.
  - e. **Janet M** (GSR – Conscious Contact) made a motion to approve the Report as read.

- i. **Rick F.** (GSR – Sunshine) seconded the motion.
  - ii. The motion passed unanimously.
6. The *Visitation Committee Report* was Tabled until the next meeting in March.
7. The *Treasurer’s Report* was Tabled until the next meeting in March.
8. **Diane M.** (D25 – DCM) announced that **Leroy L.** (D25 – ADCM) would be stepping down from the position effective immediately due to personal reasons that would prevent him from participating in and attending District activities going forward.
9. **Diane M.** (D25 – DCM) gave the monthly *DCM Report*.
  - a. Visited the Briar Road Step and Day by Day Groups.
    - i. Shared on *Tradition One* at both groups.
  - b. DCM attended the following events:
    - i. 01/06/2024 DCM Sharing Session, Faith Reformed Church, 479 Stoneybrook Drive, Levittown, PA 19055.
    - ii. 01/15/2024 NERAASA 2024 Program Planning Meeting (Virtual).
    - iii. 01/27/2024 NERAASA 2024 Planning Meeting, Hershey Lodge, Hershey, PA
  - c. Future Events
    - i. 02/10/2024 35<sup>th</sup> Annual Area 59-SEPIA Share-A-Day, Tree of Life Church, 933 Baltimore Pike, Springfield, PA.; 10:00 AM – 2:00 PM.
    - ii. 02/23-25/2024 NERAASA (Northeast Regional AA Service Assembly), Hershey, PA (Hosted by Area 59).
    - iii. 03/08-10/2024 SEPIA 57<sup>th</sup> Annual Round-Up, The Grand Hotel, 1045 Beach Avenue, Cape May, NJ.
    - iv. 03/10/2024 Area 59 2<sup>nd</sup> Quarterly Meeting, TBA.
    - v. 04/06/2024 Pre-Conference Sharing Session, Reformation Lutheran Church, 1215 Vernon Road, Philadelphia, PA 19150.
    - vi. 05/11/2024 Mini-Assembly, Hosted by District 25, TBA.
  - d. 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 [pampletstories@aa.org](mailto: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.
- f. Please check out AA Newsletters: “We (Area 59),” “Interviews (SEPIA),” and “Box 459 (GSO).”
10. Old Business
  - a. Pre-Conference Sharing Session Update: The Location will be the **Reformation Lutheran Church, 1215 Vernon Road, Philadelphia, PA 19150**.
11. New Business
  - a. **Chris B.** (GSR – Good News Group/D25 – Secretary) mentioned that the 2025 Alcoholics Anonymous International Convention will take place from 07/03-06/2025 in Vancouver, BC, Canada.
    - i. Urged GSRs to make homegroups aware of the process for DUI, etc. dispensation (see attached).
12. *Tradition Two* from the Twelve Traditions Illustrated Pamphlet was read and **Dan B.** (Secretary – Area 59 {Visitor}) shared his experience with this Tradition.
  - a. Informed group conscious.
  - b. The importance of the “Minority Opinion.”
  - c. “Loving GOD as he may express himself in our Group Conscious.”
  - d. Trusted Servants NOT Government.
13. *Concept Two* from the Twelve Concepts Illustrated Pamphlet was read and **Dan B.** (Secretary – Area 59 {Visitor}) shared his experience with this Concept.
  - a. Delegation is the key word.

- b. The GROUP delegates to the GSR, the DISTRICT delegates to the DCM, and the AREA delegates to the DELEGATE.
  - c. How does Concept II relate to other Concepts like Concept I?
    - i. Concept I states that the overall authority for how AA operates lies with the Groups. The Groups delegate (Concept II) the responsibility of carrying the Group Conscious to the District level to the respective GSRs.
14. **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 February 2024 meeting.
    - ii. The deadline for feedback was extended to **March 2, 2024**.
15. *Chapter 2: The District and the District Committee Member* from The A.A. Service Manual Combined with the Twelve Concepts of World Service was not read due to time constraints.
16. The meeting was closed at 9:05 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, March 5, at 7:00 PM**.

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

## 2025 INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION LINKS

### AA.ORG CONVENTION PAGE



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