

**District 25 - Panel 71 Meeting Minutes**  
**May 3, 2022**  
**In person at Unitarian Society of Germantown and via Zoom**

Meeting called to order at 7pm. Candy reviewed the COVID policies for those attending the in-person meeting.

1. Open with the GSR Preamble.
2. ["I Am Responsible"](#) Declaration. Lead by Candy S.
3. Motion to suspend regular business meeting format to accommodate visitor made by Amanda, second by Lee. Motion carried.
4. Lowell L, Past Delegate, introduced himself. Facilitated District 25, Panel 71 Group Inventory.

**a. INVENTORY**

1. What is the main objective of a district committee?
  - GSRs are extensions of home groups and conduits to relay issues and bring information back to groups.
  - All the things itemized in the GSR preamble
  - Facilitate information to bring to the groups.
2. What other activities can we do in order to carry the message?
  - Scholarships to send people to conferences, sending literature to institutions.
  - Continue to find ways to get information to the suffering alcoholic
  - Have exchange meetings with other groups
  - Doing visitation to groups that are not involved to explain what the District is and the role and importance of the GSR
  - GSRs providing information about the District and Area to their homegroups.
3. Considering the number of alcoholics in our district, do we reach enough people?
  - SEPIA and Intergroup does the "hardcore" 12 Step work; District is the "go between" between district groups and SEPIA and Intergroup
  - Some think we do reach enough people. Each group has its own way of reaching out to others. Word gets around to encourage people to attend online meetings.
  - I do not think it is the responsibility of the GSO to reach out to others.
  - Individual groups have events and invite others to attend. Encouraged to bring someone with them.
  - Program of attraction – make sure people know groups and meetings are available. Posting on the International Intergroup site for online meetings increased attendance.
  - Availability of online meetings have allowed people with health challenges, babies and young children, transportation issues, etc. to attend meetings.
  - Are online meetings part of the district? If they choose to be. Discussion followed.
4. What has the district done lately to carry the AA message to professionals that can help us reach those that need AA?
  - Each group has an Intergroup rep. Most outreach to the professional community is through Intergroup.
5. When we are carrying the AA message, do we try to present a good portrait of AA in all its activities?
  - Make sure we explain the role of the GSR to homegroup.
  - Yes, honesty, open-mindedness, and willingness to help the suffering alcoholic who needs help.

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- Make meetings safe environments for people who are different from ourselves. Being mindful of 13 steppers, having women approach women, men approach men, address issues of inappropriate language and behavior.
  - We are not a glum lot! Be positive about our experience with AA.
6. Are there new GSRs involved or is their absence at district meetings excessive?
- Not all groups have or send GSRs. District 25 usually has about 50% of groups attending meetings. Representation seems to have improved.
  - District 25 is well-represented at Area and regional meetings and events.
7. How effective are we in our communication with each group?
- GSRs communicate to the groups to carry the message about resources and events.
  - DCM visits to groups provide clear information about the value of the District as a conduit for information to and from AA as a whole.
  - District GSRs attend AA meetings to carry the message
8. Do we put the effort into explaining to each group the importance of the function of the GSR?
- GSRs and DCM explain the role and importance of the GSR and encourage participation of the group
  - GSRs share news and information with their groups and bring feedback back to the District.
  - Some feel they need to do a better job or that group members don't care (eye rolls).
  - Communicate role of the District effectively and succinctly to groups. Importance of keeping group informed about what is happening with AA as a whole.
  - Importance of rotating positions and recruit new people to be in service and to give back. Create a legacy of service.
9. Do all the GSRs have an opportunity to serve in all committees?
- Periodically have ad hoc committees to develop workshops. Don't have standing committees.
  - May look for a committee coming up to review District 25 guidelines.
10. Are all the district officers chosen carefully?
- Some of the positions had people rotate in and those are qualified for the positions. Volunteers for other positions (treasurer, secretary, web-servant) have done an excellent job as evidenced by content on the web.
11. Are all groups doing their best to support the Area and the General Service Office?
- Groups are contributing via the 7<sup>th</sup> Tradition, having Intergroup and GSR representatives, supporting GSRs to attend area and regional events and activities.
  - COVID had a negative impact on some activities.
12. Are our groups well informed of AA worldwide activities?
- Yes, information is shared from the District meetings out to the groups. Information provided for web sites, events, activities.
  - The area had several motions during the last session. Were GSRs informed?
    - Yes, discussed in meetings.

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13. Are our district meetings informative and dynamic?

- District 25 is definitely informative and dynamic. Participation is good.
- Very informative, can contact anyone for help.
- Learned about the Concepts and Traditions and how AA works as a whole.
- Information and agendas are provided ahead of time so meetings are well-organized and GSRs have the information they need.
- Group members are helpful and welcoming to GSRs

**END OF INVENTORY**

5. Roll Call

NAME	MEETING
Lee (GSR)	A Spiritual Journey: Steps 3, 7 and 11
Amanda G (GSR/Secretary)	Chestnut Hill Big Book
Ben J (GSR)	Chestnut Hill Step
John (GSR)	Conscious Contact
Chris B (GSR/Treasurer)	Good News Group
Kat L (GSR)	Manayunk Big Book
Diane M. (ADCM)	Sunshine Group
Lenny T (GSR and Webservant)	Sunshine Group
Rebecca (AGSR)	Sunshine Group
Mike R. (GSR)	Thursday Night Beginners
Krista (AGSR)	Thursday Night Beginners
Leroy (GSR)	Top of the Hill
Tanya (GSR)	Vernon Park
Charles W. (AGSR)	Vernon Park
Lisa (GSR)	West Oak Lane
Pat (AGSR)	West Oak Lane
Celeste (GSR)	Wister Group
Candy S (DCM)	Wister Group
Lowell (Past Delegate)	Visitor

6. Minutes from April meeting – tabled until June meeting for Group Inventory
7. Treasurer’s Report – tabled until June meeting for Group Inventory
8. Web servant – tabled until June meeting for Group Inventory
9. Visitation Committee - tabled until June meeting for Group Inventory

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10. DCM Report – See DCM report sent out with meeting notice and minutes - Candy S.
  - a. Visitation to Nomads group.
  - b. Other visitations schedule for this month
11. Old Business - tabled until June meeting for Group Inventory
12. New Business - tabled until June meeting for Group Inventory
  - a. Curt Area Chairperson will be our visitor at the next meeting.
13. Next Meeting: Tuesday June 7<sup>th</sup>, 2022 @ 700 PM. Zoom room open at 6:30pm.
14. Motion to close meeting at 8:46 pm by Amanda, second by Ben. Motion carried.
15. Closed with the Serenity Prayer

**NOTE from the DCM** – please review the District 25 Guidelines at the link provided:  
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