

District 25 Panel 66: DCM Report (Cort H.)

7-5-16

Welcome to our monthly District meeting.

1. DCM attended **Area 59 Quarterly Meeting #3** on **June 12th, 2016** at Nittany Valley Event Center, 119 E. College Ave. Pleasant Gap, PA 16823. Of note:
 - a. Area 59 Convention Committee Chair, Past Delegate Marty, reiterated that the yearly Convention will take place on November 4-6, 2016 in Gettysburg, PA at the Wyndham Gettysburg Hotel and Resort. Registration is open, by mail, phone, or email. See Flyer and registration form, with additional notes to GSRs.
 - b. Area 59 Treasurer, Steve S., reported that the Area's finances remain in "good" shape, experiencing a slight increase in 2016 donations compared with 2015.
 - i. Please send donations to EPGSA, P.O. Box 222, Glenolden, PA 19036-0222, and please make checks payable to EPGSA (Eastern PA General Service Assembly).
 - c. Area 59 Secretary requested that Districts continue to send their minutes to him at secretary@area59.org. Secretary inadvertently sent old, partially-complete version of Minutes to Area Committee, so approval was postponed to quarterly meeting #3.
 - d. Area 59 Alt-Delegate:
 - i. As the liaison to all Intergroups in Eastern PA, the Alt-Delegate notified the Area of the closing of the Lebanon Intergroup, closing due to lack of participation and support. The local District (65) will be taking over some or several of its services.
 - ii. The Alt-Delegate also noted that YPAA groups in Eastern PA are very active.
 - iii. The Alt-Delegate is also in charge of getting volunteers for the EPGSA Convention in November, so he will be recruiting volunteers.
 - e. Area 59 Delegate had just completed her first Delegate's Report at Mini-Assembly #1, and she was ready for Mini-Assembly #2 in West Chester on June 26th.
 - f. The Area 59 Public Information Sub-Committee noted that the Diversity of AA, in terms of gender and race/ethnicity, has changed little between 1996 and 2014, according to AA pamphlets on membership surveys.
 - g. Area 59 Finance Sub-Committee past out more "The 7th Tradition" packets, which are in your stack and which provide useful information and guidelines about AA finances.
 - h. Motion #1: There were two Guest Observers nominated, and the Area approved sending both to the Convention in November, with costs to be covered by the Area.
 - i. Motion #2: The Treasurer made a motion, "on behalf of the Area Officers... that the Area Committee authorizes the Delegate to purchase a new laptop computer, office software, and printer for service use within the a special budget not to exceed \$1,200.00." Of note, the Area would own the computer and transfer it to the next Delegate. Motion passed easily.
 - j. Motion #3: The Public Information Sub-committee made a recommendation that Area 59 "consider having an assistant to our web-servant, who can take over, if needed." The idea was that the web-servant could use support and is very useful to the Area, so an alternate or assistant would provide back up and be "in-training" for the position of Area web-

servant in the future. The delegate advocated for establishing the position. Motion passed easily.

- k. Motion #4: The Structure Sub-Committee made four recommendations/ motions, related to language used in the Area 59 Service Manual. The Area Chairperson took these motions off the floor, as she had learned that the Sub-Committee had not decided as a group, with substantial unanimity, to send forth these four motions. Discussion and arguing followed, yet the motions will go back to the subcommittee for discussion.
2. DCM attended **Mini-Assembly & Delegate's Conference Report 2 on June 26th, 2016** at Goshen Fire Co., 1320 Park Ave., West Chester, PA 19138. Of note:
 - a. The 66th General Service Conference convened from April 17th to April 23rd, with the theme of "Our Spiritual Way of Life: Steps, Traditions, and Concepts."
 - b. AA finances were analyzed and discussed a lot. Dominantly, the conference wants the contributions to grow, in the spirit of the 7th Tradition of "self-support" and the spirit of the 5th Tradition of carrying the "message to the alcoholic who still suffers."
 - c. G.S.O./A.A.W.S. reported that "membership levels are flat; contributions show little growth; literature sales show slow to no growth; expenses continue to increase slowly at 2% - 3% per year."
 - d. The 2017 Conference's theme is "Supporting Our Future."
 - e. "Plain Language Big Book... Not this Conference."
 - f. "Percentage of groups contributing GSO at an all-time low!" (40.3%)
 - g. Grapevine Committee: Two new books to be produced in the future:
 - i. Stories by Atheist and Agnostic AA members.
 - ii. Steps Four and Five.
 - h. "Corrections Video 'A New Freedom' is a Go."
 - i. Reports and Charter Committee: A section of the Concept XI essay, in *Twelve Concepts for World Service*, will be removed as it was considered old-fashioned and chauvinistic.
 - j. Legal update: two lawsuits against AAWS in California were dismissed, and one in Toronto is pending.
 - k. The term "Special Needs" will be removed from the name of the Conference Committee previously known as "Treatment/ Special Needs/ Accessibilities." It will now be called "Treatment and Accessibilities."
 - l. There are a number of openings at GSO for Trustees and Directors, which are summarized in the newsletter.
 3. Upcoming important District 25 and Area 59 Events:
 - a. **23rd PA State Convention, August 5-7, theme "Our Primary Purpose,"** at Red Lion Hotel Harrisburg East, 4751 Lindle Rd. Harrisburg, PA 17111.
 - b. **3rd Quarterly Area Meeting, September 11, time and place TBD.**
 4. DCM Group/ Meeting Visitation in the District this past month: None.
 5. Travel Log this past month:
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- b. DCM attended **Mini-Assembly & Delegate's Conference Report 2** on **June 26th, 2016** at Goshen Fire Co., 1320 Park Ave., West Chester, PA 19138.
- 6. Expenses this past month: \$245.99
 - a. **Mini-Assembly & Delegate's Conference Report 2: \$245.99**
 - i. Travel costs were \$144.00 (360 miles [180 x 2] x \$0.40 = \$144.00).
 - ii. Hotel costs were \$101.99
 - iii. Total = \$245.99