

District 25 - Panel 71 Meeting Minutes

April 1, 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.

Open with the GSR Preamble.

1. The "[Third Legacy of Service](#)" from the General Service Manual. Read by Candy S.
2. "[I Am Responsible](#)" Declaration. Lead by Candy S.
3. Amanda made a motion to rearrange the meeting agenda to accommodate a visit from our Area 59 Alternate Delegate, Pete B. Second by Lisa Motion carried.
4. Area 59 Alternate Delegate, Pete B. introduced himself and his position
 - a. Pete B. shared on [Tradition 4 from The Twelve Traditions Illustrated](#) pamphlet. Groups should be autonomous except when it affects AA as a whole or other groups.
 - b. Pete B shared on [Concept IV from The Twelve Concepts Illustrated](#) pamphlet. Members have a "Right of Participation" in proportion to their responsibilities. This ability to participate and have input is unique to AA.
 - c. Attendees were provided time for questions
5. Roll Call

NAME	MEETING	UPDATES
Lee	A Spiritual Journey: Steps 3, 7 and 11	Meeting online; was recently listed on SEPIA website. Zoom account settings were adjusted after zoom-bombing incident. No other issues
Wanda (GSR)	Briar Road Step	Still on conference call; no issues.
Amanda G (GSR/Secretary)	Chestnut Hill Big Book	No issues; group conscience voted down the safety statement and approved adding spiritual timer. Both were announced for 3 weeks prior to the business meeting.
Grace (GSR)	East Falls Big Book	No issues.
Chris B (GSR/Treasurer)	Good News Group	Meetings daily; meetings continue to need support, attendance not back to usual attendance post-COVID. Have had recent landlord issues (unspecified).
Kat L (GSR)	Manayunk Big Book	Newer, homegroup member made a motion to add an announcement regarding crosstalk. Motion was passed although crosstalk has not been an issue. Group guidelines state any passed motion has to be announced for 6 months from the podium in order to be added to the format permanently; masks are optional; navigating issues regarding

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		toxic behavior and worked through them successfully.
Josh (AGSR)	Manayunk Big Book	
Diane M. (ADCM)	Sunshine Group	
Lenny T (GSR and Webservant)	Sunshine Group	No issues; masks required
Rebecca (AGSR)	Sunshine Group	Passing to GSR
Mike R. (GSR)	Thursday Night Beginners	Attendance is great. No issues.
Karen C. (AGSR)	Top of the Hill	Meeting on zoom and in-person; renovation to in-person meeting space so in a smaller, temporary room; discussion about format of business meeting and including in-person or not.
Tanya (GSR)	Vernon Park	Meeting on zoom on M/W/F; T/Th/Sa/Su meeting via conference call. No other issues.
Charles W. (AGSR)	Vernon Park	
Lisa (GSR)	West Oak Lane	No issues; 49 th Anniversary April 29 th in-person and online. Meeting hybrid.
Celeste (GSR)	Wister Group	Meeting online; no issues. 51 st Anniversary meeting was a success.
Candy S (DCM)	Wister Group	
Audley W.	Observer	

6. Minutes from March meeting
 - a. Minutes reviewed.
 - b. Motion to accept by Celeste, second by Diane.
7. Treasurer's Report – Chris
 - a. Beginning balance 03-01-2022 \$2980.34
 - i. Deposits of \$166.65 from group contributions
 - ii. \$2 check still outstanding. Reimbursements to Candy for \$16.19 for zoom subscription and \$118.83 for travel expenses to DCM orientation and planning meeting.
 - iii. Minus prudent reserve of \$300
 - iv. Minus reserve \$1300 for EPGSA scholarships

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- b. Ending balance 03-31-2022 \$1411.97
 - i. Does not include \$64.60 paid to Candy for tolls.
 - ii. Paid \$83 for PO box renewal and requesting reimbursement. Amanda made a motion to reimburse the expense to Chris. Second by Lee. Motion carried.
 - c. Total of LaVina and Grapevine subscriptions \$100.10 x 4 institutions = \$400.40.
 - d. Amanda requested that the Treasurer's Report be sent to the Secretary the weekend prior to the District 25 meeting for distribution with the meeting documents.
 - e. Diane clarified the expense for the book contributions in December. Chris wrote a check for \$25 to Diane which she cashed. There was an additional \$2 expense which needs to be reimburse. Amanda made a motion to reimburse the expense to Chris. Second by Grace. Motion carried.
 - f. Reminder to put the group name on the checks.
 - g. Motion to accept Treasurer's report by Tanya, second by Grace. Motion carried.
 - h. Address for contributions:
 - i. PO Box 48212, Philadelphia, PA 19144-8212
8. ADCM Report – Diane M.
- a. Attended NERAASA in-person
 - b. Attended Area Quarterly Meeting in-person
 - c. Attended Greater Philadelphia Grapevine Committee online
 - d. Attended Grapevine having a workshop on June 25
 - e. Attended Pre-Conference Sharing session in West Chester on 3/19 and sat on subcommittee for public information group.
 - i. Discussed posting PSAs in online streaming platforms. Passed.
 - ii. Discussion of triennial survey on AA membership demographics. Passed.
 - f. Mini-assembly is May 23rd – important information to be discussed. Attend if you are able.
9. Webservant – Lenny
- a. Reminders to review District 25 website and GSR documents and forms, including the GSR change form.
 - b. Use the website Bulletin Board and Calendar pages for group announcements.
 - c. Share information with your homegroups.
 - d. Officer email addresses are also on the website or send to districtcommittee@district25aa.org.
 - e. Contact Lenny with any questions about the site.
10. Visitation Committee
11. DCM Report - Candy S.
- a. NERAASA 2024 is coming to PA. See flyer that was sent out with April meeting documents. Planning meeting is coming up.
 - b. 2021 Voluntary contributions reached an all time
 - c. Literature sales in 2021 did well, \$2500 over 2020.
 - d. 2025 international convention in Vancouver

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- e. Area Day coming up in October 8th, 2022, near Wilkes Barre (in District 40).
- f. Upcoming Events:
 - i. NERAASA planning meeting - May 7th at Hershey Lodge
 - ii. PENNSCYPA July 15-18th in Williamsport – see flyer
 - iii. PA State Convention August 5th and 6th in Harrisburg has been cancelled.
 - iv. 2022 EPGSA November 11th – 13th in Lancaster.
 - 1. Volunteers are needed.
 - 2. Will either negotiate contract for other years or select another venue.
- g. GSR kits are on back order. Available online.
- h. Review the Area calendar sent out with the April documents.
- i. District 43 made a motion in addition to prudent reserves wanted area to keep a working reserve equal to 10% of treasury. Motion did not pass.
- j. Motion by La Vina and Grapevine committees to translate two pieces of literature into Spanish; Spiritual Awakening and Young and Sober. Motion passed.
- k. District 66 Motion to have a question-and-answer session at EPGSA for candidate for delegate and alternate delegate positions. Set aside time for Area 59 GSRs to ask questions. Motion did not pass.
- l. Request to submit information on treatment facilities in District 25. Complete and send to Candy at the next business meeting.
- m. Report of contributions from District 25 to Area 59 in April documents.
- n. REVIEW AREA CALENDAR

12. Old Business

- a. Kat will get information on protocols and addresses to send the La Vin and Grapevine subscriptions for the 4 institutions that were previously approved. Diane said Vicky from the area subcommittee at SEPIA may have the information and recommended contacting them.
- b. Mermaid Group meeting is still on the SEPIA website. Group is not meeting. First timers were looking for meeting and found another meeting. Amanda submitted request to SEPIA to have the meeting removed from the meeting schedule, but it is still on the site. She will submit another request.
- c. Chris wants to discuss groups being able to submit contributions to District 25 online. Tabled.

13. New Business

- a. Lisa had a question for Pete about the pre-conference sharing session discussion on the impact of the preamble change. It has been a regular topic of discussion. Those strongly in favor and strongly against were not practicing the principles of tolerance. Group conscience dictated the change and there seems to be limited understanding of that. The Delegate and Alternate Delegate support what is determined by Group Conscience.

14. Next Meeting: Tuesday May 3rd, 2022 @ 700 PM. Zoom room open at 6:30pm.

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a. We will be doing a district inventory with the GSRs and AGSRs. Discussion will be facilitated by the past district delegate.

15. Motion to close meeting at 9:02 pm by Tanya, second by Lisa. Motion carried.

16. Closed with the Serenity Prayer