DISTRICT 64 MEETING MINUTES

DATE: May 1, 2025

<u>Meeting opens @ 7 PM w/ Serenity Prayer:</u> Meeting opened at 7:02pm

Roll Call: Troi H.(DCM MNBB),Susan H.(ADCM Women of Grace & Dignity, Sheri W.(Secretary Women of Change), Kim K(Treasurer WG&D), Jeff O(OAL Akron Men's), Sammi B. (Sobriety Sisters) Melissa H.(GSR MNBB),, Peter G.(GSR Akron Men's), Denise Y(GSR WOC), Laurel R.(GSR Sisters in Sobriety), Jim B.(GSR Chiquies Mt. Joy), Andy P.(GSR Soundness of Mind), Soup C.(GSR Walk & Talk), Andy T.(GSR Denver Group), Paul D.(GSR Lititz New Freedom Beginners),Lois G.(GSR E-Town Sober Sane & Serene) Susan L.(GSR Women in Recovery), David K(GSR Easy Does It), Ralph V.(ODAAT New Holland), Karen Y. (East Pete Sat. Night), Kerry (ALT GSR Attitude Adjusment)

Notes: Ralph V is now the GSR For ODAAT (New Holland), Karen Y. GSR East Pete Saturday Night. Welcome New GSR'S!

Meetings that need support: Lititz New Freedom (Female Support), WOC (low attendance), East Pete (low attendance)

Secretary Report: Sheri W.

- April Minutes sent out prior to meeting. Highlights read with no corrections.

Motion to Accept: Susan L

Second by: Lois G

Accepted Unanimously

Treasurer Report: Kim K

April Total Balance	3,796.00
Prudent Reserve.	-450.00
Available Balance.	3,346.00

Note: ***Kim added the missed expense in March of $11.86 to the March Colum under District Mtg. Supplies.***

ACTION ITEMS: Add the following Groups to the report: Easy Does It & Attitude Adjustment

Remove Our Spiritual Kindergarten (or mark inactive?)

Motion to accept: Andy T. Seconded by: Soup C

Accepted Unanimously

ACTION ITEM: 2025 DISTRICT BUDGET: ***A copy was given to you at the meeting***

Kim presented the budget, going through each line, its amount, and the background she has on each.

There was much discussion on the subject including the following comments: Why is it in the negative? answer: The negative Budget has no effect on our account balance, we are expecting less income, more expenses because we will be paying rent, insurance,and supplies, which we have not paid the last 2 years. A budget is based off of the past, and we are not expected to use all that is budgeted for each line item. We ended last year over budget. What is the Regional Meeting Expense? Answer: NERAASA. What is the $500.94 Other Expenses? answer: no specific detail- couldn't find info that would land on that expense line- will need to dig deeper for answers. ***Kim will look for more information.*** There was a comment to add more to the proposed "Other Expenses" Line, because of the 2023, & 2024 numbers. Do we need to ask our groups to contribute a higher % of their 7th Tradition income to the District? This is just a budget and needs to be approved so that we can pay the Church. Why do we have a high account balance now? Are we dispersing to GSO? Do we need this much money? This is just a budget, a guess at what the income and expenses will look like. The cost of the workshop was mentioned, unknown costs for NERF this year which will be revisited in October per a previous passed motion. NERAASA is in Maine next year and could be expensive. There was a lot of side talk, and talking over each other in the room.

Someone asked for a motion to Accept the Budget:

MOTION TO ACCEPT BY: Lois G. SECOND BY: David K.

19 IN FAVOR. 2 OPPOSED

MINORITY OPINION: **1.** We ended last year over budget, take a look at other expenses

2. It doesn't make sense to approve the budget now, when there are so many Questions in the room, side discussions and uncertainty.

KAREN Y. REQUESTED (MOTIONED?) TO RE-VOTE:

7 IN FAVOR. 14 OPPOSED. ABOVE MOTION FAILED

MOTION BY KAREN Y: TO POSTPONE THE VOTE UNTIL CLARITY IS GIVEN.

SECOND BY: MELISSA

14 IN FAVOR. 7 OPPOSED. MOTION PASSED

OAL Report: Jeff O:

Jeff asked to begin his report with the Serenity Prayer to recenter ourselves.

Jeff passed around a sign-up sheet for volunteers for our District Workshop. Asked if GSR's talked to their groups and what the feedback was.

- Robert's Rules feedback: RRO & traditions don't always translate the average member. Could be incorporated into the subject of "What is a Business Meeting?", or structures of meetings. Some mentioned their groups didn't really seem excited about an RRO workshop.
- Sponsorship/ Importance of that service (someone mentioned we did that 2 years ago in the PLBB workshop)
- Where Does my money go? (someone mentioned we did a 7th tradition workshop last year
- 12th Step: Carrying the Message
- 3rd Tradition/Problems other than alcohol

Someone asked who we want to attract. Someone asked why RRO was a popular subject in the room, why is it important? Another GSR answered with: Because of what just happened in the room with the budget vote, the 3rd legacy voting procedure and minority opinion changed the vote.

Jeff will consider the suggestions and form a committee from the volunteers who will make a final decision on the Workshop subject, timing and location. He will reach out to volunteers via email.

ADCM REPORT: Susan H.

Went to Lancaster Intergroup and reported back:

- Last month's meeting was not great, with all of the airing out of grievances. The steering committee submitted an apology for not maintaining order. They spoke of Robert's Rules of Order, and asked everyone to speak one person at a time, and give the chair the chance to call on those who ask to speak. It was a great meeting overall.
- Intergroup wants to be transparent financially. The new Treasurer Report is great, and available on the lancasteraa.org website. There's a total balance of $13,300, Prudent reserve of $8,500 (6 months operating expense), leaving $4,800 in the checking account. The budget is being broken down and looked at in more detail and may be changed. There is no action on the taxes.
- The CSO needs volunteers! Mon, Wed 9am-12pm, Mon,Thu, Fri 12pm-5pm, and they're asking for a weekly commitment to weekend time slots.
- Archives: Making Progress
- Treatment: Blueprints & Women's Gatehouse need volunteers to take meetings to their facilities. There is now a volunteer calendar on the Intergroup website.

- Corrections: Reaching over 100 prisoners per week! Women adding another meeting on Wednesday's 7pm. Both men and women need more volunteers. Share the prison committee flyer with your homegroup. Corrections is looking into a pen pal program, they appreciate the Grapevine donations, cannot accept old ones with staples. The prison administration has asked for quotes from the prisoners from the chairpersons. Many have said they are glad that AA brings meetings in the prison. Some have said "I'll see you on the outside"
- Bridging the Gap will have new literature soon
- There was a motion to make the schedules free- that did not pass.

DCM Report: Troi H.

- Attended the Pre-Conference Sharing session. The Delegate picked 10 Agenda items. GSR's were selected to present arguments in favor and opposed. No votes were taken, this was to bring the arguments to the Delegate for consideration when he goes to the Conference. Thank you to Scott for presenting an Agenda item.
- Contact Troi if you'd like to navigate the Area website for the Treasurer Report for your groups.
- Rent/Lease agreement. The church's fiscal year runs from July1-June 30. We still have to pay for this past year. We haven't paid rent for 3 years. He sent the agreement to the Panel in an email for review. The rent is $10mo/$120yr. Liability Insurance: To carry our own would be $145 per month! We can get on LOLT as a rider for $40 for the year, bringing our combined rent/insurance cost to $160 per year. Need to sign contracts ASAP.

Old Business:

- Passed Motion to add Insurance to the to the Expenses Section of the Structure Manual

  COMPLETED. UPDATED STRUCTURE MANUAL ATTACHED TO MINUTES EMAIL

- District Budget: **Discussed under Treasurer Report**
- Rental Lease/Insurance: **Discussed under DCM Report: postponed until June**
- District Workshop: **Discussed under OAL Report**

New Business

- Sheri asked if everyone was OK with the Agenda format and filling in the business that needs discussing in Old & New Business. Sheri will email to the Panel the week of the meeting. **All seemed to agree with this format.**
- Peter would like to adopt the perspective of Intergroup as reported in Susan's report. There was too much talking over each other, side discussions, and tension. Please speak one at a time and give respect to those asking to be heard. **All seemed to agree with Peter's statement.**

District Meeting Contribution Collection Observed

TRADITIONS AND CONCEPTS PRESENTATION:

Tradition 5- Given by Paul Concept 5 - Given by Andy P

Tradition 6 - To be presented by Susan L

Concept 6 - To be presented by Andy T

Motion to Close: Jim **Seconded by:** Jeff

Close Meeting with the Responsiblity Statement

Meeting Adjourned @: 8:26pm