

District 48 Meeting  
November 12, 2014  
DCM Chris M.

Meeting opened at 7:00 PM

**12 Traditions:** Read by Liz F.

**Roll Call:** All present except: Fantastic Meeting Group, Gratitude In Action For Women, Living Life Sober, Men's Step Group, Montoursville Step Group, New Beginning, Off the Hook Young People's, Promises of Sobriety, Saturday Night Jersey Shore, Rewards of Sobriety, The Solution, Staying Sober, Thursday Night Duboistown, Thursday Noon Group Muncy, Trout Run Big Book, Tuesday Night Live Dushore, 12+12=24.

**Minutes:** Minutes were read. Motion to accept minutes as read. David B. stated that a comment made about the website was not included in the minutes. No motion to change minutes was made. The motion to accept minutes was made again, motion seconded, ayes, none opposed, motion carried.

**Finance:** No finance meeting was held today.

**Treasurer:** The Treasurer's Report was made available. Sue stated the report is broken down into three parts. The disbursements and deposits on the District statement matches the statement from Jersey Shore State Bank. Additionally the Treasurer's Report includes contributions made from groups, broken down by month. Motion to accept Treasurer's Report, motion seconded, ayes, none opposed motion carried.

**DCM:** Chris reported that the yellow books on the table are for GSRs rotating in.

**Answering Service:** David B. reported that the answering service the District employs has changed the email address that they send email from. Email now comes from an Appletree address. He called Stericycle for details and was told it is still the same company, only the email address has changed.

**Archive:** Janine has scanned the District archives and would like to put the files on a thumb drive for the website committee to add to the website.

**Correctional Facility:**

**Women:** Erica reported that the Correctional Facility contact has retired, but is still active in some capacity while training his replacement, Chris. Erica is looking for more women to fill in for a slot that has opened.

**Men:** All commitments are filled. There are 12-15 attendees at each correctional facility meeting. There have been new people approved to take meetings in.

**CPC & PI:** Divine Providence's mental health facility would like a Big Book and a 12 Steps and 12 Traditions book. George obtained one of each from the Literature Committee, as well as some pamphlet literature, and will be delivering these to the hospital. Jenny T. recommended that whoever has this commitment in the future delivers the literature (pamphlets, etc.) directly to the social workers in health care facilities because they are the ones most likely to see that the literature ends up where it is needed.

**Grapevine:** Bill R. brought this month's Grapevine at Gwen's request.

**Literature:** Claire reported that the new 2015 literature catalog/order form was released. The prices of some books have gone up. Claire recommends that any group placing an order with the old order form call GSO to confirm their total cost prior to sending the order. Claire will be allocating some of the remaining literature funds to the CPC and PI Committee's order for Divine Providence books and literature.

**Meeting Cards:** Tom is sending around a notebook to record any changes to meeting information for the next meeting cards. David B. also asked how long a meeting must meet in order to be listed on the meeting card. It was

reported that the District 48 manual states that a meeting must meet for 3 months in order to qualify for the meeting card, and that it is the responsibility of that group to inform the District.

**Newsletter:** Cindy provided newsletters. She also thanked everyone for the opportunity to be of service.

**Steering Committee:** NR

**Special Needs:** Jenny T. stated that she would be happy to work with the Committee Chair rotating in to show them the Special Needs Committee materials and answer any questions they may have.

**Treatment Facility:**

**Men:** NR

**Women & Partial:** It was reported that one of the every-other-Thursday commitments at White Deer Run for the Women's Dual Diagnosis meeting needs to be filled. Meetings at White Deer Partial are still suspended. Gladys would like to have anyone who holds a White Deer Women's Meeting commitment to meet on December 2 at 5:00 PM. Please contact Gladys for more details.

**Website:** Amy explained the problems related to the website in more detail. She said she was going to ask for help with it but fell very ill. Amy asked what, aside from the Newsletter, was out of date on the website. David B. said that the downloadable meeting card was also out of date. Amy responded that there had been an issue posting PDFs on the website. She also said she would be happy to help the Website Committee Chair rotating in any way she could.

**Workshop:** NR

**Activities Committee:** Michelle M. reported that the Halloween Party was well attended, with approximately 60 people in attendance. People brought food, and the committee purchased supplies with funds donated from a taco dinner. Michelle M. reported that there is about \$60.00 to carry over to the next event. The next Activities Committee meeting will be held November 21, at 5:45 PM at Serene Living, 812 Diamond Street. She also reported that there is a secret Facebook page for the Activities Committee, which is by invite only, and is invisible to all but those in the page.

**Tutorial:** Concept 11 was read by Leanne with no comments to follow. **Bill R. will read tutorial for December.**

**Old Business:**

- David B. stated that he would like to be on the Website Committee and hold a meeting before next month.

**New Business:**

- George H. got a phone call from an AA in Harrisburg about whether or not we took meetings to Muncy Prison (women). Chris M. explained that Muncy Prison suspended outside AA meetings from being brought in due to the conduct of some of the women bringing in the meetings. They had not been following the rules and regulations. The prison now holds inside meetings. It was suggested that the Corrections Chairperson contact the prison Superintendent to open a dialogue about bringing meetings in again. Erica, the Corrections Chair for the women's prisons, said she would contact the Superintendent. George H. suggested that GSRs take it back to their home group and see if their home group would support bringing in a prison meeting once a month.
- Michelle M. reported that there has been some confusion about the White Deer Run treatment facility commitments. There were reports of men sharing at women's meetings. David B. explained that on Wednesdays the facility rotates the group that attends the meetings, and Fred, who has that commitment, does not always have their schedule. George H. asked if there were regulations against men speaking at women's meetings, and pointed out that experience, strength, and hope can be carried regardless of gender. Erica suggested that Gladys and Fred get together to find out what is required in this situation and figure it out.
- Theresa passed on a message from another member, Charlie P., who feels that the Sun-Gazette newspaper was breaking anonymity by publishing the names of people in the newspaper as members of Alcoholics Anonymous.



It was asked if the CPC & PI Committee could contact the newspaper and Judge Butts to inform them of our Traditions. George H. agreed to do so, but reminded the District that he is still powerless over the outcome.

- The District 48 Officer commitments have ended. Chris M. made a motion to the District to have Lowell L. conduct the voting process for new District Officers. The motion was seconded, ayes, none opposed, motion carried. Lowell began the process by making three successive motions to speed up voting: the first to take a vote by a show of hands rather than written ballots, the second to use a simple majority as a means of determining an election winner, and the third to have people willing to take office stand up and announce it rather than ask each GSR if they would be willing. All of the motions were seconded, ayes, none opposed, all three motions carried. As a result of the District Officer elections, the next District 48 Officer Panel is: Chris M. as DCM, Sue M. as ADCM, Michelle M. as Secretary, Claire M. as Treasurer.
- Tom said that our District has been one of the biggest supporters at the EPGSA Conference in past years. He asked that as many GSRs as possible make the trip this coming weekend, even if it is just for a day.

**Visitors:** Lowell L.

**Anniversaries:** Ki – 2 years, Samuel – 4 years, Steve – 5 years, Amy – 6 years, Sue M. – 27 years.

**Announcements:**

- The Monday Night Duboistown Meeting will hold its annual Christmas dinner and meeting on December 22<sup>nd</sup>. Food and fellowship begin at 5:30 PM. A speaker meeting will begin at 7:00 PM. Discussion will follow. The group is also placing a coin order soon if any other groups would like to collaborate to lower the cost.
- The Wednesday Muncy Meeting will be holding its annual Candlelight Meeting on December 17<sup>th</sup>. Details are being finalized, but food and fellowship will begin around 6:30 PM. A speaker meeting will be held at 7:30 PM. This year's speaker is Bob S. The event will be held in a new location this year: the Evangelical Free Fellowship, which is down the street from the regular meeting place.
- The Tuesday/Thursday Noon Group in Muncy needs support. Please announce this at meetings or to your home groups.
- The 10 AM Meeting is now 5 days a week with a new format. The meeting will now be having a step meeting, speakers, grapevine, topics, and chairperson's choice.

**Coffee:** No one volunteered. Bring your own coffee in December.

Motion made to close the meeting, motion seconded, ayes in favor, no opposed, motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 8:05 PM

Respectfully Submitted,  
Liz F.