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Area 59 Quarterly Area Meeting

Panel 67

March 11, 2018

St. Timothy Evangelical Lutheran Church, Allentown, PA

Ken D, Chairperson, Panel 67, opened the meeting at 11:00 AM. He thanked District 57 for hosting the event. He then read page 220 from as Bill Sees it and then took a moment of silence followed by the Serenity Prayer.

Acknowledged Guests – Hugh H, Panel 61 Delegate for Area 59; Donald H, Area Archivist; Greg G, Area Web Servant; Evelyn D, Interpreter; Neil D, Area Tech Servant; Karen H, Pennsylvania State Convention Chair.

Concepts – Three DCM's presented – Concept I, Sheila L (D21), Concept II, Jon H (D29), Concept III, Renee W (D53). Volunteers to make presentations on the Concepts at the June meeting are – Concept IV, Sharon C (D64), Concept V, Paul L (D36), Concept VI, Tom C (D40).

Roll Call – Steve S, Secretary conducted the roll call. All five officers were present and 45 Districts represented for a total of 50 out of 53 eligible voting Committee Members present at roll call. Roll Call tally sheet attached at end of Minutes.

Approval of Minutes – Chairperson asked if there were any objections or amendments for the minutes of the last Quarterly Area meeting held on December 10, 2017. The minutes were approved by unanimous consent.

Convention Committee Report – by Hugh H: We lost about \$12,000 on the Convention in 2017 and \$6000 in 2016. We do not have enough cash to make a deposit for this year's Convention. We were well under our \$50,000 food and beverage commitment. We tried to make up for this by buying more coffee and selling more meal plans. The committee does not believe that it is feasible to continue with the meal plan that we tried at the last Convention. A large portion of the money that we lost was because a lot of people bought their own meals. We will revert to a single plan that includes meals, as in previous years. There were problems with people's registrations being received. This year they will be sent to a location that multiple committee members can access.

This year's Convention will be November 2 to 4 at the Wyndham in Gettysburg. This is the last year in our contract with them. There are six possible sites under consideration for 2019.

A question was asked about how will we pay for the Convention this year? What can we do to help? This will be up to the Area to decide. The Convention Committee would probably have enough money to last until September.



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Officer-At-Large Report - by Caroline N: See written report (copy posted to web site). Caroline reviewed Change Forms, which were included for each District. Included are Active Groups, Unknown Groups and Inactive Groups. Verify with the District members that the information is complete and correct. Caroline can check on the status of a GSR kit if it is not received by a new GSR. Neill D is now the Technology Servant. Caroline chaired the Young People in AA (YPAA) roundtable at the Northeast Regional Alcoholics Anonymous Service Assembly (NERAASA). She will be on a committee to think of ways to encourage Seventh Tradition contributions to our General Service Office with three Delegates, our Northeast Regional Delegate (Rich P) and the General Manager of our General Service Office (Greg T). There are two DCR/Mini Assemblies coming up on June 2 and 24. She distributed registration forms for the Pennsylvania State Convention. There were 1610 Active Groups and 50 Unknown Groups:

<http://area59aa.org/E-ServiceResources.htm>

Treasurer – by Curt C: See written report and Profit and Loss summary attached, which shows our financial status. We are on target this year for spending and contributions. Please put full name and subcommittee on expense reports along with the purpose of the expenses.

A question was asked if the Treasurer was consulted about the finances for the Convention Committee? The Treasurer knew there were losses but didn't know the amount until today. He has been talking about this with the Finance Subcommittee. How should we handle the question of the Finances? The Chair stated that the Area Officers will send a letter to the Finance Subcommittee requesting them to make a recommendation in June.

There was a question about Item 62700 "Convention Event Expense" on the Profit and Loss summary. A check for approximately \$4000 was written and the rest will be paid later. These are for the 2017 expenses.

District 44 made a motion to accept the amended Treasurer's report and it was seconded by District 63. It passed unanimously.

Secretary's Report – by Steve S: See written report (copy posted to web site). Steve thanked the DCM's for submitting reports electronically. We are getting good information about what is happening in the Districts. Paper DCM Reports can be put in a basket the day of the Area meeting. The DCM Report Form can be found on our website:

<http://area59aa.org/DCM%20Reports.htm>

Area 59 has a lending library with various CD's and DVD's. Most of it is available in both English and Spanish. These could be used for workshops and presentations to the Area:

http://area59aa.org/E-Library_Request_Form.htm

The back of the Library Request Form, that was included in each of DCM's folder, has a list of items that are available in English and Spanish. Some of these CD's and DVD's can also be found on AA's web site:



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http://www.aa.org/pages/en_US/videos-and-audios

A copy of the Roster was sent out via Email. Hard copies are available upon request. He also provided copies of the minutes, which were previously sent out via Email and approved earlier in this meeting. A draft copy of the minutes for each Area meeting will be sent out before each meeting and they will be approved or amended at the next Area meeting. Please submit your events using the Calendar Request Form on our Area website and also follow our Area website guidelines:

<http://area59aa.org/Calendar%20Submission%20Form.htm>

<http://area59aa.org/WebsiteGuidelines.htm>

Please submit District minutes to all of the Area Officers and the Archivist. We read these and they are important to help us to understand what is happening in Area 59.

Steve is the Liaison for YPAA (Young People in AA). We are starting to plan a YPAA event in October. He went to two service-oriented workshops that were held by YPAA committees during the past quarter. He also attended the YPAA roundtable at NERAASA. He thanked the Area for sending him to NERAASA and encouraged the Districts to start thinking about sending people to NERAASA in 2019.

Alternate Delegate / Area Chairperson's Report – by Ken D: See written report (copy posted to web site). He thanked the Area for sending him to NERAASA and the Northeast Regional Delegates meeting (NERD). We had a Share-A-Day with the Southeast Pennsylvania Intergroup Association (SEPIA) and we are planning a combined Share-A-Day with the Intergroups outside of Philadelphia in Eastern PA on May 19 in Lancaster. The SEPIA Roundup will be in April and he will attend on the Area's behalf.

Area Day Planning will take place during lunch. Pre-Conference Sharing is one of our most important events. It will be on April 8 at the University of the Sciences in Philadelphia.

Guest observer information was distributed. We are requesting that the Districts make nominations and bring them back to our quarterly meeting on June 10. We will have Area Forums on March 31 and July 28 and another is in the planning stages. He passed out a flyer with post cards to send to our Delegate when he is at the General Service Conference.

Delegate Report – by Paul M: Paul went over his report (copy posted to web site). He thanked the Structure subcommittee for their work on the DCM Sharing, which was very informative. He thanked Ken and Fran (SEPIA) for their work on the Share-A-Day with SEPIA.

GSO is looking for a Non-Trustee Appointed Committee Member (ACM) to serve on the Trustee CPC committee. The deadline for applications is May 1.

He read a February 20, 2018 letter concerning the litigation for the original manuscript from our General Manager of our GSO. AA has withdrawn litigation and further pursuit on ownership of the manuscript. He noted that our General Service Board and Alcoholics Anonymous World Services (AAWS) voted unanimously to begin the litigation. The question was asked if we would receive more information. There will be a final report coming out, which will be distributed to the DCM's. The total that we paid is



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over \$300,000, but the final results have not been totaled yet. We have dropped all claims to ownership and it will be auctioned.

The General Service Conference will be held from April 22 to 28. Our Pre-Conference Sharing Session (PCSS) will be held on April 8. It is one of the most important events that we have. He requested that the DCM's go back to their Districts and encourage their members to attend. There has been little mention of it in District minutes that we have received. We got good responses for choosing the agenda items that will be discussed at PCSS. The background for the agenda items has been sent out to the DCM's. Instructions have been given to the Subcommittee Chairpersons for the PCSS.

He thanked all the Subcommittees for the good job we've been doing. He thanked the Area for sending him to NERAASA. He got a lot out of the Delegate's round table. At NERD he was told that there has been an App approved for GSO. It will have Daily Reflections, the Big Book and a meeting list link. There is also a YouTube channel.

He asked that the DCM's go back to their Districts and ask for workshop topics for our Convention in November. He is the Convention Committee Liaison according to the Area 59 Structure Manual:

[http://area59aa.org/Final%202.%20Online%202017%20EPGSA%20Structure%20Manual%20edits%2008.10.2017\(2\).pdf](http://area59aa.org/Final%202.%20Online%202017%20EPGSA%20Structure%20Manual%20edits%2008.10.2017(2).pdf)

He is thinking of ways to improve the accountability and transparency link between the Area Committee and the Convention Committee and will bring ideas back in June or September.

What is the cost for the Apps? Free.

If we don't find out about Convention Committee information until June or September that doesn't leave much time before the Convention in November. We want to give the Convention Committee time to respond to our concerns.

What is the time frame for the App? It will go on a trial basis within a year.

Why do we need an App if we have a website? Many people use Apps.

The Area 60 website has videos. Our Delegate will find out about that.

Summaries & Actions ("S" = summary; "A" = action):

District 21: S-1: Had a GSR orientation. **S-2:** They are going to rewrite their District guidelines. **S-3:** They are planning a workshop.

District 33: S-1: Will have a workshop on May 10.

District 34: S-1: Will have a workshop on April 21.



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District 35: S-1: Will have a Traditions workshop on March 17. **S-2:** They will have a workshop with Cumberland Valley YPAA on General Service on May 5. **S-3:** They will have a District Inventory on July 28.

District 37: S-1: Will have a Big Book workshop on April 20 to 22. **A-2:** Their Archivist is stepping down. Sue (DCM 48) Pick someone.

District 42: S-1: Will have a workshop on Our Primary Purpose on April 14.

District 44: S-1: A group has set up a way to make electronic contributions and it is going well. **A-1:** A treatment Facility sends three vans to meetings. They go from group to group. Leah (DCM 65) Start a beginner meeting for the rehab.

District 47: S-1: Having an Archives workshop on April 21.

District 48: S-1: Having an Area Forum on July 28 in Williamsport.

District 49: S-1: They will have their Unity Breakfast on April 21 for \$12.

District 60: A-1: A group has a meeting on a college campus. All group officers need a background check if minors attend. Jon H (DCM 29) He had a similar situation and checked the contract. They moved the meeting because of it.

District 63: S-1: Having an Area Forum on March 31. **A-1:** Someone was assaulted at a group. The person who was assaulted did want to file a police report. They should make the Church where they meet aware of the situation.

District 64: S-1: Two groups are holding a workshop on March 17. **S-2:** The Hand of AA is March 24.

District 65: S-1: Having a Speaker Jam on April 21. **A-1:** The answering service is the biggest expense for the District. They only have one service. Ed (DCM 59) They joined an Intergroup for that service. There is also Google Voice, which is free and can handle six lines on one number. Larry (DCM 63) Consider joining Lancaster Intergroup. **A-2:** Their website is down and they don't have a web servant. Ken (Chairperson) talk to Greg (Area 59 web servant).

District 68: S-1: They are having a Sponsorship and Anonymity workshop on April 21. **S-2:** The Spanish Convention is in May. **S-3:** Mario is their new ADCM (and attended this meeting).

The Committee recessed for lunch at 12:30 PM and re-opened business at 1:28 PM.

The Committee was called to order by the Chairperson. He reminded the group that only Area Committee members (DCM's and Area Officers) are permitted to address the committee. He then took a moment of silent meditation.

Subcommittee Reports: Please note that each Subcommittee Chairperson submits and distributes written quarterly reports to all members of the Committee and the Archivist. The reports are posted on our website: www.area59aa.org. Therefore, the notes below are comments made in addition to the written report and not the reports themselves.

Archives: They only had two work sessions, due to weather. Three quarters of the group histories have been scanned. They will have a workshop with PI on May 5. They attended three workshops during the last quarter.

CPC (Cooperation With the Professional Community): They provided attendance at a convention for the National Association of Student Affairs Administrators (in higher education – NASPA) in Philadelphia. They attended several workshops during the last quarter.

Corrections: There were 50 attendees at the joint workshop with Treatment on February 18. Seven people signed up for Bridging the Gap for AA members getting out of prison. The forms for signing up to be a contact could be sent to GSO or done on the Area 59 website:

https://www.aa.org/assets/en_US/f-162_AACorrectionsPreRelease_Outside.pdf
<http://area59aa.org/E-Forms-Flyers/3-PreReleased-Short%20Version.pdf>

They have provided 30 contacts for inmates who were to be released. Subcommittees are also working on getting people interested in Corrections Correspondence:

https://www.aa.org/assets/en_US/f-26correctcorrespondence.pdf

Finance: They researched the feasibility of the motion from District 45, on December 10, 2017, to have additional Pre-Conference Sharing Session workshops and took no action. They unanimously recommend that the Delegate pass this on to the next panel. A question was asked if it is feasible for the next panel. The Finance Subcommittee didn't have an opinion on that. Our Officer-At-Large pointed out that a subcommittee could make a recommendation for the next Panel. It was noted that Panel 69 would not have enough time to put this in place for next year. Could we have an ad hoc committee? The Chairperson said that this would require a new motion. They are also working on the Area 59 Seventh Tradition Green Card. They are thinking of making it larger and changing the pie chart on the Green Card. Finance attended eight events in the last quarter.

Grapevine: They are informing Area 59 about the Grapevine Carry the Message program for providing Grapevine subscriptions to members in need:

<http://www.aagrapevine.org/carry-the-message>

PI (Public Information): They have received 15 online contributions. The feasibility of having an Area Technology Subcommittee has been transferred to Structure. They are creating a "3 door" system for the website modernization. They made new display boards and are getting new pamphlets.



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Structure: They are looking into the feasibility of a technology subcommittee. Our Delegate sent a survey to the other Areas to see what they do. There was a lot of feedback. Not many Areas have a technology subcommittee and they do things in a wide variety of ways. They will interview stakeholders and Past Delegates to make a recommendation.

Treatment/Accessibilities: Bridging the Gap is their main focus right now. There is no organized BTG program in Area 59. We are starting to close the gap a little bit because of the last workshop. There will be another combined BTG workshop with Corrections on May 12 in Lebanon. They are gathering an inventory of treatment facilities in Eastern PA.

Ad hoc Literature: Glenn attended the District 68 meeting on January 7 to talk about their motion to make a window shade or poster that says what AA does and does not do. They will present a recommendation under new business. They published the We newsletter in January. They got three new display racks and now have six. They are working on a "Where'd You Get That?" pamphlet. It's a guide to purchasing Conference Approved Literature. Glenn made a presentation Questions & Answers on Sponsorship:

https://www.aa.org/assets/en_US/p-15_Q&AonSpon.pdf

Unfinished Business:

There was no unfinished business.

New Business:

1. The Finance Subcommittee made the following recommendation:

"Proposed: The Finance subcommittee recommends that the Area pay the total cost of \$6,400 for the Delegate to attend the General Service Conference."

No second was necessary for this recommendation because it came from a Subcommittee.

The motion passed unanimously.

2. The Ad Hoc Literature Committee made the following recommendation:

"Proposed: The Area 59 Ad Hoc Literature Committee recommends that the Area 59 Committee support the proposal by District 68, Spanish Linguistic District, to add the following item to the Agenda of the 69th General Service Conference: Consider adding a service item that lists the items from the pamphlet, "The A.A. Group... Where it all Begins" on page 39 outlining the things that A.A. does not do in a poster form. The item should be available in English and Spanish versions."

No second was necessary for this recommendation because it came from a Subcommittee.

The motion passed unanimously.



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3. The Corrections Subcommittee made the following recommendation:

“Proposed: The Corrections subcommittee recommends that the area committee support a member who has Corrections service experience and is a current from Eastern Pennsylvania, to be selected by the Delegate to attend the 2018 National Corrections Workshop on behalf of Area 59. The selected member will be responsible for presenting a written report and workshop documents to the Corrections subcommittee about the proceedings of the workshop. The Corrections Subcommittee Chairperson will be responsible for referring any significant considerations to the Panel 69 Corrections subcommittee. The budget requested is \$1,500.”

No second was necessary for this recommendation because it came from a Subcommittee.

The motion passed unanimously.

4. The Archives Subcommittee made the following recommendation:

“Proposed: The Archives Subcommittee recommends that an ad hoc working group be formed to study the feasibility of Area 59 maintaining an office. The working group should make a final report to the Area Committee no later than the September 2018 Quarterly Area Meeting. The working group should determine whether rental of office space would be beneficial to the Area and if it is feasible within our project budget. Should the group recommend obtaining such an office, the final report should outline responsibilities and action items necessary to implement the renting of an area office. The Delegate shall select the members of the working group.”

No second was necessary for this recommendation because it came from a Subcommittee.

The motion passed with substantial unanimity. There was a minority opinion, but no one changed their vote. The motion passed.

Announcement of Upcoming Events:

Pre-Conference Sharing will be in Philadelphia, PA on April 8. There will be an Area Forum on March 31 in Ephrata, PA. There will be Delegate Conference Report/Mini Assemblies on June 2 and 24. There are flyers on the website.

Next Meeting: Sunday, June 10th in District 49. See www.area59aa.org for posting of details.

Meeting adjourned at 2:45 PM by a voice vote.

The Committee concluded with “I Am Responsible” declaration.



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Area 59 Roll Call March 11, 2018

| Officer or District | Title | Guests (G), Summaries (S) and Actions (A) | Officer or District | Title | Guests (G), Summaries (S) and Actions (A) |
|-------------------------|----------|---|---------------------|---------|---|
| Delegate | Present | | Secretary | Present | |
| Alt Delegate / Chair | Present | | Treasurer | Present | |
| | | | Off.-At-Large | Present | |
| 21 | DCM | 1 G / 3 S / 0 A | 45 | DCM | 0 G / 0 S / 0 A |
| 22 | DCM | 0 G / 0 S / 0 A | 46 | DCM | 1 G / 0 S / 0 A |
| 23 | DCM | 1 G / 0 S / 0 A | 47 | DCM | 5 G / 1 S / 0 A |
| 24 | DCM | 0 G / 0 S / 0 A | 48 | DCM | 0 G / 1 S / 0 A |
| 25 | Web Serv | 1 G / 0 S / 0 A | 49 | DCM | 0 G / 1 S / 0 A |
| 26 | DCM | 0 G / 0 S / 0 A | 50 | Absent | |
| 27 | DCM | 1 G / 0 S / 0 A | 51 | Absent | |
| 28 | DCM | 1 G / 0 S / 0 A | 52 | DCM | 0 G / 0 S / 0 A |
| 29 | DCM | 0 G / 0 S / 0 A | 53 | DCM | 1 G / 0 S / 0 A |
| 30 | DCM | 0 G / 0 S / 0 A | 54 | DCM | 1 G / 0 S / 0 A |
| 31 | DCM | 2 G / 0 S / 0 A | 55 | DCM | 0 G / 0 S / 0 A |
| 32 | DCM | 0 G / 0 S / 0 A | 56 | DCM | 0 G / 0 S / 0 A |
| 33 | DCM | 2 G / 1 S / 0 A | 57 | DCM | 7 G / 0 S / 0 A |
| 34 | DCM | 1 G / 1 S / 0 A | 58 | Absent | |
| 35 | DCM | 0 G / 3 S / 0 A | 59 | DCM | 0 G / 0 S / 0 A |
| 36 | DCM | 4 G / 0 S / 0 A | 60 | DCM | 0 G / 0 S / 1 A |
| 37 | DCM | 1 G / 1 S / 1 A | 61 | DCM | 0 G / 0 S / 0 A |
| 38 | DCM | 0 G / 0 S / 0 A | 62 | DCM | 0 G / 0 S / 0 A |
| 39 | DCM | 2 G / 0 S / 0 A | 63 | DCM | 1 G / 1 S / 1 A |
| 40 | DCM | 2 G / 0 S / 0 A | 64 | DCM | 1 G / 2 S / 0 A |
| 41 | DCM | 1 G / 0 S / 0 A | 65 | DCM | 0 G / 1 S / 2 A |
| 42 | DCM | 1 G / 1 S / 0 A | 66 | DCM | 1 G / 0 S / 0 A |
| 43 | DCM | 0 G / 0 S / 0 A | 67 | DCM | 0 G / 0 S / 0 A |
| 44 | DCM | 0 G / 1 S / 1 A | 68 | DCM | 5 G / 3 S / 0 A |



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| <u>Dist</u> | <u>Registered Groups</u> | <u>Represented Groups</u> | <u>District Highlights</u> |
|--------------------|---------------------------------|----------------------------------|--|
| 21 | 34 | 20 | GSR orientation March 8. Facilitator Ken D Possible thinking of rewriting District 21 structure guidelines. Planning workshop in future |
| 22 | 15 | 12 | No report. |
| 23 | 68 | 10-17 | Some new GSR's beginning service, attendance is flat. Re-organized committees, Archives box, and Grapevine box are both "missing". Previous committee members not attending District meetings and have not returned box. Making attempts to contact them. District is well funded, but committees have not used their funds for projects. A district meeting list is being created by the structure committee and district manual is being reviewed. |
| 24 | 40 | 15-20 | No report. |
| 25 | 40 | 15-20 | No report. |
| 26 | 21 | 10 | No highlights |
| 27 | 40 | 10-15 | Many of the larger and well attended groups had anniversary parties early in 2018. Although attendance was not good at our District meeting in January, last month we had 15 - 17 GSRs, plus several new GSRs for groups that have had recent elections. My hope as DCM is to keep the GSRs engaged and attending regularly, and I also try to have a speaker from another district or area officer share their experience with the tradition and concept of the month. Our district participated in Share-a-Day with Sepia, but perhaps the most important event was the 78th anniversary of AA celebration which District 27 hosted. It featured a presentation from Sepia archives on the history of Philadelphia, a sobriety countdown where we gave the "newest" sober member a subscription to Grapevine in addition to the Big Book. Steve our area secretary was the speaker and it was very interesting and inspiring to hear his path into service. As DCM I attended the following events: Jan 07 – Share-A-Day Planning Jan 13 – District 28 Workshop Jan 21 – DCM Sharing Feb 11 – Share-A-Day w/SEPIA Feb 23 to 25 – NERAASA The most important event of course is Pre Conference sharing which District 27 is co-hosting with District 60. I managed to get 7 volunteers to sign-up so far, which is actually good considering past history. In March Glen from District 60 will be |



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| | | | <p>speaking so hopefully he can encourage even more participation in the event.</p> <p>Beyond that, I hope to very soon consult with some of the neighboring districts and have one of the area sponsored forums.</p> <p>Also in late summer or early fall, it is the tradition that our alternate DCM, Joh D host a shared workshop with neighboring districts.</p> |
| 28 | 22 | 8 | No report. |
| 29 | 35 | 20 | <p>Voting on how to spend some of our current balance in our bank account, ideas including workshop/events, donation of literature, grapevine subscriptions, or donating to GSO</p> <p>Possible workshop with district 30</p> |
| 30 | 37 | 26 | <p>Outreach Committee has reconciled no show groups and brought out groups that were not previously attending.</p> <p>Attendance at District Meetings has been excellent!</p> <p>Workshop Committee planning 2018 Fall Workshop.</p> |
| 31 | 54 | 23 | <p>Workshop / Quarterly Mtg Committee formed</p> <p>Visitation Committee formed & active Room set up changed to mimic Area Mtg GSRs really liked the set up</p> |
| 32 | 38 | 19 | Monthly interest and discussion in the Grapevine Carry The Message Project. |
| 33 | 17 | 12 to 15 | All participating Groups are doing well. We have a workshop scheduled for Sat May 21 at 10 am |
| 34 | 29 | 8 | <p>Engagement continued to grow</p> <p>District 34 is having a workshop titled "Our Primary Purpose" on April 21 at the Willow Street United Church</p> |
| 35 | 42 | 18-24 | <p>DCM attended NERASSA. Downloaded NERT report from NERASSA website and will give highlights at next district meeting on March 19.</p> <p>March 17, Traditions Workshop; May 5,YPAA Service Workshop; July 28 District Inventory. Will start planning District Picnic for August or Sept at next district meeting. also looking at printing District 35 Where and Whens on legal size paper and having them quad-folded, thus having room for names and numbers on them. Additional cost is minimal. About \$8 per 500.</p> |
| 36 | 61 | 27 | <p>Attendance has been steady, the Structure Committee presented the First draft of the re-wright, the 2018 Budget was passed, included 1200.00 for workshop committee, 500.00 for Structure Committee, 550.00 for the Archives Committee to hold a workshop and 250.00 to the Adhoc Split Committee, District agreed to support the ADCM to attend NERAASA District 36 will host the Delegate Paul M at the March 12, 2018 District Meeting.</p> |



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| 37 | 33 | 13-15 | <p>District 37 highlighted 2017 achievements at February Meeting, including (1) GSR orientation (2) EPGSA guest observer (3) strong GSR Tradition presentations (4) ratified 2017-2018 Structure Manual (5) approved 2018 budget (6) strong DCM/ADCM reports (7) active District subcommittees (8) outstanding 4th Step workshop (9) established on-line presence (10) strong GSR attendance and participation at District and (11) hosted January 21, 2018 Area event (DCM sharing session).</p> <p>2018 goals include replacing District Archivist (stepping down), conducting District inventory, increasing GSR attendance at EPGSA, CPC presentation to Nor. Co. Drug Court, establishing Grapevine subcommittee, and recruiting replacements for 3 pending District Officer openings.</p> <p>Other highlights:</p> <p>All District Officers stepped up in response to DCM's diminished role due to career change</p> <p>Hosted Jan. 21 2018 DCM sharing session</p> <p>ADCM attended NERAASA and presented comprehensive report</p> <p>Held District Officer meeting in Feb. to outline 2018 agenda</p> <p>Strong GSR presentations on Concepts</p> <p>Big Book Comes Alive weekend April 20-22 featuring Bob D from Las Vegas, Nevada and Steve L from Brentwood Tenn.</p> |
| 38 | 50 | 25 | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. We got more GSR's to join onto committees and become more involved with them. 2. Combined the Visitation and Archives Committees. This should allow us to get to more Home Group meetings to spread awareness. 3. Combined the Structure and Workshop Committees. 4. Placed Newsletter Committee on inactive status. 5. Distributed 68th General Service Conference Committees Agenda Items for consideration. <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Began planning workshops for summer and fall. 2. Archives/Visitation Committee continues work for upcoming Dist. 38 history publication. 3. Will review Groups input for upcoming 68th General Service Conference Agenda items. |
| 39 | 47 | 15-20 | <p>We are going to be hosting a GSR Orientation in May prior to our business meeting starting at 1:30pm. This time of learning and fellowship will include a potluck lunch. GSR's from other districts are invited to attend. This is an open event.</p> <p>DCM has appointed two Structure Committee members to review our Structure, add previously approved changes,</p> |



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| | | | <p>suggest edits and recommendations. This typically occurs in the 2nd half of the second year of each panel.</p> <p>We are also planning a District Inventory prior to our April business meeting. This will be the first inventory in about 5 years. We also plan to include this in our Structure as a yearly practice.</p> <p>To combat low attendance/enthusiasm, we are looking to utilize some ideas suggested at NERAASA DCM round-table discussion.</p> <p>We are planning a workshop dated for Saturday, April 7th in Moosic, PA (just south of Scranton). See Area Calendar for details. We hope you can attend and join us. Topic will be centered on member experiences who successfully transitioned from a facility (jail, rehab, etc.) into outside A.A.</p> |
| 40 | 43 | 17-22-13 | No report |
| 41 | 17 | 12-15 | No report |
| 42 | 37 | 16 | <p>The last quarter has seen a pocket of enthusiasm grow over the planning for the D42 workshop on April 14 "Our Primary Purpose".</p> <p>The GSRs unanimously approved the 2018 D42 budget. This is a proud item as this is the second year in a row for an actual budget to be outlined in detail to display the spiritual principles of accountability and transparency.</p> <p>D42 has also set up a paypal account so groups/meetings have the availability to contribute online.</p> <p>D42 has the pleasure of hosting this years Delegate Report Mini Assembly 1 on June 2nd. GSRs approved location and menu that was proposed by this district subcommittee.</p> <p>April 14, 2018 - D42 Workshop "Our Primary Purpose".</p> <p>June 12, 2018 - D42 hosting Area 59 Delegate's Report/Mini Assembly 1</p> |
| 43 | 41 | 15 | <p>December 12, 2017 at South Hills Business School in State College 16 groups represented</p> <p>Highlights: (40) BB and (10) 12/12 were purchased and distributed to correctional facilities; CPC worked with our local helpline folks to answer AA related calls; discussion continued on how AA can best work with the county drug court program.</p> <p>January 9, 2018 at St. Andrews Episcopal Church in State College 16 groups represented</p> <p>Highlights: Discussed GSC agenda items; helpline list updated and submitted, Visitation committee regrouped and active.</p> <p>February 13 at the Pleasant Gap United Methodist Church</p> |



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| | | | Don't have the minutes from our secretary yet, but highlights: upcoming PRIA training for service in correctional facilities; upcoming Area opportunities for workshops and forums and such. |
| 44 | 35 | 14 | <p>-District elected a new ADCM - Nicole R.</p> <p>-Co-hosted District workshop/ GSR orientation with Districts 55 and 56.</p> <p>-The Church Street Group is the first in D44 history to begin accepting electronic 7th tradition contributions. Using an app called "Venmo", anyone attending the meeting can put a dollar (or more) in the cyber basket. No card swiping necessary. The group reports no problems so far and a good response from those who attend the meeting.</p> <p>-The Chester County Bid Committee for PENSCLYPAA continues to be an asset to AA in District 44. Along with taking a host group commitment through Chester County Zone of SEPIA, the committee is still carrying the meetings they started at Chester County Youth Detention Center and an inpatient treatment facility.</p> <p>-GSR's were given information and time to inform their groups on 68th GSC agenda items before a District conscience was made.</p> |
| 45 | 50 | 26 | Sponsored workshop on "Meditation" on February 10th. More than 45 people were in attendance. Six of our area subcommittees were present with displays. |
| 46 | 24 | 8 | <p>Our Christmas party was canceled this year do to it falling on a Sunday this year.</p> <p>Our attendance to this event is usually very low anyway so we figured that since it was on Sunday none would be attending.</p> <p>Our New Years Eve party was well attended with about 100 people there. We had a great DJ and speaker. All seemed to have a great time.</p> <p>February was a slow month for us not much going on. we are planning a workshop for March 10th on the 4th step.</p> <p>Our district meetings are being poorly attended by our GSR's ,I am trying to contact each one and explain the importance of their position and attending the district meeting so hopefully in the coming months attendance will be better.</p> <p>May we will be having a sponsor sponsee picnic</p> |
| 47 | 57 | 29 | No report. |
| 48 | 30 | 22 | <p>Men's Big Book Retreat - January 26th, 27th & 28th</p> <p>District 48 will Host in Collaboration with Other Districts</p> <p>Area 59 Forum II July 28, 2018</p> <p>10 am – 4 pm (approx.)</p> <p>Area 59 Officers will present</p> |



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| | | | "Districts without Intergroups" |
| 49 | 23 | 10 | <p>Committees working to get out the message. Carbon County Prison and St. Luke's Gnaden Huetten Hospital being serviced. Members participating in Adopt-A-Spot. Visitation (Unity) Committee has been actively seeking to get GSRs/Reps to participate in District Meetings. Still need a District Treasurer since previous Treasurer had to resign due to severity of child's illness. Also, need a PI chair, but we all pitch in to meet the need. We are fortunate to have a great District webmaster and website to keep all informed. www.District49aa.com. Unity Breakfast, April 21, 8am - noon, Capriotti's in McAdoo, PA. There will be a workshop soon, but the date has not been set. Perhaps that will happen on Friday at the District meeting.</p> |
| 50 | 13 | 1 | No Report |
| 51 | 82 | 35 | No Report |
| 52 | 33 | 14 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Our Unity Committee continues to meet & Discuss way's of attracting further participation from inactive groups & GSR's. To this date, the committee has been doing well in reaching out to groups & getting GSR's to come & participate at our District meeting. • GSR's who have been showing up regularly, are becoming more involved & showing participation in and outside of our regular monthly District meetings. • We are in process of working together with Dostrict 62 to Host an Area Forum sometime in the summer months. • At our last District meeting we discussed having an informative workshop or possibly a unity breakfast in District 52 for everyone to get together for fun & fellowship. Site & time TBA |
| 53 | 10 | 7 | District will be having a workshop on April 21st Theme - Spiritual Anonymity |
| 54 | 21 | 15 | No report. |
| 55 | 18 | 8 | No report. |
| 56 | 28 | 22 | District 56 began the year by dealing with the tragic death of our treasurer by suicide. This extremely unsettling event makes us all realize that life is a precious gift and that we all need to be more sensitive to the moods and feelings of our fellow travelers in this journey of recovery if we are to be of maximal value to our fellows. The District made a donation to GSO in Jim McN's honor. |



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| | | | <p>District 56 continues our effort to secure AA literature for distribution in both the Chester County Prison and the Coatesville VA Hospital, using both district funds as well as donations through our homegroups. That will be a continuing project for the District.</p> <p>The District along with Districts 44 and 55 held a workshop on February 3 at the Goshen Fire Hall with dual topics of GSR Orientation and General Service in AA.</p> <p>Attendance for the event was about forty.</p> |
| 57 | 43 | 22 | No report. |
| 58 | 19 | 10 | <p>Unfortunately, we had two officers step down at our last meeting, Thursday March 9th. Our Officer-At-Large and our ADCM stepped down.</p> <p>We are in the process of planning a summer workshop. We are discussing a few different topics: safety, sponsorship, GSR, and tradition 3. A committee has been formed and will be meeting soon.</p> |
| 59 | 17 | 9-10 | <p>* D-59 Held Annual New Year's Eve Alcothon</p> <p>*M.O.T.H. Group had their annual Pasta Dinner/Speaker Meeting Friday February 16, 2018</p> <p>* Sunday April 15 two Berwick Groups will be holding workshop on "Taking Sponsees Through the Big Book". Flyer has been uploaded to Area 59 website.</p> |
| 60 | 29 | 10-15 | <p>Attendance over the past months has been good with about half of the registered groups sending a GSR or Alt-GSR to the monthly meeting. Trying to get the Gsr's to participate in events outside of the monthly district meeting has been difficult.</p> <p>Not a single Gsr or Alt-Gsr showed up for the Share-a-Day even though it was heavily suggested they be there. We also have been trying to get a combined district workshop going, 22 & 60, with no success. Hopefully with District 60 cohosting the Pre-Conference Sharing Session we can get them motivated to get involved. We already have volunteers for registration and hospitality. We have been getting financial support from the groups, we will have the money to send the DCM and ADCM to the EPGSA in Nov. The Traditions meeting we Chair every week is being easily filled by eager GSRs.</p> <p>Will co-host Pre-conference Sharing Session with District 27 on April 8, 2018 at the University of the Sciences in Philadelphia.</p> |
| 61 | 23 | 18-19 | <p>Our ADCM stepped down for personal reasons with no one stepping up to replace her.</p> <p>We had three GSR's step up for the workshop committee.</p> |



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| | | | District 41/61 workshop will be held on April 28, 2018 ST. Paul Lutheran Church 158 Fish Hill Rd. Tannersville Pa 9:00 am-3:00 pm |
| 62 | 14 | 10 | No report. |
| 63 | 23 | 10 | No report. |
| 64 | 35 | 16-24 | <p>District/GSR inventory conducted with responses summarized and provided to GSR's in Feb</p> <p>5 district 64 recommendations for how to utilize excess funds in budget to carry the AA message were compiled based on district inventory, was provided to GSR's in Feb and voted on in March. 2 recommendations passed with simple majority and 3 with substantial unanimity. All recommendations were included in the recommended budget.</p> <p>2018 district budget recommended in Feb & passed with substantial unanimity in March.</p> <p>Workshop committee formed and will begin meeting with OAL in April.</p> <p>District 64 OAL coordinating food for Area Forum.</p> <p>DCM attended NERAASA and gave summary of experience at March meeting; including a discussion of atheists in AA in conjunction with tradition 3.</p> <p>March 17 More About Alcoholism workshop</p> <p>March 31 Area Forum</p> |
| 65 | 13 | 8 | We are currently without a Secretary and a Webmaster. Our web is down due to it not getting renewed on time because our webmaster quit. We are having a speaker Jam April 21st 2018 at 12n 1800 Oak St Lebanon PA 17042. Flyer will be out soon. |
| 66 | 40 | 20 | No report. |
| 67 | 27 | 8 | No highlights. |
| 68 | 18 | 12 | No report. |
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