

# District 33 Meeting Minutes January 19<sup>th</sup>, 2023

**Attendance:** Jen P, Steve P, Mike Y, Jennifer N, Jay K, Charlie T, Eric D, Mike L, Steve H, George "Stu" S, Kent S (Bridging the Gap)

## *Open with the Serenity Prayer*

**Tradition:** 1 Jay K    **Concept:** 1 Mike Y

**Secretary Report:** Stu - report emailed and printed, reviewed and accepted.

**Treasurer Report:** Steve P - end of 2022 report. Current balance \$2,036.22 plus \$65.00 petty cash. With \$600.00 prudent reserve, operating balance is \$1,577.22. Jay K will be taking over.

**DCM Report:** Jen P

- 2 communications from our Delegate Pete B this month:
  1. New Spanish translation of the book Experience, Strength and Hope is now posted on aa.org. The digital edition is available for reading at no charge.
  2. Pete also shared a communication from the AA Grapevine Board encouraging potential candidates to consider applying for the vacancy of non-trustee director of AA Grapevine Board in 2023.
- New addresses for donations to Area 59 and to GSO:
  - New address for Area 59 donations:  
Area 59 Treasurer  
306 W King St Apt 2  
Shippensburg PA 17257
  - New address for 7th tradition contributions to GSO has changed:  
PO Box 2407  
James A Farley Station  
New York NY 10116-2407
- Jen is booked to go to NERAASA 2023 (February 24 to 26 at the Desmond Hotel in Albany NY). Getting a hotel was difficult, the hotel is sold out and Jen booked a secondary hotel 15 minutes away. She did not book the banquet then.
- Upcoming events (please check area59aa.org for these events plus many more. Information for all these events is on the website.
  - 01/21/2023 General Service Introduction 11:00am-2:00pm Kenneth Square
  - 01/28/2023 DCM Orientation 9:00am-2:30pm - info on website (this is in Bethlehem)
  - 02/23-02/26 NERAASA Albany NY
  - 03/10/2023 NERD Northeast Regional Delegate Reunion
  - 03/12/2023 Area Meeting- don't have location yet
  - 04/23/2023 73rd General Service Conference
  - 07/14- 7/16 PENNSCYPAA XXXIV State Conference Bucks County
  - 11/10-11/12 66th Annual Eastern Pennsylvania General Service Convention and Assembly
  - 02/23-02/25 NERASSA 2024 Hershey PA
- Jen discussed GSRs doing Group Change Forms but there is some weird stuff like on Fellowship Connect there is a couple groups that have several GSRs listed. Jen can help if you need assistance getting your group updated. Several groups like Leesport and SMSM need to be updated.
- Jen is going to try to keep the District 33 rooster up to date.

**Intergroup Report:** Mike Y

- Mike L and Eric D will be taking over.
- Jen and Steve pull off the Alcathon, all the meeting were booked.
- Hotline is looking for Spanish speaking volunteers. Bill M is going to reach out to everyone who is a volunteer to be sure they still want to be on the list.

- Literature – Bill C is placing new orders, if your home group needs literature, you can reach out to Bill at [Literature@ReadingBerksIntergroup.org](mailto:Literature@ReadingBerksIntergroup.org)
- Women's prison is opening this month.
- Intergroup website has a new host, Dreamhost. Cost is 50% less than previous cost.
- The Engagement committee is having a event at EDI on February 5<sup>th</sup>. It's a engagement event for Intergroup reps.
- Chris was nominated and elected to Unity Chairperson.
- Motion to send \$1,000 to GSO did NOT pass. Intergroup decided to spend the money on the Berks area.
- Motion for \$700 for PI committee to start campaign was passed.

**Workshop:** Mike L - Matt B texted that he tried to set joint workshop with Districts 66 and 67. 67 is willing to participate. Matt would like to get a conscious from our district as to what type of "funshop" they would like to do and when to have it.

**Grapevine:** Mike Y - two subscriptions to Grapevine were given away at Alcatraz.

### Group Reports:

**Come as You Are:** Jay K. – new / re-birth of previous format = 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of the month which used to be straight speaker meeting is now going to be a speaker lead where speaker shares for 15 minutes about something specific of their sobriety and then is open up to all.

**End of the line:**

**Experience, Strength, and Hope:**

**Glenside:**

**Hamburg Thursday Night BB:**

**Kutztown Beginners:**

**Kutztown Group:**

**Kutztown Sober Living:** Steve H. – normally have around 15 people, some rotation of new people who come and go, nothing really new.

**Leesport Group:** Charlie T. – average about 20 people, nothing out of the ordinary.

**Live and Let Live:**

**Mustard Seed:**

**New Life Speakers Group:**

**Shoemakersville Group:**

**Spirit of Recovery:**

**Sunday Morning Speakers Group:** Stu – attendance down a little as had several weeks without heat in building but is being restored; our landlord, Muhlenberg Township, has increased our rent from \$15/hour to \$50/hour which our group cannot afford and we will be looking to change locations after June.

**Time to Start Living:** Eric D. – attendance 15-20.

**Topton Group:**

**Underground Garage Group:** Jennifer N – attendance around 20-30 people per meeting, steady.

**Old Business:**

- Grapevine subcommittee chair is open but Mike L. has candidate and she will be at our next meeting.

**New Business:**

- Kent S shared about Bridging the Gap. It is a program for people coming out of rehab, prisons, and even people who are already in AA but have moved recently and are new to the area. Basically volunteers from our area help these newer members become accustomed to AA or AA in our area by taking them to 6 meetings. Kent is looking for volunteers and had pamphlets for volunteers to sign up and asked us to distribute to our groups. **Most important, Kent only has 3 female volunteers for our area (D33, D66, and D67) so additional women volunteers would be highly valuable and appreciated.**
- We discussed the Delegate's recommendations 22 to 26 that are to be voted on at the next area meeting in March. Mostly involve funding either area officers or the Delegate to attend conferences and workshops. Issue of cost was brought up but unfortunately the amount is variable depending on hotel room costs, where the Panel lives (mileage), etc. They are, however, a continuation of recommendations that were approved and in effect for prior Panels. Motion to approve the recommendations was votes on and passed.
- We decided to hold GSR Orientation. (Details later finalized.)
- We discussed joint "Funshop" with other districts. Matt B is looking for ideas for topics and we agreed to take back to our groups to probe for any ideas.

- We discussed issues with District 33's bank Truist. Motion made to approve Jay K blessing / authority to change banks if he finds another bank suitable. Motion passed. (Jen advised of issues with our bank account being associated to former EIN and former treasurer and immediate concerns with issues later resolved).
- Steve advised of new AA group meeting at same church as our district meeting Tuesdays at 7 PM, called "Fresh Start". Jen advised it is registered as "Upon Awakening" and it is pending active. It will not be on our schedule until it has been active for 4 months. They have been getting 3 to 4 people.

**District Night Out:** Shoey Group Tuesday January 19<sup>th</sup>, 2023 at 7:00 PM. Meeting well attended by both us and others. Thanks everyone for your support!

**Next District Night Out:** Live and Let Live Sunday January 22<sup>nd</sup> at 7:00 PM.

**Next District Meeting: 6:30 PM Thursday February 16<sup>th</sup>, 2023 in person at normal location in Fleetwood**

**Tradition:** 2 Stu      **Concept:** 2 Eric D

**End with the "I am Responsible" pledge**

**DMC- Jen P. ADCM- Steve P. Secretary- Stu Treasure- Jay K. Grapevine- open**

**ordinator- Matt B. Intergroup Liaison- Mike L. Officer at Large- Mike Y. PI- Matt B.**