

## District 33 March Meeting Minutes

**Attendance:** (12) Jen P, Steve P, Mike Y, Jennifer N, Jay K, Eric D, Mike L, George “Stu” S, John Q, Brent F, Steve H, Jack A

### Open with Serenity Prayer

**Tradition 3:** Jay K

**Concept 3:** Stu

**Secretary Report:** Secretary Report emailed and printed and reviewed and accepted.

**Treasurer Report:** Jay K - Current checking account balance \$2,160.72 plus \$65.00 petty cash = \$2,225.72. With \$600.00 prudent reserve, operating balance is \$1,625.72. (Pending transaction for \$280.00 that was for the rent for use of the meeting room for 2022 and 2023 plus \$40 for the rent for the workshop we put on.) Report reviewed and accepted.

**DCM Report:** Jen P

- Jen sent DCM report along with other attachments – FYIs, flyers, upcoming events plus Area 59’s treasurer report
- Jen forwarded an email from the Delegate about a survey he put together about the General Service agenda items and he included the background info (Google Drive link for that but easy to use). Jen forwarded the actual agenda. The survey is for the GSRs to file out about what agenda items their groups are interested in.
- Pre-conference sharing coming up in Allentown on April 15th. Jen is planning on attending.
- There was a 2nd resignation from the Board of Trustees, Josh E of the Grapevine Corporate Board. There is some tension happening at the Board level causing some gossip to spread among our Fellowship. The Delegate asked the Fellowship to trust him as a trusted servant and not feed into the gossip. There was to be a meeting March 16, The Delegate is going to follow up with us.
- Jen also included the email for the ad hoc committee for the 100 year centennial.
- The registration for the 2023 Northeast Regional Forum is open.
- Jen thanks everyone for supporting her attendance at NERAASA. She emailed expense report to treasurer, made some great connections, attended the DCM roundtable where she found out many districts were struggling with attendance.
- The Spirit of Recovery is in our district and does have an active GSR, Mike R., he just cannot attend our monthly meeting as he works 2nd shift but attended EPGSA and will be included in our communications.
- Question was posed if D33 wants the DCM to have an Area 59 email address? This would be a set email for the D33 DCM but to the access would pass from DCM to DCM. Area 59 migrated to same new website as RBI and comes with 2000 emails.
- The NERAASA planning meeting is Sunday March 19th from 10AM to 12 noon.
- The Area 59 quarterly meeting was Sunday March 12th and it unfortunately needed to end early and abruptly because there was scheduling conflict and venue was overbooked. Aggressive actions by the other group that booked the venue caused the police to come and the delegate negotiated that Area would leave by 1 PM and as a result, the attendees only got to hear part of the Delegate’s report and they were able to approve the budget and the December Minutes. However, there was one thing that changed with the Delegate’s report. We prior voted to pass recommendations 21 thru 26 but there was an added 27th recommendation to continue to fund the Archivist and/or the Assistant Archivist to attend the National AA Archives Workshop each year of the Panel. This was an added recommendation Jen didn’t know about to get our group conscious and she voted to approve as our trusted servant.
- The Convention Guest Observer DCM nominations are due June 11th. Each EPGSA has a guest observer, it is a custom of hosting a non-alcoholic who has little familiarity with our Fellowship but because of their profession duty has the opportunity to come in contact with current or potential future members of our fellowship. The goal is to enhance their understanding of recovery from alcoholism in AA and strengthen our ability to cooperate with the professional community in Eastern PA. If you know someone interested, the resumes are due June 11th and 56 copies are required.
- Area 59 has a Library. It’s free. The Area 59 secretary has done some QR codes Jen included with her DCM report email.
- The 66th Annual EPGSA is November 10th through 12th at the Wyndham Lancaster Resort and Convention Center.
- The Area 59 Archives committee is requesting D33 fill out a COVID history form. Jen polled our group conscious and we agreed to have her fill out.
- Jen also included in her DCM report email a little bit of information about the pre-conference sharing session and the mini-assemblies and what they are.
- Also included in Jen’s DCM report email is the Delegate’s report from the March quarterly meeting. Lot of good info.

- Per-conference sharing session is April 15th in Allentown.
- Area 59 Structure committee is asking if D33 will share our structure manual. They are compiling a list of districts that have structure manuals and there multiple districts that do not have structure manuals. They are looking to districts who have one to share theirs to help the ones that don't create one. Group conscious was to share.
- Jen passed a postcard to sign to be sent to our Delegate Pete B at the General Service Conference. It's stressful and we all added our encouragements and well wishes.

**Intergroup report: Mike L**

- Treasury has available balance of \$1,293.21, activity fund is \$801.00, and the workshop fund is at \$128.26.
- RBI voted to up the prudent reserve from \$2,300 established in 2017 to \$3,000.
- The schedules rep wanted to only print them quarterly. Some discussion and final vote was to keep printing them every month.
- RBI voted to increase printed copies of The Alternative from 25 to 35.
- Literature has the un-jacketed Big Books and Twelve and Twelves. All literature prices are increasing April 3. Books are going up 20% and all other literature 30% which are fairly significant hikes.
- Corrections is starting to open back up again, both men's and women's. They need volunteers.
- Archives position is open and looking for interested person to fill that.
- Unity is just starting up and looking for committee members to help out. Several volunteers stepped forward after the meeting.
- PI / CPC is also looking for committee members. Jen is chair. BBs and 12&12s have been provided to all libraries in Berks Co. Also votes taken and passed for PI / CPC to print separate schedules to hand out.
- Both Unity and PI/CPC committees are meeting an hour before RBI meeting at 6PM at same location as RBI.
- Visitation chair Robbie is looking for your home groups to provide info: a good contact number, when your business meeting is, and your group's anniversary date.
- Institutions – Mike took a commitment for Wernersville and it says on site you "may be" asked for proof of COVID vaccination, when they got there, the guard wouldn't let them in. Mike email institutions chair.
- Ad Hoc Engagement committee that hosted workshop will have their last meeting and disband.
- Districts gave their reports.

**Workshop:** Mike L - in preliminary talks about having a combined District 33/66/67 workshop.

**Grapevine:** Mike Y passed all the Grapevine stuff unto Nikki P. Mike L mentioned at end of meeting he received text from Nikki that she coordinated with the Area 59 Grapevine chair to assist in sharing information.

**PI / CPC:** Mike Y - Mike joined the RBI PI committee and will be going to all District Courts in Berks (there is 19 of them), the parole office, the parole office, and 2 state halfway houses and will be giving out info cards for them to pass out. The cards have QR codes for the meeting schedule app and the RBI website. He will offer pamphlets and follow up with them to see if interested in more. PSA in Spanish was provide to public radio. All the books were delivered to all the libraries in Berks.

## GROUP REPORTS

**Blandon:**

**Come as You Are:** Jay K -Sundays at 7 PM. Plugging along, get about a dozen in person and 2-4 on hybrid Zoom they are still doing. They have a Speaker Lead format now on the 4th Sunday of every month.

**End of the Line:**

**Glenside:**

**Hamburg Thursday Night BB:**

**Kutztown Group:** Brent F - Thursday and Friday. Thursdays attendance is very steady, Fridays is not. They talked about have Grapevine rep Nikki P host a Friday meeting to boost that attendance.

**Kutztown Sober Living:** Steve H – Monday nights. Their most recent meeting was 7 people, an unusually low attendance for them. But normally they have been increasing, they been seeing 1-2 new people and instead of 12 then getting 16, 17.

**Leesport Group:** John Q – Leesport is status quo. Flyers available for their Start Your Day Over with Pancakes March 25.

**Mustard Seed:**

**New Life:**

**Live and Let Live:**

**Shoey Group:**

**Spirit of Recovery:** Mike R

**Sunday Morning Speaker:** Stu – doing pretty good, attendance getting better. We are still searching for new location, several options we looked into didn't pan out.

**Time to Start Living:** Eric D – Wednesdays and Fridays at 6:30PM. Good attendance with 15-20 people.

**Underground Garage:** Jennifer N – right down the road in Lyons, Wednesdays and Sundays from 7 to 8PM. Attendance is still roughly about the same, maybe a little down, around 20.

### **Old Business:**

- Motion made for Jen to compile 10 GSR packets, she put order in with Lit. rep Bill but he doesn't have everything in stock but ordered and will give to her when everything available.
- Expenses sorted out for GSR Workshop.
- As Jay reported, we took care of the rent for the year plus \$40 donation for the GSR Workshop.

### **New Business:**

- Jennifer N polled Underground Garage for "Funshop" ideas (the potential joint Districts Workshop) and they suggested an AA History Trivia theme, Trivia Pursuit / Jeopardy style. Mike L will pass along when he gets with other districts.
- Mike L suggested re-visiting the D33 prudent reserve. Steve P will re-send the December 2022 final report which included the past 3 years' finances for everyone to review and we discuss next meeting. Concept of prudent reserve is to have 3 months operating expenses available in case we fall on hard times. Jay K pointed out cash flow issues: a lot of groups sent donations only once a year or twice a years, sending the DCM to EPGSA, our largest cost is once a year. Mike L pointed out some of our recent years, we did not have in person stuff and numbers might be skewed. Mike and Jay both feel we should not reduce the prudent reserve but only look if needs to be increased.
- Jen brought up the DCM having an Area 59 email. Motion made to approve and motion passed.
- Jen asked if all GSRs want to be included the rooster – basically, it's our main contact list and currently just includes officers – no objections.
- Jen proposed doing a District Inventory – it is in our structure manual which says it's to be done 30 days before the outgoing officers – was discussed and presented what the structural manual says about that and says outgoing and incoming officers should "review" the structural manual but it is under "Group Inventory" – discussion brought back to doing a District Inventory. Mike L recently helped another district and provided them with the questions we used for our last District 33 Inventory and he will bring those next month. We will discuss then.

**Date: 3/16/2023**

- Steve P passed around little snippets of paper that show bottom of District 33 page of RBI website. Shows all the service position holders with first name, last initial with emails links. On the bottom there is a button saying "Click Here". If you click on that, it will require you to enter password, but that will bring up the contact list for District 33.

**District Night Out:** Blandon Group Tuesday March 14th at 7:30 PM, 4 of us in attendance. Thanks everyone for your support!

**Next District Night Out:** ~~new group "On Awakening" that also meets at this church, St. Paul's, Tuesday April 11th at 7 PM.~~ Changed to Topton Group, same date and time, Tuesday April 11th at 7 PM.

**Next Month's Tradition (4):** Mike L

**Next Month's Concept (4):** Mike Y

**End with the Responsibility pledge**

**DMC:** Jen P   **ADCM:** Steve P   **Secretary:** George "Stu" S   **Treasurer:** Jay K   **Grapevine:** Nikki P

**Workshop Coordinator:** Mike L   **Intergroup Liaison:** Mike L   **Officer at Large:** Mike Y   **PI/CPC:** Mike Y

