

District 28 Meeting Minutes

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Date: March 17, 2021

Attendance—Virtual Meeting:

Total attendance: 13

Groups participating: 11

Officers present (3): DCM, Secretary, Treasurer

Groups represented by GSR or Alt GSR (8): Bel Air Big Book (GSR and Alt both in attendance), Bel Air Women's Big Book Group (GSR and Alt both in attendance), Bel Air Women's Group, Good News Group, Never Too Early, New Beginnings, Rule 62 (counted as Treasurer), Sunday Reflections, SWAN Group

Groups other (1): Emmorton Group (non-GSR counted as secretary); Morning Group (reported by Sunday Reflections GSR)

The meeting began at 7:01 p.m. with the Serenity Prayer.

Secretary's report / previous month's minutes:

- **February minutes:** Motion to accept minutes as amended. Second. None opposed. Motion carries.

GSR reports:

- **Bel Air Big Book:** Attendance is 20 people a week; still doing zoom meetings; no plan yet to resume in person.
- **Bel Air Women's Big Book Group:** Closed women's group meeting Thursdays at noon; still zoom; next group conscience will be the last Thursday in march and the group will discuss any movement on transitioning back to in-person; 20-25 regular attendance; put volunteer sponsor names in chat as well as 7th tradition request.
- **Good News Group:** Continuing with two meetings on zoom: discussion meeting and a beginners meeting; GSR missed last group conscience; believes everything is going well; no information about when facility will open up and allow the group to return; planning to discuss return to in-person at April group conscience meeting.
- **Emmorton Group:** Still not meeting; no word from church when they will open back up and no decision by group if or when it will restart meeting.
- **New Beginnings:** Meets Saturday mornings at Rock Spring Church in Forest Hill; were on zoom for many months, then opened for in person as of first Saturday of March; open two Saturdays now; so far so good; two anniversaries this month and other two meetings will be regular speaker meetings; about 25 people have attended the two open meetings and are compliant with wearing masks and distancing; speaker is the only person with mask off; also this is a hybrid meeting with zoom available.
 - Question: Is the group doing coffee service? Is literature out? No coffee. Had some cookies at the last meeting. Literature is out. Everything feels safe.
- **Rule 62:** Meet Wednesdays, 7pm, at St. Matthews Church. At the last group conscience decided to open meeting back up and return to using the original format—open share on Steps 1-5 for first 25 minutes then a speaker finishing off the meeting; a home group member is celebrating 3 years next week; two home group members went over the finances last week and the group had more money than they realized. They will make a contribution to the AA World Services.
- **Never Too Early:** Meet 6 a.m. Thursday morning; just started meeting this past month at Church of the Good Shepherd; they do have coffee and someone brings donuts, with hand sanitizer available; have 8-10 participants; the meeting is no long hybrid, strictly physical.

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- **Sunday Reflections:** Meet virtually, 9:30 a.m. Sunday mornings; a group member sent a letter to the hospital stating that the group would like to resume using the facility when the hospital opens; hospital responded that they will not be opening any time in the foreseeable future; 35-40 people attend; announce at group about 7th Tradition and contributing to the service structure.
- **Morning Group:** Meet every weekday morning, 8:30 a.m. until everybody shares; home group member is in contact with church and in church is in negotiations whether to let group back in; if they get in, the group will be in-person only; 30-35 people attend daily; announce at group about 7th Tradition and contributing to the service structure.
- **SWAN Group** (Rising Sun): Solely on zoom, Mondays, 7:30 p.m.; have a new possible location in Elkton and a possible time change; going through a metamorphosis; they are a topic meeting—a home group member takes a month and they also invite speakers; they do anniversaries throughout the year; 7 home group members and typically 10-15 in attendance for zoom meeting.
- **Bel Air Women's Group:** Still doing zoom; hopefully when warm weather comes may do some outdoor meetings; they have not had a group conscience to discuss options for resuming in-person; 25-30 people attend.

DCM report

The Area Assembly is this Saturday, March 20, 2021, from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. (Meeting ID: 335 232 9265 / Passcode: 164). In addition to regular business, the Area will be voting on 2 motions from the finance committee and there will be a Cooperation with the Professional Community (CPC) sharing session.

Thanks to Bel Air Women's Big Book Alt GSR and Good News Group GSR for presenting at the Conference Agenda Review Committee 3 (CARC 3) this past weekend. For GSRs who haven't had the opportunity to visit one of the CARCs there is one happening on March 27 from 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. DCM believes it is the last CARC prior to the Mini Conference. The Mini Conference is April 10 from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. (Meeting ID: 335 232 9265 / Passcode: 164). The Mini Conference includes presentations on several General Service Conference agenda items as well as a speaker, Racy J. from the General Service Office (GSO) Public Information desk.

There is another CONTRA (Concepts and Traditions) Study which started on March 4th and will occur every Thursday from 9:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m. until June 24th. (Meeting ID: 850 3864 4308 / Passcode: 330331). The study is for those interested in learning about the service manual, Traditions, and Concepts.

There are also a couple of state conventions this weekend (NJ and RI) see NEMDAA.org events tab for more info.

If anyone went to NERAASA and wants reimbursement for the registration fee, send a receipt to the treasurer for reimbursement.

Treasurer's report

Treasurer presented report for March 17, 2021.

Question: Did we ever contact Bel Air United Methodist Church about a contribution to hold our space? No action taken since the original discussion. Consensus at time of original discussion

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was to contact church and discuss making at least a good-faith payment, not the whole amount. DCM will reach out to the church.

Motion to accept treasurer's report as shared. Seconded. None opposed. Motion carries.

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Committee reports

Intergroup Liaison: DCM attended the Intergroup meeting 3 weeks ago. The office staff is now trained to make changes to bulletin; the Ways and Means Committee chair resigned and Intergroup is looking for someone to take over that role. The committee is in charge of bingo, picnics, breakfasts, etc., any activities/events run by Intergroup. Anyone interested in serving in as the chair can contact the DCM or contact the Intergroup office.

Outreach: The committee has an updated list of which groups to visit, and will meet after the District meeting to catch up and report on visits made.

Workshops: DCM never heard anything further from District 30 about the workshop they were planning for March 6. Unknown whether it happened or not.

Old Business

- District *Grapevine* issues follow-up
DCM and treasurer will set up a time to meet and hand over the District's supply of Grapevines. DCM can then get these to Bel Air Women's Big Book GSR for distribution to women's houses. DCM previously gave books to Bel Air Big Book GSR for distribution.

Previous Bel Air Women's Group GSR mentioned that the group has old Grapevines in its supplies at the church where they meet when in-person. The new GSR may want to find out if the group can get these and whether the group would want to submit those to District for distribution.

New business

- None

The attendees read and discussed Tradition 3 and Concept 3.

Motion to adjourn. Seconded. Meeting ended at 7:59 p.m. and closed with the Responsibility Statement.

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